



Heads Up

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To: Certification Bodies Approved for IECQ HSPM Through ECCB

From: Randy Dougherty, Vice President ANAB

Re: Deadline for CBs Approved for IECQ HSPM to Apply to ANAB

In January 2009, ANAB announced in Heads Up 143 that the Electronic Components Certification Board (ECCB) and ANAB had agreed to partner to develop a program for accredited certification to IECQ HSPM. This announcement also said, "It is proposed that ANAB take over from ECCB oversight of CBs as a new accreditation activity for ANAB in partnership with ECCB...Ten CBs are already in the program provided by ECCB and ECCB will continue its oversight of these CBs for 2009. It is envisioned that ANAB will provide oversight beginning in 2010."

In December 2009, ANAB announced in Heads Up 166 the new ANAB accreditation program for IECQ HSPM. The requirements for ANAB accreditation continue to be as specified by IECQ and ECCB, with some additional ANAB requirements as specified in ANAB Accreditation Rule 35. The Accreditation Rule and Heads Ups are accessible at www.anab.org.

ANAB has contracted with ECCB assessors Joe Lee and Ed Konvalin to serve as ANAB assessors for IECQ HSPM.

As envisioned in early 2009, since 1 January 2010 ANAB has been providing oversight of CBs approved for IECQ HSPM through the ECCB.

As stated in Section 7 of ANAB Accreditation Rule 35, ECCB CBs approved for IECQ HSPM shall submit an application for ANAB IECQ HSPM accreditation and shall be accredited upon review and acceptance by ANAB's Accreditation Manager.

At the ECCB meetings in February 2010, it was agreed with members of the CB UAG, that the deadline for existing ECCB CBs to submit application for ANAB accreditation is 1 April 2010.

As specified in ANAB Accreditation Rule 35, the application process outlined at www.anab.org/HTMLFiles/cb_aps.htm must be completed via ANAB's Enterprise Quality Manager (EQM) database. The CB will be required to indicate the form of payment for the application but there will be no fee for any existing ECCB CB. Contact Donna Reinke at dreinke@anab.org or 800-606-5394 or 414-347-9858 with any questions about making application through EQM.