

Temporary carports safer thanks to a new BNQ standard

Québec City, March 4, 2015— The Bureau de normalisation du Québec (BNQ) is proud to announce today the publication of a new standard, with the primary goal of making temporary carports stronger, safer and better adapted to the Québec climate.

In Québec, temporary fabric shelters are commonly used to protect automobiles from winter weather. Fatal accidents were caused by the collapse of some of these shelters, which gave way under the weight of snow. This induced the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux (MSSS) to entrust the BNQ with the mandate of developing a consensus product standard for carport design and manufacturing.

“The development of a consensus standard is achievable, thanks to the voluntary contribution of all the members of the standardization committee and the organizations they represent. I personally wish to thank everyone who participated in the development of the standard applicable to temporary car ports, and to all the experts involved in this fine project,” pointed out Jean Rousseau, Senior Director of the BNQ.

The standard entitled *Abris d’hiver temporaires en toile pour véhicules automobiles* (BNQ 3910-700/2015) was made possible by financial support from the MSSS and the Commission de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (CSST). It establishes precise, measurable and verifiable requirements that will allow the design and manufacturing of safer fabric carports while leaving room for innovation.

Compliance with this new standard is not mandatory. Its application will depend on the good will of the carport manufacturers, retailers and distributors in adhering to it and promoting it. Eventually, the municipalities could require, in their construction by-laws, that the carports installed in their territory meet the requirements of the BNQ standard.

The standard is sold on the BNQ website at www.bnq.gc.ca.

About the BNQ

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