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## Maintaining CPR certificates under COVID-19

Dear members of the GNB Advisory Group,

First and foremost, at TechSec we hope that you are all well and that you can manage to keep up the spirits in these difficult times we are going through.

Over the last weeks, TechSec has received a number of questions regarding how notified certification bodies can operate in the present situation where the manufacturers face big challenges and the notified certification bodies are prevented from visiting them.

As there's an obvious need for guidance on the matter, TechSec decided to draw up an informative paper, which has now been uploaded to CIRCABC in the section "GNB-CPR General - Communications to all Members". The document is numbered "NB-CPR/ALL – 20/172". The document has been drawn up after consulting the President and other NB representatives expressing their interest, and benefitting from inputs from the same people.

Due to the extraordinary circumstances, the document has not gone through the normal approval procedure of the GNB Advisory Group. Hence the document will not have the status of approved guidance; it's merely information from TechSec.

However, for the purpose of establishing a high degree of consensus, you, the members of the GNB Advisory Group, are invited to provide comments and suggestions for the improvement of the informative document. We hope your situations will allow you to accept that invitation. Later on, TechSec will try to make a revised document benefitting from your comments and suggestions.

A revised version may be issued before Easter, or even earlier if the picture changes.

The above process is chosen in order to achieve a reasonable level of consensus without losing time - and recognising that the document will only have status of "information".

We look very much forward to hearing your comments.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or comments.

All the best wishes – Stay safe!

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