

**EQUIVALENCE AND ACCEPTANCE BETWEEN MEXICAN STANDARDS
AND US & CANADIAN STANDARDS FOR ELECTRONICS**
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
(Second Part)

How to Use my ETL C/US ATM (Certificates) in Mexico?

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The Certificate holder or its partner presents a copy of the Authorization to Mark (ATM) at customs during the importation process.

- During the importation process, the Mexican importer should present the ATM to the customs officers to determine whether it is valid.
- The ATM should demonstrate compliance with safety requirements for the Mexican standard NOM-001-SCFI-1993 (audio & video) and the entire scope for products covered under NOM-016-SCFI-1993 and NOM-019-SCFI-1998.

Or,

The Certificate holder or its partner contacts Intertek Mexico.

- The Certificate holder or its partner can contact Intertek Mexico for assistance prior to the importation process to verify if the ATM is valid for such a purpose. This step will help to avoid further delays in case the ATM would not be valid during the importation process.
- During this process, it would be beneficial for the Mexican importer to declare which product(s) are to be import into Mexico.

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When the ATM is presented at Customs or to Intertek Mexico, it will be verified by Intertek Mexico.

- Intertek Mexico receives information about the ATM or a copy of the ATM to verify in the Intertek ETL Listed Directory. The contacts above* will do this activity.
- If the ATM is valid, Intertek Mexico confirms it to the Mexican Customs Officer and fills out the information in the DGN (Mexican Authority) official data base.
- If the ATM is not valid during the importation process (because it is not in the Intertek ETL Listed Directory), Intertek Mexico confirms that information to the Customs Officer and the shipment is not released.

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The DGN official data base should be verified by the Customs Officers during the importation process.

- Based on the Intertek Mexico activities from point 2 (above), the Customs Officers need to verify the DGN official data base and record additional information (importer's name, custom tariff code, Mexican tax payer ID, etc).
- After its verification, if the ATM is not valid, the Customs Officer would request a valid ATM or NOM Certificate from the importer in order to release the shipment.

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The shipment should be released and the Customs Officers maintain a register for further importations from the same importer.

- The Customs Officers maintain a register from the ATM in the DGN's data base that can be used for further importations from the same importer or a different one (as long as the ATM is valid during such process).

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For further importations or shipments, the process should be repeated. This process is per shipment and/or importer.

- Every time that an ATM is used by any importer, the Customs Officer should verify the validity of the document by checking the DGN's data base and verifying with Intertek Mexico.
- It is necessary to bear in mind the same ATM can be shared by the owner with different importers.

Follow Up inspections will be performed by PROFECO (Mexican Authority) in coordination with Intertek Mexico.

- The equivalent certificates (ATM) are subject of Follow Up inspections like the NOM Certificates.
- PROFECO will run a random program (Follow Up Inspections) annually in order to show compliance with the local NOM program.
- Intertek Mexico will work with PROFECO to provide confidence in the program.

If the product demonstrates compliance after the Follow Up inspection, the product and the equivalent can still be used.

If not, Intertek Mexico will work with PROFECO to detect the deviation.

- Yes, the product shows compliance with the Follow Up inspection: the ATM and the product will maintain a good status in the DGN's data base.
- No, the product did not pass the Follow Up inspection: Intertek Mexico will work with PROFECO to detect the deviation and determine a corrective action.