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Asked Questions by Cleaning  
Machine Manufacturers,  
Distributors and Their Customers**

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**1 What does CE stand for?**

In French – “Conformité Européene”. There are presently some ambiguities in the interpretation of Directives which legislation or custom will resolve.

**2 What is the purpose of the CE mark?**

The CE mark indicates that a product complies with the essential safety requirements of the relevant Directive(s). The mark enables products to be placed on the market of the European Economic Area.

**3 Does it apply if only the UK market is supplied?**

Yes.

**4 Does it apply if the products are supplied directly to a country outside the European Economic Area?**

No – but other requirements may.

**5 Who is responsible for applying the mark?**

The manufacturer or his authorised representative, or the importer of the product, provided that they are located in the European Union (referred to below as the 'manufacturer').

**6 What has to be done before an industrial cleaning machine manufacturer can apply the CE mark?**

6.1 The product has to meet the essential requirements of the relevant Directives

For industrial cleaning machines there are:

Machinery Directive 89/392/EEC  
as amended by 91/368/EEC, 93/44/EEC and 93/68/EEC (CE marking required NOW)

Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive 89/336/EEC  
as amended by 92/31/EEC and 93/68/EEC (CE marking required NOW)

Low Voltage Directive 72/23/EEC  
as amended by 93/68/EEC (CE marking required NOW)

This is carried out by meeting the requirements of Harmonised European standards which have been listed in the Official Journal, or if these are not available, national standards. Some relevant standards for industrial cleaning machines are:

BS EN 60335-1  
Safety of household and electrical appliances.

BS EN 60335-2-67  
Particular requirements for floor treatment and floor cleaning machines for industrial and commercial use.

BS EN 60335-2-68  
Particular requirements for spray extraction appliances for industrial and commercial use.

BS EN 60335-2-69  
Particular requirements for wet and dry vacuum cleaners, including power brush for industrial and commercial use.

BS 5415: PART 2: Section 2.2 Supplement No. 1  
Specification for Type H industrial vacuum cleaners for dusts hazardous to health.

BS EN 50081-1  
Electromagnetic compatibility generic emission standard  
Residential, commercial and light industry

- 6.2 Make a formal Manufacturer's Declaration that the relevant Directives are complied with. It is recommended that the Directive(s) concerned are listed in that Declaration. You may also wish to list the Standards used in achieving compliance.

It will be advisable to:

1. Compile a technical record (Technical File) to demonstrate that the essential requirements of the relevant Directives have been met.
2. Operate a quality system that ensures continuity of product.

## **7 Must Test Houses be used to ensure compliance with the relevant standards?**

No. But if a manufacturer does not use a test house it is in his interest to ensure that he has the technical expertise and equipment to stand scrutiny in the event of a challenge.

## **8 Where does the CE mark go?**

This is currently the subject of debate among Member States, the Commission view is:

1. On the product (whenever possible).
2. On the documentation, e.g. instructions (optional).
3. On the packaging (optional).

**9 What about unmarked products manufactured prior to CE marking requirements becoming mandatory but still unsold?**

The best solution is to carry out the appropriate conformity assessments etc. and mark the product.

**10 Who will police CE marking?**

The law is complaints driven, however the following agencies have an interest in issues of compliance:

1. Trading Standards.
2. Health & Safety Executive.
3. Customs and Excise.

*Bear in mind that you customers or your competitors may also initiate a challenge.*

**11 Where can more help be obtained?**

1. The booklet 'CE Marking – Advice from BEAMA' (£6 to members, £10 to non-members\*) 020 7793 3000
2. The DTI's Business in Europe Hotline – FREE BOOKLETS 0117 944 4888
3. BSI's Information Centre – which standards to use? 020 8996 7024
4. HMSO Publications – for copies of the Directives 020 7873 8200

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