

INSTA-CERT Newsletter

First of all, INSTA-CERT's board would like to wish all of you a happy and prosperous 2022. We do hope that 2022 will finally bring an end to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic.

Inspections

The surveillance of the manufacturing sites is unfortunately still affected by the COVID-19 restrictions. So far, online inspections have been a good temporary replacement of the on-site visits, however remote inspections cannot replace on-site inspections in the long run.

The purpose of the frequent inspections and audit tests is to ensure high quality products for the consumers and all the inspection bodies are waiting impatiently to get back to normal.

INSTA-CERT's board has again decided to show patience as regards the first inspection period and to continue to accept that inspections are conducted as online remote inspections.

INSTA-CERT will continuously ensure that the quality level of the remote inspections is satisfactory. INSTA-CERT will not revoke any certificates due to delayed submission of inspection reports.

Sustainable infrastructure pipes in 2025 - with the Nordic quality label

Recycled plastics used in infrastructure pipes is not only a natural element of the green agenda, but it is also needed to comply with EU's objectives for recycled materials. At the same time, the quality and longevity requirements of the Nordic quality label must not be compromised. With the support of Nordic Poly Mark an initiative group has initiated a joint Nordic project with the purpose of updating the requirements and thereby pave the way for approval of sustainable infrastructure pipes partly produced with recycled plastic. The group is looking for partners among manufacturers, user organisations and test bodies in the Nordic region for the coming period. Further information and an abstract of the project can be provided by the initiative group: Miriam Feilberg (DANVA), Peter Sejersen (NPG), Torben Vonsild (DTI) and Kaj Bryder (DTI), email: kbr@teknologisk.dk, tel. +45 7220 1220.

Crack-resistant materials (RC materials)

The Certification Group is currently working on certification of RC materials. In the near future, we expect that certification of RC materials for production of pipes for gas and - at a later stage - also pipes for water supply will be included in INSTA-CERT's certification scope.

INSTA-CERT statistics

Deviations for products marked with Nordic Poly Mark 2020		
Number of findings		
Non-conformities	During AT control	Feedback from the market
Internal control		
Lack of control	1	
Deviation group A	10	
Deviation group B	2	
Deviation group C		
Lack of corrective actions		
Deviation group A		
Deviation group B		
Deviation group C		
Pressure pipes		
Deviation group A	4	
Deviation group B	5	
Deviation group C	3	
Sewer pipes		
Deviation group A	3	
Deviation group B	4	
Deviation group C		
Structured wall pipes		
Deviation group A	3	
Deviation group B	2	
Deviation group C		
Chambers		
Deviation group A		
Deviation group B		
Deviation group C	1	
Misuse of NPM		
Total	38	

Number of inspections

Approx. 450

Number of tests

Approx. 3000

Number of certificates

Approx. 230

Classification of non-conformities			
Degree of deviation	Type of non-conformity	Action by INSTA-CERT	Deviation group
1	No direct influence on the quality	Remark	A
2	May have influence on the quality	Written declaration of corrective actions requested	B
3	Has influence on the quality, but is not critical	Written declaration of corrective actions and retest required	
4	Critical non-conformities	Temporary revocation of certificate	C
5	Critical non-conformities found and corrective actions not sufficient	Revocation of certificate	

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