



Test Reports From Other Laboratories

Policy

For some certification programs Furntech-AFRDI will accept test reports issued by other laboratories as evidence of testing that can be used towards meeting the certification requirements for that program.

Due to the need to confirm actual test data only test reports bearing the accreditation mark of one of the accreditation bodies signatory to the ILAC (International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation) or APLAC (Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation) MRA will be considered.

If the certification program is one that accepts test reports issued by other laboratories the following requirements must be met:

- the testing must have been conducted within the last three years (i.e. the test report cannot be more than three years old); and
- the tests conducted must be the same as those Furntech-AFRDI would have done or deemed by Furntech-AFRDI to be substantially equivalent (it is possible that only parts of submitted test reports will be accepted); and
- the laboratory must be externally accredited under ISO Guide 25 or ISO/IEC 17025 to conduct the specific tests covered by the test report (at the time the test report was generated); and
- the laboratory accreditation organisation must be recognised by NATA's Mutual Recognition Arrangement; and
- the item to which the test report relates must be able to be unambiguously identified (photographs and/or product ID from the test laboratory are required); and
- the test report submitted must be either addressed to the applicant company or, if it is not, the owner/addressee of the report must have formally granted its use to the applicant company for this purpose; and
- the test report must be confirmed by the testing laboratory whose name appears on the report as a genuine report issued by that laboratory; and

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- an English translation of the test reports is required (and it is the responsibility of the applicant to provide this).

To meet the criteria for AFRDI certification further testing/assessment will be required following the initial assessment of the submitted test report/s. A quotation will be issued to cover this work (and will include details of the samples required to be sent to our laboratory for assessment). Further testing/assessment is required to either:

- 1) increase the strength and durability levels from those tested to those which are satisfactory to meet AFRDI certification requirements; and/or
- 2) confirm by discretionary testing that the product has inherent quality of the order of that which is being claimed; and/or
- 3) to fulfil any other requirements set out in the AFRDI certification criteria for the product/s involved.

Process

Firstly, the client should contact AFRDI to see whether their product is covered by a certification program which accepts test reports issued by other laboratories.

The client's second task is to provide copies of the relevant reports. They should also provide identifying photographs and/or product ID from the testing laboratory from which the test reports are supplied to enable Furntech-AFRDI to compare that which was tested to that which the client is presenting for certification.

All clients seeking AFRDI certification on this basis are required to provide all the necessary information to confirm compliance to the above conditions.

Cost

A charge is made to assess this documentation following which the requirement for further assessment can be determined and a quotation to cover this and final certification issued (certification means inclusion under one of Furntech-AFRDI's product certification programs).

Discounts apply for Furntech-AFRDI members.