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A message from the IECQ Chairman

To All IECQ System IECQ HSPM Certified Companies

In late 2004 industry leaders requested that the IECQ create a voluntary conformity assessment certification scheme that manufacturers could use to demonstrate their compliance to the then soon to be required European Union WEEE and RoHS Directives.

As the IECQ Chairman, I agreed to investigate the request and determine what requirements would need to be put in place to achieve acceptance as an international process based certification scheme.

In March, 2005 the US-NAI, ECCB, took the lead in the development of what is now known as the IECQ HSPM QC 080000 specification. Working together with the IECQ France Certification Body (CB), LCIE, and the China CB, CEPRIE, the development of a formal training programme recognized by the IECQ was completed in April 2005. Later that same month, the Taiwan Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers' Association, (TEEMA), sponsored the first IECQ HSPM training class, which was held the week of April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005 and, as they say, the rest is history. With the first three companies certified late in 2005, the number has now grown to more than 1,500 IECQ HSPM certificates issued by the end of 2008.

IECQ applies continuous improvement to its activities. One of the first significant improvements that has been made is the development of an on-line web based certificate system. The use of on-line certificates assures that any company whose certificate is listed has been successfully assessed by an approved IECQ CB, conforms to IECQ HSPM stated requirements and has a current, valid, certification. Whilst the master certificate is the one on-line, a paper copy is issued to suppliers for their off-line use, and thus there could be a possibility for someone to produce an illegal copy and try to pass it off as authentic. To guard against this, the on-line certificates were created with some additional information resulting in the need to change the layout of the document. Although this was done to protect you, the certified company, we have learned that the new document layout may have created some confusion as to which document is authentic.

If this is the case I apologise for any confusion that may have been caused, and assure you that the two example document formats on the next two pages are both authentic, valid certificates at this time. Figure 1 is the new on-line certificate format and Figure 2 is the original certificate format. Each time an original certificate (Figure 2) is updated, it is automatically converted to the new on-line certificate format, Figure 1. I trust that this explanation clarifies the situation.

I thank you for choosing the IEC IECQ System for your certification needs and we look forward to continuing to provide significant added-value to your business for many years to come.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions, or needs that you feel that the IECQ System may be able to provide.

Yours sincerely,

David W. Smith  
Chairman, IECQ



FIGURE 1  
 NEW ON-LINE IECQ HSPM COMPANY CERTIFICATE FORMAT



				<b>IEC QUALITY ASSESSMENT SYSTEM (IECQ)</b> covering <b>Electronic Components, Assemblies, Related Materials and Processes</b> For rules and details of the IECQ visit <a href="http://www.iecq.org">www.iecq.org</a>	
<b>IECQ Certificate of Conformity</b> <b>Hazardous Substance Process Management</b>					
IECQ Certificate No.: IECQ-H .		Issue No.:		Status: Current	
Supersedes: HC-IECQ		Issue Date:		Org. Issue:	
CB Certificate No.:		Expiration:			
Applicable to: European Directive 2002/95/EC ("RoHS") requirements Customer specified requirements					
<p>The organization has developed and implemented Hazardous Substances Process Management procedures and related processes which have been assessed and found to comply with the applicable requirements for IECQ HSPM organization approval which is in accordance with the Basic Rules IECQ 01 and Rules of Procedure QC 001002-5 "IECQ Hazardous Substances Process Management" of the IEC Quality Assessment System for Electronic Components (IECQ), and with respect to the IECQ Specification QC 080000.</p>					
<p><b>This Certificate is applicable to all electronic components, assemblies, related materials and processes for the following scope of activities :</b></p> <p><b>Design of electroplating color and processing techniques; Provision of electroplating and ion plating of Associated Electronic materials related to watch, bracelets, cases and parts.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Attached Schedule: none</p>					
Certificate Issued by the Certification Body (CB):			Certification Body Sponsoring NAI:		
<p>The validity of this certificate is maintained through on-going surveillance inspections.          Note: This Certificate of Conformity may be suspended or withdrawn in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the IECQ.          This certificate and any schedule(s) may only be reproduced in full.          This certificate is not transferable and remains the property of the issuing body.          The status and authenticity of this certificate may be verified by visiting the <a href="http://www.iecq.org">Official IECQ Website</a>.</p>					
- Attached Translation: none					
IECQ-H Rev. 03					



FIGURE 2  
OLD ON-LINE IECQ HSPM COMPANY CERTIFICATE FORMAT

		Certificate n°:	Issued
		DB Registration n°:	Revision. Expiration
Status:		<b>Superseded</b>	
<b>IECQ Certificate of Hazardous Substance Process Management (HSPM) applicable to the European Directive 2002/95/EC ("RoHS") requirements and customer specified requirements.</b>			
<b>The Supervising Inspectorate and the Certify that</b>			
Has developed and implemented Hazardous Substance Process Management, procedures and related processes in compliance with the applicable requirements for HSPM organization approval which is in accordance with the Basic Rules IECQ-01 and Rules of Procedure QC 001002-5 "IECQ Hazardous Substances Process Management" of the IEC Quality Assessment System for Electronic Components (IECQ), and with respect to the Specification QC 080000.			
<b>This Certification is applicable to all electronic components and related materials and processes for the Design of electroplating color and processing techniques; Provision of electroplating and ion plating of Associated Electronic materials related to watch, bracelets, cases and parts. Issued by Certification Authorities:</b>			
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The validity of this certificate is maintained through on-going surveillance inspections. Note: This certificate is valid only in conjunction with the approval document(s). This approval and this certificate may be suspended or withdrawn in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the IECQ. This certificate remains the property of the body which granted it. (*HSPM: Hazardous Substance Process Management			