Certification system. Bodies and organization involved in certification

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- 1) The most important feature of the certification procedure is that all operations are carried out within the framework of a certain system that has clear implementation rules and operates under the guidance of a specially authorized body
- 2) Certification systems are diverse throughout the organization and structure, but the following are established in any certification system:
 - The scope of operation, i.e. the types of products to which it applies, and regulatory documents, compliance with which is confirmed;
 - certification rules;
 - the composition of the participants and the order of their interaction, requirements for them and the procedure for their accreditation and inclusion in the system.

- <u>Certification system for homogeneous products</u> a certification system that applies to types of products, united on the basis of common purpose, nature of requirements, general rules and certification procedures.
- <u>Central authority of the certification system</u> the body that heads the certification system or certification system for homogeneous products.
- <u>Certification Body</u> An organization that certifies certain products.
- <u>Testing laboratory (test center)</u> a laboratory (center) that conducts tests (individual types of tests) of a certain product.
- <u>Accreditation of a certification body or testing laboratory (center)</u> is a procedure by which an accrediting body officially recognizes the competence of a certification body or testing laboratory (center) to perform specific work in a specific area of certification or testing.
- <u>Inspection control of certified products</u> a conformity control assessment carried out in order to establish that the product continues to meet specified requirements, confirmed during certification.
- <u>Certification expert</u> a person certified for the right to conduct one or more types of work in the field of certification.
- <u>Product identification</u> is the procedure by which the identity of the products presented for certification is established by its name and other characteristic features, which make it possible to unambiguously correlate certified products with the certificate of conformity issued for it.

The central authority of the certification system performs the following functions:

- organizes the work on the formation of the certification system and manages it, coordinates the activities of certification bodies and testing laboratories;
- develops proposals on the nomenclature of products certified in this system;
- participates in work to improve the regulatory documents fund for which certification is carried out;
- considers appeals about the actions of certification bodies and testing laboratories.

The product certification body performs the following activities:

- carries out the identification of products submitted for certification in accordance with the rules of the certification system;
- certifies products and issues certificates;
- carries out inspection control of certified products;
- generates and updates the fund of regulatory documents required for certification;
- provides on demand the necessary information within its competence.

