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COMPOSTABLE PRODUCTS — CERTIFICATION PROTOCOL

1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to establish the certification requirements, rules of procedure and marking requirements for the certification of compostable products in accordance with the requirements of Standard CAN/BNQ 0017-088 and the technical requirements for compostable products specified in Chapter 5 of this document.

This document is for manufacturers seeking to have the conformity of their products recognized by the Bureau de normalisation du Québec (BNQ).

NOTE — The composition of compostable products is not limited to plastics. For instance, other products made from materials of a natural origin can be considered compostable products as long as they meet the requirements of Standard CAN/BNQ 0017-088.

2 NORMATIVE REFERENCES

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CAN/BNQ 0017-088 *Specifications for compostable plastics.*
(Spécifications pour les plastiques compostables.)

NQ 9902-001 *Product, Process and Service Certification —
Rules of Procedure.*
(Certification de produits, de processus et de services —
Règles de procédure.)