



Fire Protection

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To the holders of Certificates of constancy of performance that have been issued by a Notified Body in the UK

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Information on Certificates of constancy of performance issued by a UK Notified Body

Dear Sir or Madam,

Unfortunately, a withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the EU without an agreement is becoming more and more likely, and from various discussions with our customers we are aware that our customers are very concerned about possible strategies and plans and that various options are being considered.

On 22.01.2019, the European Commission published a notice dealing with the important matter of the validity of Certificates of constancy of performance: In the event of a no-deal Brexit on 30.03.2019, all Certificates of constancy of performance issued by a UK Notified Body will lose their validity, since the UK Notified Bodies will lose their status as EU Notified Bodies. The holders of such a Certificate of constancy of performance are therefore advised to obtain a new certificate from another EU notified certification body.¹

Due to the long-standing partnership with LPCB, VdS Schadenverhütung offers to issue Certificates of constancy of performance on the basis of already existing LPCB test reports, provided that the construction product in question already has a VdS approval certificate.² For products without a valid VdS approval certificate, it will have to be decided on a case-by-case basis whether it is still possible for VdS to issue a Certificate of constancy of performance.

¹ Notice of the European Commission "WITHDRAWAL OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND EU RULES IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS" dated 22.01.2019, page 4;

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/file_import/industrial_products_en_1.pdf

² A verification by VdS based on the Construction Products Regulation is required.

If you wish to make use of this procedure, please send the following documents to brexit@vds.de:

- Copy of the current Certificate of constancy of performance issued by BRE
- Copy of the VdS approval certificate or information that the product does not have a VdS approval
- Up-to-date quality plan
- Up-to-date declaration of performance
- A completed and signed VdS 2344 Annex D (Please tick "First Issue of a Certificate of constancy of performance")
- A completed and signed VdS 2344 Annex E (if the certificate holder and the manufacturing site are not identical)
- Technical documentation and list of documents in accordance with VdS 2344 Annex B (only required if the product does not have a VdS approval)
- All BRE test reports for the products (only required if the product does not have a VdS approval)

When all the required documents have been submitted, they can probably be processed within approximately three weeks. (If the product does not have a VdS approval, the procedure will take longer). If the assessment reveals that the manufacturing site has not yet been inspected by VdS, an additional date for an audit must be agreed. When the review of the documents has been completed and has not revealed any discrepancies, the certificate can be issued within approximately one week.

We hope that this letter has been helpful and that we have been able to reassure you a little.

Yours faithfully,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ulrich Rabe', written in a cursive style.

Ulrich Rabe