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Is Your Model on the Certificate?

A one-page coverage checklist — the five-dimension test, four ways coverage breaks, and what action you need.

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A one-page model-coverage checklist — run it before the deposit, not after production.

The rule

A certificate covers the models **named on it**.

Not the models that look like them. Not the models from the same mould. Only the ones listed in the certificate or its annex.

The five-dimension test

Certification bodies group models into a series only when the differences cannot change the safety result. The test is what is underneath, not what it looks like.

Dimension	Same series if…	Separate product if…
Circuit / PCB	Identical layout and rating	Different topology or protection circuit
Enclosure material	Same resin, same flame rating	Different material or flame class
Key components	Same approved parts, same suppliers	Different fuse, capacitor or transformer
Ratings	Within the tested worst case	Wider voltage, higher current, new output
Plug / socket	Same configuration as tested	Different plug type or socket standard

Close enough is not close enough.

Four ways coverage breaks

1. **Model not listed** — the factory certified Q366, Q408, Q605. You ordered Q712. Same product, not covered.
2. **Same housing, different plug** — EU, UK and US versions are three products under three standards.
3. **Changed after certification** — a new fuse supplier, a re-tooled enclosure, cheaper resin. The certificate does not update itself.
4. **Widened ratings on the carton** — tested at 220–240 V, printed 110–240 V. That is an unverified safety claim.

Ten-minute check

- ☐ Open the certificate **and its annex** — find the model list
- ☐ Search your full model number, not a prefix
- ☐ Cross-check three places: certificate, quotation, label artwork
- ☐ Compare ratings: voltage, current, frequency, output profile
- ☐ Open the **test report** — look at the sample photos

If any step fails, ask before you pay.

What action do you need?

What changed	Usually needed
Model name / sales code only	Updated certificate or annex
Colour, non-safety trim, packaging	Documentation update, often no re-test
Enclosure material or wall thickness	Variation assessment by the lab
Key safety component re-sourced	Partial re-testing
Ratings widened	Full re-test at the new ratings
Plug / socket configuration	New certification to the new plug standard

The certification body decides. Not the factory, and not the buyer.

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Not sure whether your model is covered? Send me the model number and the certificate — I'll check it against the annex.

> **Questions about a specific market or model?**
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> Send me your model number and target market — I'll tell you which documents you're missing.
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> Certificates and complete test reports available on request.

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