



Test Reports From Other Laboratories

Policy

Due to the need to confirm actual test data, and recent publications by FIRA regarding cases of certificate fraud, only full 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 accepted as proof of prior testing.

Furntech-AFRDI will accept test reports issued by other laboratories as evidence of testing provided that:

- the tests conducted were 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 would be accepted); and
- the laboratory was externally accredited under ISO Guide 25 or ISO/IEC 17025 to conduct the specific tests covered by the test report; and
- the laboratory accreditation organisation is recognised by NATA's Mutual Recognition Arrangement; and
- the item to which the test report relates can be unambiguously identified, photographs and/or product ID from the test laboratory are required; and
- the test report submitted in application of certification is either addressed to the applicant company or, if it is not, the owner/addressee of the report has formally granted its use to the applicant company for this purpose; and
- a sample is required to be sent to the Institute to be inspected and photographed; and
- the testing was conducted within the last three years.

An English translation of the test reports or certificates is required and it is the responsibility of the client to provide this.

To meet the criteria for Blue Tick certification in most cases further testing/assessment will be required following the initial assessment of prior testing. In this event a quotation will be issued to cover this work. Further testing/assessment is typically required to either:

- 1) increase the strength and durability levels from those tested to those which are satisfactory to meet Blue Tick 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 Blue Tick criteria for the product/s involved.

Process

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

The client's initial 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 Furntech-AFRDI's endorsement.

Cost

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

Discounts apply for Furntech-AFRDI members.