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To all certificate holder with a certificate according to TRA 32

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KVD/AVO/25/0071

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Subject: Certification Elastomeric Products

Circular Letter 32/2025/01

Dear,

In the context of BENOR certification for elastomeric products, please find attached the following new reference documents :

- Application regulation TRA 32 Version 8.0
- Technical specification PTV 832-1 Version 3.0
- Technical specification PTV 832-2 Version 3.0
- Technical specification PTV 832-4 Version 3.0
- Technical specification PTV 832-5 Version 4.0

These documents were approved by the Sectoral Committee for elastomeric products on November 12, 2024, and ratified by the COPRO Board of Directors on December 3, 2024.

TRA 32 version 8.0 replaces version 7.0. PTV 832-1 version 3.0 replaces version 2.0. PTV 832-2 version 3.0 replaces version 2.0. PTV 832-4 version 3.0 replaces version 2.0. PTV 832-5 version 4.0 replaces version 3.0.

These documents will be mandatory as of November 30, 2025.

This circular letter replaces circular letter RBC 32/2022/01.

Below is a summary of the main changes.

TRA 32:

Clause 1.1.1	The following definitions have been added <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Exclusive distributor- Quality- Semi-finished product The definition of 'Product article' has been clarified.
Clause 2.4.7	It was clarified that the stock of BENOR-certified products may continue to be supplied for 12 months after the certificate was suspended by the producer.
Clause 2.4.8	It was clarified that the stock of BENOR-certified products may continue to be supplied for 12 months after the certificate was ceased by the producer.

Clause 2.5.2	It has been clarified that reference to the code of technical data sheet is <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - obligatory on the packaging of the product article, - to be mentioned on the product article itself, if possible.
Clause 2.5.3	It has been clarified that reference to the BENOR-mark is <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - obligatory on the packaging of the product article, - to be mentioned on the product article itself, if possible.
Clause 2.5.5	It was added what should be mentioned on the delivery note from the producer to an exclusive distributor.
Clause 4.3	The requirements on raw materials have been extended with the semi-finished products.
Clause 4.3.2	There has been added that an overview has to be available of all the validated raw materials and semi-finished products that may be used in production.
Clause 4.5.1.1	It was added that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If production or delivery under the BENOR mark remains interrupted, a minimum of external monitoring is provided for. - If production and delivery under the BENOR mark remains interrupted, the certificate holder may also opt for suspension of the certificate at his own request.
Clause 4.6	The requirements on quality manual and technical file have been clarified.
Clause 4.6.3.2	If the producer uses an exclusive distributor, details of the exclusive distributor should be added to the technical file.
Clause 4.6.3.3	The list of matters for which changes to the technical file should be reported to the certification body has been extended.
Clause 4.7	The Clause relating to type testing now refers to the applicable PTV for scope, requirements, validity and modifications.
Clause 5.2.4.2	It was clarified what matters must be in order during the start-up inspection before trial period can start.
Clause 5.2.5	The minimum number of compliant tests to be obtained during internal self-monitoring before the end of the trial period has been adjusted and clarified in this Clause. In addition, there has been added how many of most recent internal test results must conform to the requirements of the applicable PTV.
Art. 5.2.7	It was added that the minimum number of tests performed under the supervision of the inspection body, the result of which complies with the requirements of the applicable PTV, is two per product type. In addition, the result of the last two tests attended must be compliant. The characteristics to be determined per product type by an external laboratory were added. It was added that all characteristics must be determined at least twice and that the result of the last two determinations must conform to the requirements of the PTV.
Clause 6.1.1.5	It was specified that digitisation of worksheets is allowed.
Clause 6.1.2.3	The content of the register of raw materials was clarified. The content of the register of production has been modified.
Clause 6.2.3	The table in this Clause has been removed. Instead it has been clarified how self-monitoring is to be performed on mixtures and semi-finished products.
Clause 6.2.4	There has been added that, should there be any observations concerning the production unit, these observations are to be recorded, together with the actions taken.

Clause 6.2.6	Separate tables were provided for the frequency of internal self-monitoring by product type. It was added that tests are to be carried out per quality.
Clause 7.2.1.2 & 7.2.1.3	The possibility of conducting remote inspections was provided, including which parts are eligible for this.
Clause 7.2.1.4	It added what controls can be carried out during any additional inspections.
Clause 7.3.1.3	Er werd verduidelijkt welke proeven en met welke frequentie er proeven worden bijgewoond tijdens een inspectie.

PTV 832-1:

Clause 1.1.1	The definition of a 'Functional dimension' has been added.
Clause 3.4.1.3	The possibility to add a coating to the product article has been added, together with the requirements on both the coating and the product article.
Clause 3.4.2	There was added that all functional and non-functional dimensions are to be declared by the producer.
Clause 3.4.3	Defects and imperfections have been described more in detail.
Clause 3.4.11, 3.4.12, 3.4.13, 3.4.14, 3.4.15	Since these characteristics are not normalized according to Annex ZA of the European standard, requirements on test method and test result have been specified in PTV.
Clause 3.6	Provisions for type testing have been added.
Clause 4.6	For the determination of the change in volume after testing the product on high chemical resistance, reference is made to Clause 4.7.
Clause 4.7	A separate Clause was provided for the determination of volume change.
Clause 5.2.2	There was added that on each packaging unit reference must be made to the production date and to the rubber quality. There was added that on each individual product reference must be made to the name of the product and to the production date or production period.

PTV 832-2:

Clause 1.1.1	The definition of a 'Functional dimension' has been added.
Clause 3.4.2	There was added that all functional and non-functional dimensions are to be declared by the producer.
Clause 3.4.3	Defects and imperfections have been described more in detail.
Clause 3.4.11	Since these characteristics is not normalized according to Annex ZA of the European standard, requirements on the test method and test result have been specified in PTV.
Clause 3.6	Provisions for type testing have been added.
Clause 5.2.2	There was added that on each packaging unit reference must be made to the production date. There was added that on each individual product reference must be made to the name of the product and to the production date or production period.



PTV 832-4:

Clause 1.1.1	The definition of a 'Functional dimension' has been added.
Clause 3.2.1	Reference to hot water applications have been removed since these applications are not part of the scope of EN 681-1.
Clause 3.4.2	There was added that all functional dimensions are to be declared by the producer.
Clause 3.4.3	Defects and imperfections have been described more in detail.
Clause 3.6	Provisions for type testing have been added.

PTV 832-5:

Clause 1.1.1	The definition of a 'Functional dimension' has been added.
Clause 2.2.1 & 2.3.1	Cast iron has been specified as being gully tops and/or manhole covers.
Clause 3.4.2	There was added that all functional are to be declared by the producer.
Clause 3.4.3	Defects and imperfections have been described more in detail.
Clause 3.4.10, 3.4.11, 3.4.12, 3.4.13, 3.4.14, 3.4.15, 3.4.16	Since these characteristics is not normalized according to Annex ZA of the European standard, requirements on the test method and test result have been specified in PTV.
Clause 3.6	Provisions for type testing have been added.
Clause 4.5	A separate Clause was provided for the determination of volume change.
Clause 5.2.2	There was specified that on each packaging unit reference must be made to the production date. There was added that on each individual product reference must be made to the name of the product and to the production date or production period.

Our usual contacts are available to answer any questions you may have regarding this circular letter.

Yours sincerely,

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