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## **Use of CIG FI documents**

Dear Mr Sheludchenkov,

I have the pleasure to respond as follows to the questions you put to EEPCA on the use and validity of our CIG Factory Inspection documents.

**1.** Is there official agreement between EEPCA and CU commission to recognize and use CIG023 FI report for CU certification?

There is no official agreement between EEPCA and the CU. Our factory inspection documents CIG 021, CIG 022, CIG 023 and CIG 024 are well known all over the world and many organisations use them because they find them very practical. We tolerate this use of our documents by third parties, on the condition that the mention of *EEPCA copyright* is maintained on the document. But the use of these documents by bodies that are not members of at least one of our European certification agreements HAR, CCA, ENEC and CCA-EMC is falling under their own full responsibility. EEPCA or the European Schemes have no knowledge of this use by third parties and cannot in any way recognise or approve their use.

**2.** Is there an official way to accept and use CIG023 FI report by certification body which is accredited in CU Technical Regulation certification system?

As stated above, the certification bodies accredited in the CU Technical Regulation certification system can use the forms of our documents, under their own responsibility, and give to the Factory Inspection reports produced in that way any value they wish to give them within their own system. It can not involve or engage EEPCA in any way.

However, there is a possibility to formalise the use of our CIG FI documents to some degree. In the same way as we have, for instance, an agreement with the German GS Mark, EEPCA could envisage to sign an agreement with the CU Technical Regulation Certification System (or the body or Ministry that is responsible for the system), by which we officially grant the right to use our CIG documents and engage ourselves to provide you regularly with the

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latest versions of these documents, at no cost. EEPCA would still have no responsibility for the way in which you use the forms or for the value of their contents, but your use of our documents would then have a legal basis. Such an agreement may present a certain interest to the CU Technical Regulation Certification System.

I hope these explanations answer your questions to satisfaction. I remain at your entire disposal for any further information you might require.

Yours sincerely,

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