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CERTIFICATION REGULATIONS

NF MARK

**FIRE SAFETY
PVC PIPES & CONNECTIONS
PVC FILMS
COATED TEXTILE BACKING**

PART 5

PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS

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5.1. MANDATED BODY

AFNOR Certification entrusts sector management of the Mark application to LNE (Multisectional Certification Division).

Under this authorisation, LNE is answerable to AFNOR Certification for all management operations entrusted to it, as set out in Article 7.1 of the General Rules of the NF Mark.

All persons involved in the NF mark process are bound to professional secrecy under Article 9 of the General Rules of the NF Mark. If necessary, on request from manufacturers, an agreement can be signed between LNE and the manufacturer.

5.2. AUDIT BODY

The LNE entrusts audits to the following organisations:

LABORATOIRE NATIONAL DE METROLOGIE ET D'ESSAIS (LNE)

1, rue Gaston Boissier
75724 PARIS CEDEX 15
Tel. 01 40 43 37 00

The holder or applicant must facilitate the operations that agents in charge of audits are required to carry out in the context of their mission.

5.3. TEST BODIES

LNE entrusts the tests to the independent laboratories named below:

LABORATOIRE NATIONAL DE METROLOGIE ET D'ESSAIS (LNE)

Energy – Environment – Combustion Unit
29, avenue Roger Hennequin
78197 TRAPPES Cedex
Tel. 01 30.69.10.00.

5.4. MARK COMMITTEE

5.4.1. COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A Mark Committee, whose assignments are set out in article 7.3.2. of the General Rules of the NF Mark, is formed. The members are appointed by LNE after approval by AFNOR Certification.

The members have a mandate of 3 years, renewable by tacit agreement.

The chairman of the Mark Committee is appointed under the same conditions, after consulting the Mark Committee. The rule is alternation between the colleges. However, the mandate of the chairman may be extended by one or more years if no candidate representing another college presents himself.

Members of the Mark Committee exercise their functions on a strictly individual basis. However, if a member is absent, a proxy is appointed by LNE.

LNE draws up the minutes of comments and proposals made during a committee meeting. These minutes are sent to all members of the Mark Committee.

5.4.2. MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

1 Chairman (appointed by the Committee members)

2 Vice-Chairmen:

1 representative of AFNOR CERTIFICATION

1 representative of the mandated body: LNE - Multisectional Certification Division

Manufacturers

5 Representatives of PVC pipe and connection manufacturers

1 Representative of coated textile backing manufacturers

1 Representative of PlasticEurope

1 Representative of the Syndicat des Tubes et Raccords en PVC

Users, consumers, prescribers:

5 representatives

Government departments, Experts, technical organisations:

1 Representative of the Ministry of the Interior – Department of Defence and Civil Safety

1 Representative of the DGCCRF

1 Representative of AFNOR Normalisation

1 Representative of the test laboratories

1 Representative of the qualified auditors

5.4.3. BUREAU

For reasons of efficiency, the Mark Committee may delegate its powers to a bureau whose members are appointed in name and must be chosen from the members of the Mark Committee.

The bureau comprises the Chairman of the Mark Committee, a representative of manufacturers, a representative of users, the representative of LNE, the representative of the laboratories and the representative of the qualified auditors.

The bureau meets as and when required.

A report of the work undertaken by the bureau is given during meetings of the Mark Committee.

5.4.4. SUB-COMMITTEE OR WORKING GROUP

To manage certain non-recurrent tasks of a technical nature not requiring the members of the Mark Committee to meet, a sub-committee or working group can be created, its members being appointed in person and chosen from the members of the Mark Committee.

In the case of a working group, professionals or other persons may be called in from outside.

The missions of this sub-committee or working group are specified by the Mark Committee. Its powers are generally limited to drafting projects or proposals or supplying additional information on a given subject on behalf of the Mark Committee.