

NOTICE OF MODIFICATION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

BNQ 7009-210 Geotextiles Used in Road Engineering — Classification, Characteristics and Test Methods

Date

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Updating of the certification program BNQ 7009-210 in reference to the standard BNQ 7009-210/2017 and the certification protocol BNQ 7009-910/2018

The aim of this notice is to inform you of:

- the updating of the certification program BNQ 7009-210 now offered in reference to the standard BNQ 7009-210/2017 and the certification protocol BNQ 7009-910/2018;
- the terms and conditions surrounding the transition period offered to manufacturers in order for them to comply with the new requirements set forth in the 2017 edition of the standard BNQ 7009-210 and the 2018 edition of the certification protocol BNQ 7009-910.

The certification program in reference to the 2017 edition of the standard BNQ 7009-210 is now subject to the requirements of the certification protocol BNQ 7009-910/2018 *Geotextiles Used in Road Engineering — Certification Protocol*. This type of document provides greater precision to the general rules of procedure of the document BNQ 9902-001. It also outlines the BNQ's specific conditions for intervention and the specific requirements manufacturers shall meet according to the certification program.

The terms and conditions surrounding this transition period are as follows.

1. Starting November 1, 2018, any new application for certification will be processed based on the certification program's new requirements.
2. Manufacturers already holding a certificate of conformity or having a file open at the BNQ will not have to file a new application.
3. Starting **September 1, 2019**, BNQ's periodic inspection visits must be conducted on the basis of the certification program's new requirements.

At the request of the manufacturer, periodic inspection visits to be held before September 1, 2019 may be carried out by the BNQ according to the new requirements of the certification program.

The BNQ will deliver certificates of conformity in relation to the standard's 2017 edition as manufacturers demonstrate they meet that program's requirements.

4. The updating of the manufacturer's certificate of conformity based on the certification program's new requirements will allow its continuation. The expiry date of the updated certificate of conformity will be identical to the expiry date of the certificate of conformity the manufacturer held in relation to the 2006 edition of the technical specification GCTTG 3001.
5. **December 31, 2019** is however the deadline for manufacturers holding a certificate of conformity in relation to the 2006 edition of the technical specification GCTTG 3001 to demonstrate they meet the certification program's new requirements.
6. Starting **January 1, 2020**, the BNQ will withdraw all valid certificates of conformity in relation to the 2006 edition of the technical specification GCTTG 3001. After that date, manufacturers seeking certification will have to file a new application with the BNQ, and application fees will be charged.

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