

ATEX is not recognized by OSHA for use in HAZLOC areas

I see quite a few vacuum providers here in the USA stating that their equipment meets ATEX standards. But ATEX is actually an EU directive that is not recognized here in the USA. Here in the USA, NFPA 70 NEC uses a system that designates hazardous areas by Classification, Division, and Group. We recommend Tiger-Vac to our clients as their testing and certification standards are done properly and are second to none.

From the OSHA website FAQ page.

"Does OSHA accept the "CE" mark or accept equipment certified by foreign testing organizations? What about ATEX Certification?"

The CE mark is unrelated to the requirements for product safety in the United States. It is a generic mark used in the European Union (EU) to indicate that a manufacturer has declared that the product meets regulatory requirements in the EU that may or may not include product safety. In the United States, under OSHA's NRTL requirements, the product must have the specific mark of one of the NRTLs recognized to test and certify this type of product.

Similarly, ATEX Certification is a certification of equipment intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres in the European Union. Equipment intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres in the United States must have the specific mark of one of the NRTLs recognized to test and certify this type of equipment."

<https://www.osha.gov/nationally-recognized-testing-laboratory-program/frequently-asked-questions>