

NOTICE OF MODIFICATION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

BNQ 2621-905 *Ready-Mixed Concrete — Certification Program (developed from certain requirements of the standards CSA A23.1/A23.2)*

Date

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Updating of the certification program BNQ 2621-905 in reference to the certification document BNQ 2621-905/2023

The aim of this notice is to inform you of:

- the updating of the certification program BNQ 2621-905, now offered in reference to the certification document BNQ 2621-905/2023;
- the terms and conditions surrounding the transition period granted to concrete producers to meet the new requirements set out in the 2023 edition of the BNQ certification document 2621-905.

The certification program is now subject to the requirements of the BNQ certification document 2621-905/2023 *Ready-Mixed Concrete — Certification Program (developed from certain requirements of the standards CSA A23.1/A23.2)*. This certification document provides clarifications to the general rules of procedure of the information document BNQ 9902-001. It also specifies the conditions of intervention of the BNQ as well as the adaptations and requirements that the concrete producer shall respect as part of the certification program.

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

- As of publication of this document, any new application for certification will be processed based on the requirements of the 2023 edition of the certification program.
- Concrete producers already holding a certificate of conformity or having a file open at the BNQ will not have to file a new application.
- As of April 1, 2024, BNQ's periodic inspection visits will be conducted based on the 2023 requirements of the certification program.
- If a nonconformity applies to a new requirement during the transition period, it will not be considered when establishing the rating indicating the level of conformity with the requirements. This will allow the certified company to conform with the new edition through its commitment to apply appropriate corrective actions, thus accelerating the transition process to the new edition.
- The updating of the concrete producer's certificate of conformity based on the certification program's new requirements will allow its continuation. The expiry date of the modified certificate of conformity will be identical to the expiry date of the certificate of conformity hold by the concrete producer in relation to the 2018 edition of the certification document.
- **March 31, 2025** is the deadline for concrete producers holding a certificate of conformity in relation to the 2018 edition of the certification document BNQ 2621-905 to demonstrate that they meet the new requirements of the certification program.
- Starting **April 1, 2025**, the BNQ will withdraw all valid certificates of conformity in relation to the 2018 edition of the certification document BNQ 2621-905. After that date, concrete producers wishing to obtain the certification will have to file a new application with the BNQ, and application fees will be charged.

The document « *Résumé des principaux changements (édition 2023)* » is available, in French only, on the BNQ's Web site.

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