

NOTICE OF MODIFICATION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

CSA B137.3.1 Molecularly Oriented Polyvinylchloride (PVCO) Pipe for Pressure Application

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2023-03-31

Updating of the certification program CSA B137.3.1 in reference to the standard CSA B137.3.1/2020 and the document Certification Requirements CSA B137.3.1/2023-02-14

The aim of this notice is to inform you of:

- the updating of the certification program CSA B137.3.1 now offered in reference to the standard CSA B137.3.1/2020 and the document Certification Requirements CSA B137.3.1/2023-02-14;
- 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 2020 edition of the standard CSA B137.3.1 and the document Certification Requirements CSA B137.3.1/2023-02-14.

The certification program in reference to the 2020 edition of the standard CSA B137.3.1 is now subject to the requirements of the document Certification Requirements CSA B137.3.1/2023-02-14 Molecularly Oriented Polyvinylchloride (PVCO) Pipe for Pressure Application. This document provides clarifications to the general rules of procedure of the information document BNQ 9902-001. It also outlines BNQ's specific conditions for intervention and the specific requirements that manufacturers shall meet as part of the certification program.

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

- As of today, any new application for certification will be processed based on the certification program's new requirements.
- Manufacturers already holding a certificate of conformity or having a file open at the BNQ will not have to file a new application.
- As of today, BNQ's periodic inspection visits scheduled for fall 2023 may be conducted on the basis of the certification program's new requirements, and the BNQ will deliver certificates of conformity in relation to the standard's 2020 edition as the manufacturers will demonstrate that they meet these program's requirements.
- 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 modified certificate of conformity will be identical to the expiry date of the certificate of conformity hold by the manufacturer in relation to the 2017 edition of the standard.
- **February 28, 2024** is however the deadline for manufacturers holding a certificate of conformity in relation to the 2017 edition of the standard CSA B137.3.1 to demonstrate they meet the certification program's new requirements.
- Starting **March 1, 2024**, the BNQ will withdraw all valid certificates of conformity in relation to the 2017 edition of the standard. 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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