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To manufacturers, representatives, importers and distributors
of ATEX products

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Market surveillance – Letter concerning the lack of durable marking of equipment intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres (ATEX products)

The Norwegian Labour Inspection Authority, the Petroleum Safety Authority Norway and the Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection have been delegated responsibility for monitoring compliance with the *Regulations of 29 November 2017 no. 1849 concerning equipment and safety systems for use in potentially explosive areas* (FUSEX).

The supervisory authorities are increasingly observing ATEX products on the market that do not meet the requirement for easily legible and durable marking, with reference to FUSEX section 5 concerning fundamental health and safety requirements; see annex II, item 1.0.5. This includes marking by means of self-adhesive labels. Observations in facilities indicate that some types of marking cannot be characterised as durable, since their legibility is reduced or the label is lost as a result of external loads.

Market participants are obliged to ensure that ATEX products placed on the market are provided with easily legible and durable marking adapted to the intended use. Any limitations of use must be described in the operating instructions, with reference to FUSEX section 5, see annex II, item 1.0.6. This also includes any limitations in respect of the placement of the product.

Notified bodies which verify compliance of ATEX products with the FUSEX requirements on behalf of manufacturers are also obliged to assess the quality of marking, with reference to sections 17 concerning requirements for technical inspection bodies and 22 concerning operational obligations.

The supervisory authorities hereby notify and remind market participants of their responsibility for ensuring that products placed on the market comply with the fundamental health and safety requirements in section 5 of the Regulations, with reference to annex II.

Sincerely

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