

SGS Product Certification Body and SGS Testing Laboratories Listed in the Register of the Eurasian Economic Community Customs Union

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SGS Product Certification Body and four SGS testing laboratories located in Russia have been added to the Single Register of Certification Bodies and Testing Laboratories of the Customs Union within the Eurasian Economic Community (EurAsEC). Thus, it permits the Certification of Conformity and Declaration of Conformity to be recognized within the three member countries of the Customs Union.

The Product Certification Body of SGS Vostok Limited (the Russian subsidiary of the SGS Group) and four SGS testing laboratories, located in Moscow, St. Petersburg, Samara and Nakhodka are included since early July 2010 in the Single Register of the Eurasian Economic Community (EurAsEC) Customs Union.

The three Customs Union members (Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan) aimed to build a unified customs territory and thus established the Single Register. On December 11, 2009, an agreement was based on the circulation of products liable to mandatory conformity assurance in the territory within the Customs Union. It is mentioned that all products included in the Single Product List have to be tested and certified in one of the member countries, have got the right to freely circulate within the whole territory of the Customs Union. However the testing and certification of the products have to be carried out by a laboratory and certification body included in the Single Register.

This registration within the Eurasian Economic Community represents a nice opportunity for SGS Industrial Services (www.sgs.com/industrial). The company successfully fulfilled all the criteria for its membership to the Single Register. Besides, certification bodies which have their own testing abilities were given preference during the selection process.

Today, SGS's clients can benefit from a value added service on the markets in Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan. SGS provides its clients with one single Certification or Declaration of Conformity (www.gost.sgs.com/certification_licensing_gost), which is recognized within the whole Customs Union territory.

Those new rules within the Customs Union permit a reduction of trade barriers, as the Head of Product Certification and Industrial Safety at SGS Vostok Limited, Vladimir Ovcharov said. Manufacturers can from now on easily supply their products to other market than the one of Russia. Besides, it won't be hard to get the certificate of conformity or the declaration of conformity in single format since those documents are recognized in the member states of the Customs Union. However Vladimir Ovcharov also thinks that the national legislation of the country of destination should still make product marking.

SGS's large experience and competence in the field of verification, certification, inspection and testing (www.sgs.com/industrial.htm?lobId=5550) is recognized through this entry to the Single Register of Certification Bodies and Testing Laboratories of the Customs Union within the Eurasian Economic Community.

About SGS Testing and Certification Services

SGS, as an independent certification body, assists international companies in carrying out successful business everywhere in the world, including Russia and other Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) countries, to ensure they comply with statutory and client based requirements. With the aim of minimizing the trade barriers for manufacturers and sellers, SGS supports its clients in performing successfully in every marketplace.

SGS provides direct access to the Russian and CIS markets by offering full service solutions, including Conformity Assessment, consulting services for approvals, permits and certificates and licensing for products and investments in Russia (www.gost.sgs.com/gost_index_v2/certification_licensing_go...001).

About SGS Industrial Services

SGS Industrial Services (www.sgs.com/industrial), a global service provider for technical verification, inspection, testing and conformity assessment, ensures that its customers' installations, materials, equipment, facilities and projects meet all quality and performance requirements, whether they are regulatory, voluntary or customer based.

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