

NIST TEL MRA Program

NB Assessment Checklist

Radio Equipment Directive (2014/53/EU) – RED Article 3.4 (common charger)

Version 2.0 (September 26, 2024)

Introduction

1. With the publication of **Directive (EU) 2022/2380\***, the RED was amended and new essential requirement RED Article 3.4 addressing common charger requirements was activated. [See also the revised RED Article 3.3a.]

*\*Directive (EU) 2022/2380 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 November 2022 amending Directive 2014/53/EU on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of radio equipment*

2. With publication of **Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/1717\***, the technical specifications for wired charging cited in Annex Ia of **Directive EU 2022/2380** were amended.

*\*Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/1717 of 27 June 2023 amending Directive 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the technical specifications for the charging receptacle and charging communication protocol for all the categories or classes of radio equipment capable of being recharged by means of wired charging*

3. The European Commission published guidance on the interpretation\* of **Directive (EU) 2022/2380** on 7 May 2024.

*\*C/2024/2997 – Commission Notice – Guidance for the interpretation of the Common Charger Directive*

4. RED Article 3.4 (common charger) applies to the following classes or categories of radio equipment: handheld mobile phones, tablets, digital cameras, headphones, headsets, handheld videogame consoles, portable speakers, e-readers, keyboards, mice, portable navigation systems, earbuds and **laptops**.
5. The date of applicability for all radio equipment noted in (2) - **except laptops** - is December 28, 2024. The date of applicability for **laptops** is April 28, 2026.

6. An EU TEC for RED Article 3.4 can be issued before the date(s) of applicability noted above, but the EU TEC does not become legally applicable until the date of applicability.
7. NIST requires that the RED essential requirements (ERs) for which the NB has been found competent to perform NB activities be listed on the Scope of Accreditation. The ERs will be provided to the EC (via NIST NANDO notification) and listed in NANDO (for public viewing). NBs are only able to offer NB services for those essential requirements that are listed in NANDO.
8. This assessment checklist shall be used by the US accreditation bodies to document the technical competency assessment RED NBs that are adding RED 3.4 (common charger) to their ISO/IEC 17065 Scope of Accreditation.
9. It is acceptable for the assessment to RED Article 3.4 (common charger) to be conducted remotely (if the accreditation body allows this).

<b>TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ASSESSOR</b>	
Name of NB	
NB Number	
Accreditation Body Name	
Date(s) of Assessment	
Type of Assessment	
Assessor Name	
Assessor Signature	

Topics <i>References</i>	Requirement	NB Document Reference identified by NB or Other	Compliance (Y/N/NA)	Assessor Comments or Additional Assessor Instructions
1. Scope of Accreditation				
<i>Reference: NIST Requirements &amp; Application for U.S. Conformity Assessment Bodies Seeking EU Radio Equipment Directive (RED) 2014/53/EU Notified Body Status, Section 4 (f) – Version 5 (12/14/2022)</i>	The NB’s ISO/IEC 17065 Scope of Accreditation includes classes or categories of equipment covered under the RED Article 3.4			
2. EU Scheme Documents				
<i>RED Article 26.6 (b)</i>	<p>The NB has access to (a) <b>Directive (EU) 2022/2380</b>, (b) <b>Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/1717</b>, and (c) <b>C/2024/2997 – Commission Notice – Guidance for the interpretation of the Common Charger Directive</b> and has incorporated and/or referenced these documents in the quality management system.</p> <p>The NB demonstrates an understanding of how Directive (EU) 2022/2380 impacts and modified some of the RED 2014/53/EU Articles, including the introduction of new RED Article 3.4 (common charger).</p>			

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	The NB has access to the specific standards cited in Directive (EU) 2022/2380 Annex Ia as amended by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/1717: EN IEC 62680-1-2:2022 EN IEC 62680-1-3:2022			
	The NB's <b>certification procedures</b> address the evaluation process for RED Article 3.4 (common charger) in accordance with the technical and administrative requirements of Annex Ia <u>and</u> identify the types of manufacturers' objective evidence* that is acceptable to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of Annex Ia.			<i>*NIST note to Assessor: For example, accepting third party certification for the USB-C receptacle.</i>
	The NB's <b>client application</b> addresses RED Article 3.4 (common charger).			
<b>3. Training Records</b>				
<i>RED Article 26.7 (a)</i>	The NB maintains records of personnel training for RED 3.4 (common charger).			<i>NIST note to Assessor: Please list names of trained personnel here:</i>

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4. EU TEC and Associated Evaluation Report				
<i>RED Annex III, Module B, 3 (c) &amp; 4</i>	The NB <b>records</b> demonstrate that the NB is receiving <u>and</u> reviewing the manufacturer’s <u>analysis and assessment of risk</u> for RED 3.4 (common charger).			<i>NIST note to Assessors: This is N/A if the NB has not yet conducted NB activities for RED Article 3.4.</i>
<i>RED Annex III, Module B, 5</i>	The NB’s <b>evaluation report/record documents</b> the objective evidence provided by the applicants to address RED 3.4 (common charger).			<i>NIST note to Assessors: This is N/A if the NB has not yet conducted NB activities for RED Article 3.4.</i>
<i>RED Annex III, Module B, 6</i>	The NB’s <b>EU TEC</b> correctly addresses RED 3.4 (common charger).			<i>NIST note to Assessors: This is N/A if the NB has not yet conducted NB activities for RED Article 3.4.</i>
<i>EG RE (06) Q&amp;A, Item 21, last paragraph</i>	The NB is aware of the EC’s interpretation that (a) the RED essential requirements are considered separate “aspects”, (b) that a manufacturer may use a different NB for each “aspect” or essential requirements and (c) may identify more than one RED NB on its DoC.			

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5. Technical Competency*				
<i>RED Article 26.7 (a-d)</i>  <i>Directive (EU) 2022/2380</i> <i>Annex Ia</i>	The NB personnel understand the limited scope of radio products covered by Directive (EU) 2022/2380 and the NB limits NB activities to only those products.			
	The NB personnel are aware of the two different dates of applicability of Directive (EU) 2022/2380 for the radio products covered.			
	The NB personnel understand the content of <b>C/2024/2997 – Commission Notice – Guidance for the interpretation of the Common Charger Directive</b> and apply this guidance correctly for their NB activities.			

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	<p>The NB personnel understand and correctly verify compliance of the radio equipment with the following requirements contained in Directive (EU) 2022/2380 - Annex Ia:</p> <p><i>Part I - Specifications relating to charging capabilities:</i> 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2</p> <p><i>Part II - Information on specifications relating to charging capabilities and the compatible charging devices (text to be displayed):</i> a, b</p> <p><i>Part III – Pictogram indicating whether or not a charging device is included with the radio equipment:</i> 1.1, 1.2</p> <p><i>Part IV - Content and format of the label:</i> 1, 2, 3</p>			<p><i>NIST note on versions of specifications cited in Annex Ia (as amended by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/1717): Subsequent versions/editions of the standards could be used if they are backward compatible with the versions cited in Annex Ia.</i></p>