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EXPLANATORY NOTE ON EFFECT OF TRANSITIONAL PERIOD EMBEDDED IN THE RCD 2013/53/EU

Dear madam, dear sir,

New Directive 2013/53/EU is **applicable** as from **18 January 2016**. However, it includes the **transitional period** of one year during which both directives (the 94/25/EC and the 2013/53/EU) will be applicable.

Effect to the manufacturers

Article 55.1 of the RCD 2013/53/EU guarantees the applicability of the old RCD 94/25/EC until 17 January 2017. Manufacturers are allowed to place products on the market under the old regime and notified bodies are allowed to assess and certify them until the 17 January 2017.

Effect to the notified bodies

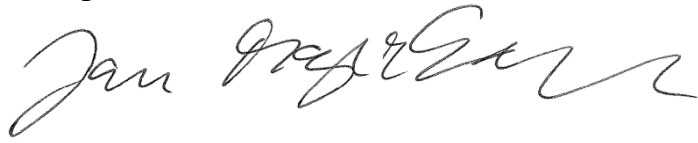
There will be **two lists** of notified bodies for RCD in NANDO **during the transitional period**. Bodies notified to the old RCD 94/25/EC will stay in NANDO until 17 January 2017. Bodies notified to the new RCD 2013/53/EU are continually added to NANDO as soon as they are notified by their national administrations and successfully pass the objection period of 2 weeks.

Effect to the lists of harmonised standards

Two lists of harmonised standards will be applicable and published in the Official Journal of the EU **during the transitional period**. List of harmonised standards providing presumption of conformity to the RCD 94/25/EC will be kept until 17 January 2017. List of harmonised standards providing presumption of conformity to the RCD 2013/53/EU is applicable from the date of its first publication - the 12th February 2016. Some standards published in the list providing presumption of conformity to the 94/25/EC are missing in the list providing presumption of conformity to the 2013/53/EU. These standards will be added to the list of harmonised standards for Directive 2013/53/EU as soon as the European Standardisation Organisations update the particular annexes indicating to what extent the

standard provides presumption of conformity to the essential requirements of the new Directive 2013/53/EU.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan Mayerhöfer', with a stylized, flowing script.

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