NF certification system
administrative management
appendix:
Control valves and safety valves

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Part 1.
Obtaining the certification

1.1 Lodging an initial admission application

1.1.1 SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION DOSSIER

The application shall be submitted in compliance with the conditions and templates provided in Part 3 of this document.

In the event that the product comes from a production unit located outside the European Economic Area, the applicant/holder must draw up a mandate specifying the functions to be carried out by the representative (template in Part 3 of this document) and which must be co-signed by the applicant/holder and its representative.

When the application is received, the procedure is initiated:
- an administrative and technical review of the request is undertaken;
- the assessment (audits and tests) is carried out;
- the assessment is reviewed;
- the decision is taken.

1.1.2 ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL REVIEW OF THE APPLICATION

When the application dossier is received, the CSTB verifies that:
- all documents requested in the application dossier are included;
- elements contained in the technical file respect the requirements in the certification reference system.

The request is only receivable if:
- the application letter is complete, signed and accompanied by the signed quote where applicable;
- the applicant manages and assumes responsibility for the following stages: design, production, assembly, quality control, marking, packaging and marketing;
- any aspect not carried out by the applicant shall be covered by a contract defining the respective responsibilities with the service provider (template in Part 3 of this document). The applicant shall remain responsible for all the operations and for ensuring they are consistent;
- the products covered by the application comply with the reference standards and technical specifications set in Part 2 of this certification reference system;
- the products covered by the application are manufactured by means of series production techniques;
- the inspections and tests for the products covered by the application and specified in this certification reference system and in the technical documents relating to the product families, are implemented;
- all requested documents are enclosed with the application, in particular the contractual documents between the applicant/representative and the applicant/distributor, if applicable.

The CSTB also makes sure that it has all the ways and means to reply to the application and it may be led to request additional information necessary for the admissibility of the dossier if it is incomplete.
Once the application is admissible, the CSTB plans for the assessment and informs the applicant of the organisational procedures (auditor, audit duration, sites to be audited, laboratories, products to be sampled, etc.).

### 1.1.3 EVALUATION METHODS

The verifications performed within the framework of the NF mark are generally of two types:

- audits carried out at the production site;
- the tests on the products.

### 1.1.4 EVALUATION REVIEW AND DECISION

The CSTB assesses in particular the test and audit reports that are prepared and sent to the applicant (evaluation review).

In certain cases, a complementary inspection operation may be requested by the CSTB, based on its analysis of the report.

For each irregularity, the applicant shall describe the actions implemented or planned with the time span for their application consistent with the deviation observed. The persons responsible for the actions to be implemented shall be mentioned too.

The CSTB analyses the relevance of the reply and may ask for an additional test to be carried out to check that corrective actions have been set up (partial or complete audit and/or tests/documentation verification).

The CSTB may present an anonymous summary of all evaluation results to the Specific Committee for its opinion.

Depending on the results of the entire assessment, the CSTB will make one of the following decisions:

- certification agreement with or without comments;
- certification refusal, giving reasons for the refusal.

In case of a positive certification decision, AFNOR Certification shall grant the right to use the NF mark and the CSTB shall remit the NF certification to the applicant which, on that occasion, will become the holder of the right to use the NF mark.

The certificates are issued with no validity date.

The applicant can contest the decision taken by sending a request in conformity with the General Rules of the NF mark. The applicant is entitled to present their case formally.

The granting of the right of use can in no way substitute the CSTB's responsibility for the legal responsibility on the company that holds the NF mark usage right.

The holder can then provide information about his certification using the methods defined in part 2 of the certification reference system.

### 1.2 Complementary admission application

The steps described in paragraph 1.1 above apply.

The application shall be submitted in compliance with the conditions and templates provided in Part 3 (paragraph 3.2).

### 1.3 Extension application

The steps described in paragraph 1.1 above apply.
The application shall be submitted in compliance with the conditions and templates provided in Part 3 (paragraph 3.3).

1.4 Maintenance application

The application shall be submitted in compliance with the conditions and templates provided in Part 3 (paragraph 3.4).

For distribution under other trademarks, it is acceptable to make certain presentation modifications to the products in question that have no functional effect. In this case, the holder must specify in the maintenance application the list of modifications made to the products in question.

The CSTB then makes sure that these modifications have no functional effect.

The Specific Committee is notified when the CSTB issues decisions to maintain the right of use.

The company that distributes the certified products must provide the CSTB with all the sales documents (catalogues, brochures, websites, etc.) that refer to these products and send updated documents as appropriate.

The CSTB may carry out inspections at the retail site (merchants, DIY superstores, etc.) for products that are the subject of a maintenance application.
Part 2.
Maintaining certification: terms and conditions for follow-up

Throughout the certification period, the holder shall:
- comply with the requirements and marking procedures described in Part 2 of the certification reference system;
- update their certification file using the templates supplied in Part 3 of this Appendix;
- systematically inform the CSTB of any modification to one of the characteristics of the certified product and/or of its organisation that is likely to have an impact on the certification.

In addition, the CSTB reserves the right to carry out any inspections (visits, tests, verifications, etc.) it deems necessary as a result of:
- a modification affecting the certified product or the quality organisation of the manufacturing entities (manufacturing plant, production workshops, subcontractors' plants, etc.);
- complaints, disputes, legal actions, etc. about which it becomes aware related to use of the NF mark;
- checks (including sampling) may be made in trade outlets.

In case of disputes with users, the verifications may include samplings or tests on the utilisation premises (in that case, the holder is invited to be represented so as to witness the operations).

2.1 Conditions for follow-up inspection

The monitoring of the certified products includes follow-up audits to the production unit and tests on the products.

It also involves surveillance of the usage of the mark and the logos on the products, packaging and any communication materials.

The reports are accompanied, as the case may be, by deviation sheets, including a request for a corrective action proposal by the applicant within a prescribed time span.

The follow-up conditions (for audits and tests) depend upon the following:
- whether or not the holder holds the ISO 9001 certification, in compliance with Part 2 of this certification reference system;
- the decisions made as a result of the previous inspection operations (audits and tests).

Before initiating the follow-up process, the CSTB completes an administrative and technical review of the certification dossier to make sure no modifications affecting certification need to be taken into account.

2.2 Evaluation review and decision

The CSTB assesses the test and audit reports that are prepared and sent to the holder (evaluation review).

In certain cases, a complementary inspection operation may be requested by the CSTB, based on its analysis of the report.

For each irregularity, the holder shall present the actions implemented or envisaged with a relevant time span for bringing into application with regard to the deviation observed. The persons responsible for the actions to be implemented shall be mentioned too.
The CSTB analyses the pertinence of the reply and can request the implementation of a complementary check.

The CSTB may submit to the Specific Committee, for approval, a summary of all the assessment results in an anonymous way and the assessment conclusions.

Depending on the results of all the checks, the CSTB makes a conclusion about the evaluation and notifies the holder about the conclusion, which may be:

- Maintenance of the certificate, or
- A decision to sanction in accordance with the General Rules of the NF mark.

In the event of a penalty, this will be operative dating from its notification. The choice of penalty depends on the severity of the observed deviation. The sanction notifications which affect the usage right are signed by CSTB Management.

The costs incurred by additional verifications due to the penalties or after analysing the reports are to be borne by the holder.

The holders and their distributors that benefit from the right to use the mark being maintained are each responsible for the right to use the NF mark relative to the product considered and undertake to apply the measures which result from the penalties, decided upon in accordance with the certification reference system.

Any suspension or any withdrawal of the right to use the NF mark entails the prohibition to use the NF mark and to make reference to it. This obligation is valid not only for the holder but also for the whole sales network of his company, as well as for the dealers called upon to distribute its products.

All the documentation (technical and sales documents, labels, notices, advertising, Web sites, etc.) shall no longer mention the NF mark for the product subjected to a suspension or a withdrawal (erratum and/or reprinting).

The holder can contest the decision taken by submitting a request in conformity with the General Rules of the NF mark. The applicant is entitled to present their case formally.
Part 3. Certification files

The application for the right to use the mark must be drawn up by the applicant/holder in one copy in accordance with the examples and templates set out below. One original of this request shall be made on the applicant’s letterhead paper in French and the entire application shall be sent to the CSTB.

In the event that the product comes from a production unit located outside the European Economic Area, the applicant designates a representative within the European Economic Area who co-signs the application.

An application concerning a product which benefits from a foreign conformity mark or from a test certificate issued by a foreign laboratory is processed, taking into account any existing recognition agreements, in conformity with the General Rules of the NF mark.

Note: Electronic versions of model letters and sheets may be obtained from the CSTB.

The applicant produces a file that contains the elements described in the following table depending on the type of the request.

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<td>Standard sheet 5</td>
<td>Standard sheet 5 where relevant</td>
<td>Only for the modifications made</td>
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3.1 Regarding an initial admission application

Applicants prepare a dossier to include:
- an application and commitment letter in accordance with standard letter 1A;
- **if representative**, an application and commitment letter as per standard letter 1B;
- a general information sheet concerning the applicant, as per standard sheet 1;
- where relevant, a mandate sheet as per standard sheet 2;
- where relevant, a contract sheet as per standard sheet 3;
- a production site organisational chart as per standard sheet 4;
- a data sheet per product according to standard sheet 5:
  - an overall drawing with parts list per product or per product range,
  - where relevant, the Health Compliance Certificate (ACS),
  - technical and sales documentation,
  - etc.
- a description of the laboratory as per standard sheet 6.

3.2 Complementary admission application

Holders prepare a dossier to include:
- An application and commitment letter in accordance with standard letter 2A;
- **if representative**, an application and commitment letter as per standard letter 2B;
- if modification, a general information sheet concerning the applicant, as per standard sheet 1;
- where relevant, a mandate sheet as per standard sheet 2;
- where relevant, a contract sheet as per standard sheet 3;
- where relevant, a production site organisational chart as per standard sheet 4;
- a data sheet per product according to standard sheet 5:
  - an overall drawing with parts list per product or per product range,
  - where relevant, the Health Compliance Certificate (ACS),
  - technical and sales documentation,
  - etc.
- if modification, a description of the laboratory as per standard sheet 6.

3.3 Extension application

Holders prepare a dossier to include:
- an application and commitment letter in accordance with standard letter 2A;
- **if representative**, an application and commitment letter as per standard letter 2B;
- where relevant, a mandate sheet as per standard sheet 2;
- where relevant, a contract sheet as per standard sheet 3;
- if modification, a production site organisational chart as per standard sheet 4;
- a data sheet per product according to standard sheet 5:
3.4 Maintenance application

Holders prepare a dossier to include:
- an application and commitment letter in accordance with standard letter 3A;
- a distributor’s commitment sheet (signature) on their Company letterhead paper, in accordance with standard letter 3B;
- a general information sheet concerning the applicant applying to maintain the right to use, as per standard sheet 1.

3.5 New admission application subsequent to withdrawal of the right to use the NF mark

Holders prepare a dossier to include:
- an application and commitment letter in accordance with standard letter 1A;
- if representative, an application and commitment letter as per standard letter 1B;
- a general information sheet concerning the applicant, as per standard sheet 1;
- a data sheet per product as per standard sheet 5;
- specific items all applicants must submit as part of a new admission application where the usage right has been withdrawn as a result of a sanction in accordance with standard sheet 7.

3.6 Request to suspend the right to use the NF mark

Holders prepare a dossier to include:
- a suspension letter as per standard letter 4A;
if representative, a suspension letter as per standard letter 4B.

3.7 Request to renounce the right to use the NF mark

Holders prepare a dossier to include:
- a renunciation letter as per standard letter 5A;
- if representative, a renunciation letter as per standard letter 5B.
STANDARD LETTER 1A
NF MARK - CONTROL VALVES AND SAFETY VALVES

APPLICATION FORM FOR THE RIGHT TO USE THE NF MARK
FOR ANY APPLICANT SITUATED IN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA
(to be drawn up on the applicant/holder’s letterhead paper)

CSTB
Water Department - Division ESB
A l’attention de M. Jérôme CADIO
84, avenue Jean Jaurès
Champs-sur-Marne
F-77447 Marne La Vallée Cedex 2

Subject: Admission application for the right to use the NF mark - Control valves and safety valves

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to apply for the right to use the NF mark:
- for the following product/range of products: ............ (detailed list pertaining to the product/range of products or specifying “as set out in the list included with this application”);
- produced at the following production unit: ............. (company name, address);
- and for the following trade name: ............... (brand name and/or specific retail product name, which may be on the list included with this application).

For that purpose, I declare that I am familiar with and accept the General Rules of the NF mark and the certification reference system of the NF mark – Control valves and safety valves and I undertake to comply with them and to inform my sales network throughout the duration of usage of the NF mark and, in particular, to comply with the decisions made, without any restriction or reservation, in accordance with the General Rules of the NF mark and with the certification reference system of the NF mark – Control valves and safety valves.

Yours faithfully,

Date and signature of the applicant/holder's legal representative
STANDARD LETTER 1B
NF MARK - CONTROL VALVES AND SAFETY VALVES

APPLICATION FORM FOR THE RIGHT TO USE THE NF MARK
FOR ANY APPLICANT SITUATED OUTSIDE THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA
(to be drawn up on the applicant/holder’s letterhead paper)

CSTB
Water Department - Division ESB
A l’attention de M. Jérôme CADIO
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Champs sur Marne
F-77447 Marne La Vallée Cedex 2

Subject: Admission application for the right to use the NF mark - Control valves and safety valves (with representative)

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to apply for the right to use the NF mark:
- for the following product/range of products:.......... (detailed list pertaining to the product/range of products or specifying “as set out in the list included with this application”);
- produced at the following production unit: ………… (company name, address);
- and for the following trade name: .......... (brand name and/or specific retail product name, which may be on the list included with this application).

For that purpose, I declare that I am familiar with and accept the General Rules of the NF mark and the certification reference system of the NF mark – Control valves and safety valves and I undertake to comply with them and to inform my sales network throughout the duration of usage of the NF mark and, in particular, to comply with the decisions made, without any restriction or reservation, in accordance with the General Rules of the NF mark and with the certification reference system of the NF mark – Control valves and safety valves.

And furthermore, I delegate to the Company …………(company name), (company legal form), (registered office), represented by (Mr/Ms) ……………(name of the legal representative) in that person’s capacity …………………(position) to represent me in the European Economic Area for all questions relative to the use of the NF mark – Control valves and safety valves.

I undertake to immediately notify the CSTB of any new appointment of the representative designated above.

For this purpose, I request that the expenses that are to be borne by me be invoiced directly to my representative. They will make the payments on my behalf and in my name as soon as the invoices are received, as agreed when accepting the role of representative.

Yours faithfully,

Date and signature of the applicant/holder’s legal representative preceded by the handwritten words “Fit for representation”

Date and signature of the representative in the European Economic Area preceded by the handwritten words ”Fit for acceptance of representation”
APPLICATION FORM FOR COMPLEMENTARY ADMISSION OR EXTENSION OF THE RIGHT TO USE THE NF MARK FOR ANY APPLICANT SITUATED IN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA

(to be drawn up on the holder’s letterhead)

CSTB
Water Department - Division ESB
A l’attention de M. Jérôme CADIO
84, avenue Jean Jaurès
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F-77447 Marne La Vallée Cedex 2

Subject: Application for complementary admission or extension of the right to use the NF mark - Control valves and safety valves

Dear Sir,

As the holder of the NF Mark – Control valves and safety valves, for product(s) of my manufacture, identified below:

- description of the product(s):
- production unit:
- right of use granted on (date) and bearing the number:

I am writing to apply for the right to use the NF mark for the product we manufacture, as follows:

- detailed list of the product/range of products:....
- specific retail product name:....

(This information may be included in a list attached to this application)

For an extension application, please provide the information below:

This product deviates from the certified product/range of products due to the following modifications: <description of the modifications>.

The product/product range for which I am seeking an extension will replace the certified product listed above:
- NO (1);
- YES (1).

I declare that the product/product range covered by this application is, with relation to the other characteristics, strictly in conformity with the product/product range already certified and manufactured under the same conditions.

For that purpose, I declare that I am familiar with and accept the General Rules of the NF mark and the certification reference system of the NF mark – Control valves and safety valves and I undertake to comply with them and to inform my sales network throughout the duration of usage of the NF mark and, in particular, to comply with the decisions made, without any restriction or reservation, in accordance with the General Rules of the NF mark and with the certification reference system of the NF mark – Control valves and safety valves.

Yours faithfully,

Date and signature of the holder’s legal representative

(1) Delete as appropriate
STANDARD LETTER 2B

NF MARK - CONTROL VALVES AND SAFETY VALVES

APPLICATION FORM FOR COMPLEMENTARY ADMISSION OR EXTENSION OF THE RIGHT TO USE THE NF MARK FOR ANY APPLICANT SITUATED OUTSIDE THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA

(to be drawn up on the holder’s letterhead)

CSTB
Water Department - Division ESB
A l’attention de M. Jérôme CADIO
84, avenue Jean Jaurès
Champs sur Marne
F-77447 Marne La Vallée Cedex 2

Subject: Application for complementary admission or extension of the right to use the NF mark - Control valves and safety valves (with representative)

Dear Sir,

As the holder of the NF Mark – Control valves and safety valves, for product(s) of my manufacture, identified below:

- description of the product(s): examples BA Backflow preventers, EA Check valves, etc.
- production unit:
- right of use granted on (date) and bearing the number: number of certificate in force

I am writing to apply for the right to use the NF mark for the product we manufacture, as follows:

- detailed list of the product/range of products:....
- specific retail product name:....

(This information may be included in a list attached to this application)

For an extension application, please provide the information below:

This product deviates from the certified product/range of products due to the following modifications: <description of the modifications>.

The product/product range for which I am seeking an extension will replace the certified product listed above:
- NO (1):
- YES (1).

I declare that the product/product range covered by this application is, with relation to the other characteristics, strictly in conformity with the product/product range already certified and manufactured under the same conditions.

For that purpose, I declare that I am familiar with and accept the General Rules of the NF mark and the certification reference system of the NF mark – Control valves and safety valves and I undertake to comply with them and to inform my sales network throughout the duration of usage of the NF mark and, in particular, to comply with the decisions made, without any restriction or reservation, in accordance with the General Rules of the NF mark and with the certification reference system of the NF mark – Control valves and safety valves.

And furthermore, I delegate to the Company (company name), (company legal form), (registered office), represented by (Mr/Ms) (name of the legal representative) in that person’s capacity (position) to represent me in the European Economic Area for all questions relative to the use of the NF mark – Control valves and safety valves.

.../...
I undertake to immediately notify the CSTB of any new appointment of the representative designated above.
For this purpose, I request that the expenses that are to be borne by me be invoiced directly to my representative. They will make the payments on my behalf and in my name as soon as the invoices are received, as agreed when accepting the role of representative.

Yours faithfully,

Date and signature of the holder’s legal representative

Date and signature of the representative in the European Economic Area

(1) Delete inapplicable items
STANDARD LETTER 3A

NF MARK - CONTROL VALVES AND SAFETY VALVES

MAINTENANCE APPLICATION FORM FOR THE RIGHT TO USE THE NF MARK
(to be drawn up on the holder's letterhead)

CSTB
Water Department - Division ESB
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Champs sur Marne
F-77447 Marne La Vallée Cedex 2

Subject: Application to maintain the right to use the NF mark - Control valves and safety valves

Dear Sir,

I would like to apply for the right to use the NF mark to be maintained on products that are no different from those already covered by the mark other than by their brand names and/or their specific retail product names affixed thereto, and where applicable by design changes that do not alter their certified features in any way whatsoever.

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The company which will distribute these products (distributor) under the following brand name <new brand name requested> has the following contact information:

Name: ......................................................................................................................................
Address: .....................................................................................................................................

I agree to provide the above mentioned distributor with the certification reference system for the NF mark – Control valves and safety valves and in particular with the marking provisions laid down in § 2.5 of the certification reference system.

I undertake to immediately inform the CSTB of any changes made to the distribution of these products and, in particular, in the event of any discontinuation of supply to the above-mentioned distributor.

For that purpose, I declare that I am familiar with and accept the General Rules of the NF mark and the certification reference system of the NF mark - Control valves and safety valves and I undertake to comply with them and to inform my sales network throughout the duration of usage of the NF mark and, in particular, to comply with the decisions made, without any restriction or reservation, in accordance with the General Rules of the NF mark and with the certification reference system of the NF mark - Control valves and safety valves.

I authorise the CSTB to inform the above-mentioned distributor of any penalties made in accordance with the certification reference system of the NF mark – Control valves and safety valves, pertaining to the certified products hereby covered.

Please find attached a copy of the commitment sheet signed by the distributor <name of Company> to distribute under the brand name and/or the specific retail product name only certified products that I have delivered to it.

Yours faithfully,

Date and signature of the legal representative of the holder, maintenance applicant
I the undersigned ..................................................
acting in my capacity as: (MD, Chairman, CEO, etc.)
the registered office of which is located at: .................................................................
SIRET No.: ...........................................................................................................
hereby agree:

- to make no technical changes, in particular affecting the nature and/or operational features of the certified products named below:

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- to make no alterations likely to modify the certified features of the products manufactured by the company <holder> such as <detail of alterations>. Any subsequent alteration must be reported beforehand to the CSTB for approval and it must also be agreed with the holder;
- not to change the abovementioned brand names and/or specific retail product names unless agreed with the holder of the right to use the NF mark and after having previously notified the CSTB by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt;
- to distribute <under the brand names> and/or <retail product names> only the products delivered by the following company <holder>;
- not to make any changes to the marking on the products in accordance with the provisions in the certification reference system of the NF mark - Control valves and safety valves;
- to cooperate with the CSTB in all verifications relating to the products covered by this document and to the sale of said products and to provide the CSTB with all documentation that refers to these products;
- to apply the measures resulting from penalties imposed in accordance with the certification reference system of the NF mark - Control valves and safety valves;
- to pay the fees provided for in the NF mark price list and to effect all subsequent payments demanded from me in accordance with the certification reference system of the NF mark - Control valves and safety valves;
- to inform the holder of any complaint received pertaining to the certified products.

I declare that I am familiar with and accept the General Rules of the NF mark and the certification reference system of the NF mark - Control valves and safety valves and I undertake to comply with them and to inform my sales network throughout the duration of usage of the NF mark and, in particular, to comply with the decisions made, without any restriction or reservation, in accordance with the General Rules of the NF mark and with the certification reference system of the NF mark - Control valves and safety valves.

Yours faithfully,

Signature of the legal representative of the distributor, maintenance beneficiary
STANDARD LETTER 4A

NF MARK - CONTROL VALVES AND SAFETY VALVES

APPLICATION TO RENOUNCE THE RIGHT TO USE THE NF MARK FOR ANY APPLICANT SITUATED IN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA

(to be drawn up on the holder's letterhead)

CSTB
Water Department - Division ESB
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84 avenue Jean Jaurès
CHAMPS-SUR-MARNE
77447 MARNE LA VALLEE CEDEX 2 (France)

Subject: Application to renounce the right to use the NF mark – Control valves and safety valves

Dear Sir,

As a holder of the NF mark- Control valves and safety valves, I am writing to you to renounce the right to use the NF mark for the product(s) manufactured by my company with the following references:

- description of the product(s):
- production unit: (company name, address):
- brand name:
- trade reference:
- admission date to the NF mark – Control valves and safety valves or certificate No.

for the following reasons:

Manufacturing is due to cease on:

The stocks of said NF-marked products are as follows:

The anticipated time it will take to deplete them is:

Yours faithfully,

Date and signature of the holder's legal representative
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Date and signature of the representative in the European Economic Area
STANDARD LETTER 5A

NF MARK - CONTROL VALVES AND SAFETY VALVES

APPLICATION TO SUSPEND THE RIGHT TO USE THE NF MARK
FOR ANY APPLICANT SITUATED IN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA

(to be drawn up on the holder’s letterhead)

CSTB
Water Department - Division ESB
A l’attention de M. Jérôme CADIO
84 avenue Jean Jaurès
CHAMPS-SUR-MARNE
77447 MARNE LA VALLEE CEDEX 2 (France)

Subject: Application to suspend the right to use the NF mark – Control valves and safety valves

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As a holder of the NF mark - Control valves and safety valves, I am writing to you to suspend the right to use the NF mark for the product(s) manufactured by my company with the following references:
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- brand name:
- trade reference:
- admission date to the NF mark – Control valves and safety valves or certificate No.

for the following reasons:

for a maximum duration of 6 months, renewable once.

Manufacturing is due to cease on:

The stocks of said NF-marked products are as follows:

The anticipated time it will take to deplete them is:

Yours faithfully,

Date and signature of the holder’s legal representative
STANDARD LETTER 5B

NF MARK - CONTROL VALVES AND SAFETY VALVES

APPLICATION TO SUSPEND THE RIGHT TO USE THE NF MARK
FOR ANY APPLICANT SITUATED OUTSIDE THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA

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Subject: Application to suspend the right to use the NF mark – Control valves and safety valves (with representative)

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- brand name:
- trade reference:
- admission date to the NF mark – Control valves and safety valves or certificate No.

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# STANDARD SHEET 1

## NF MARK - CONTROL VALVES AND SAFETY VALVES

### APPLICANT GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET

**APPLICANT (or DISTRIBUTOR in case of maintenance of the usage right):**

- Company name: ____________________________________________________________
- Address: _________________________________________________________________
- Country: ________________
- Telephone: _______________________________
- Name and capacity of the legal representative (2): ____________________________
- Name and capacity of the contact person (if different): ________________________
- VAT identification number (3): _____________________________________________
- Email address: ___________________________________________________________
- Web site: ______________________________

**MANUFACTURER (if different from the manufacturing plant of the applicant):**

- Company name: ____________________________________________________________
- Address: _________________________________________________________________
- Country: ________________________
- Telephone: ____________________________
- Name and capacity of the legal representative (2): ____________________________
- Name and capacity of the contact person (if different): ________________________
- VAT identification number (3): _____________________________________________
- Email address: ___________________________________________________________
- Web site: ______________________________

**REPRESENTATIVE (if requested):**

- Company name: ____________________________________________________________
- Address: _________________________________________________________________
- Country: ________________________
- Telephone: ____________________________
- Name and capacity of the legal representative (2): ____________________________
- Name and capacity of the contact person (if different): ________________________
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- Web site: ______________________________

**CONSULTANCY SERVICES:**

If the CSTB has undertaken any consultancy work for your company in the 2 years prior to this admission application, please specify:

- The designation of the consultancy service:
- The name of your contact at the CSTB:

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(1) Only for French companies.
(2) The Legal Representative is the individual who is legally responsible.
(3) Applies to European manufacturers.
(4) Include a copy of the certificate.
SAMPLE MANDATE

REPRESENTATIVE in the European Economic Area (for an applicant located outside the E.E.A.):

- Registered name:
- Address:
- Country:
- Name and capacity of the legal representative (1):
- Name and capacity of the contact person (if different):
- Telephone:
- Email:

Identification of functions to be performed by the representative to appear in the mandate between the applicant/holder and the representative

Applicant/Holder: ........................................................................................................................................

Representative: ........................................................................................................................................

Minimum requirements to be included in the mandate:

- assignments and associated responsibilities
- financial aspects
- complaints
- contact of the certification organisation

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Date and signature of the applicant/holder’s legal representative

Date and signature of the representative in the European Economic Area (representative)

(1) The legal representative is the person legally responsible for the enterprise.
A sheet is provided to define the contractual links that exist between the applicant and the various providers of supplies and services to which it subcontracts one or more aspects, mentioned in Paragraph 1.1.2 of this document.

The sheet must be updated when there is any evolution in the contracts and changes in the provider of supplies and services and transmitted to the CSTB.

A sheet must be prepared for each provider of supplies and services and for each of the aspects defined in Paragraph 1.1.2 of this document.

Applicant/Holder:
Provider of supplies and services:

**Identification of the service**
- ☐ Design
- ☐ Production
- ☐ Finished product inspection

**Minimum requirements to be mentioned in the contract:**
- the service provider’s commitment to comply with the requirements of the Certification rules of the NF- Control valves and safety valves application concerning them,
- the methods used by the applicant/holder in concert with the service provider to manage customer complaints,
- the methods used by the applicant/holder to manage inter-service provider complaints,
- as part of the design work, the intellectual property rights holder shall be designated; they shall inform the applicant/holder of any changes in the design drawings,
- the service provider’s commitment to inform the applicant/holder of any changes in their quality management system and, in particular, any non-conformities detected during the internal quality assurance operations or external audits,
- the applicant/holder’s commitment to be represented during the NF Certification admission and follow-up audits.

**DOCUMENTS TO BE SUPPLIED:**
- copy of the contract in French or in English.

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**Date and signature of the applicant/holder’s legal representative**  
**Date and signature of the service provider’s representative**
LISTE OF INFORMATION TO SUPPLY

PRODUCTION SITE ORGANISATION CHART,
FLOW CHART OF THE MANUFACTURE AND OF THE QUALITY SYSTEM

- Description of the various production stations
- Description of the quality assurance plans
STANDARD SHEET 5
NF MARK – CONTROL VALVES AND SAFETY VALVES

PRODUCT SHEET

Description of the product:

FAMILY:

Type:

**Descriptive table:**

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<th>Range</th>
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**Manufacturing process:**

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<td>Applicant Subcontractor (1) Applicant Subcontractor (1)</td>
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(1) Name of the firm

**DOCUMENTS TO BE SUPPLIED:**

- Overall drawings, with tolerances and dates
- List of materials
- Copy of the “accessory” ACS (Health Compliance Certificate) application file
- “Accessory” ACS (Health Compliance Certificate)
- Technical and sales documentation
STANDARD SHEET 6
NF MARK – CONTROL VALVES AND SAFETY VALVES

DESCRIPTION OF THE LABORATORY

- Available equipment.
- Staff assigned.
STANDARD SHEET 7  
NF MARK - CONTROL VALVES AND SAFETY VALVES

SPECIFIC ITEMS THAT ALL APPLICANTS (INDUSTRIALISTS, IMPORTERS, DISTRIBUTORS, ETC.) MUST PRODUCE AS PART OF A NEW ADMISSION APPLICATION WHERE THE USAGE RIGHT HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AS A RESULT OF A SANCTION

1. Deceptive marketing practices in application of Articles L 121-2 to L121-5 from the Consumer Code (Issuance of a false attestation and/or a false certificate indicating that the products are CSTB-certified when they are not).
   Failure to meet commitments as regards the correct usage of the certification mark.

The applicant is responsible for determining and carrying out a course of action that will fully address and remedy the causes and consequences of their commitments as regards the correct usage of the certification mark.

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| CURATIVE ACTIONS | • A list of those affected including full contact details (customers, prospects, technical controllers, etc.) who have received false attestations/false certificates; failing that, a list of those affected (customers, prospects, technical controllers, etc.) who have been contacted over the preceding 24 months. | □ List sent  
□ List not sent  
Comments: |
| | • A list of customers including full contact details who have taken delivery of inappropriately marked products or who have been presented with the mark certification(s); failing that, a list of customers during the preceding 24 months. | □ List sent  
□ List not sent  
Comments: |
| | • Letter written by the Applicant’s manager informing those affected of the invalidity of the false attestations/false certificates they have been sent. | The CSTB will verify that this action has been carried out by contacting 5% of those affected or at least 5 customers and technical controllers.  
□ Letter of information duly implemented and corroborated by those affected  
□ Letter of information not implemented or partially implemented  
Comments: |
| | • Letter written by the Applicant’s manager informing the customers of products that are inappropriately marked or products bearing the certification mark(s). | The CSTB will verify that this action has been carried out by contacting 5% of the customers or at least 5 customers  
□ Letter of information duly implemented, corroborated by those affected  
□ Letter of information not implemented or partially implemented  
Comments: |
| | • Action undertaken against the person or persons responsible for approving and issuing the false attestations/false certificates and/or delivering inappropriately marked products. | □ Action relevant  
□ Action not relevant  
Comments: |
### NF certification system administrative management appendix - NF mark:
### Control valves and safety valves
### Revision No.: 10

#### ACTIONS IT HAS UNDERTAKEN TO FULLY ADDRESS AND REMEDY THE CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES

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<td>• Proof that all the personnel in the company have been informed/made aware of the deceptive marketing practices (e.g. signed attendance record, informative media, etc.).</td>
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<td>• Commitment by all the personnel in the company to abide by the ethical rules (e.g. employment contract, individual commitments, etc.).</td>
<td>Commitments available</td>
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<td>• Scheduling of internal audits on the observance of the ethical rules:</td>
<td>Scheduling in compliance</td>
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<td>* internal audits to be scheduled once a year.</td>
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<td>• Letter from the company manager committing to:</td>
<td>Letter of commitment available</td>
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<td>* grant the CSTB auditor access to the contact details of all those in receipt of proposals so that a sample of the items received can be examined by the CSTB for period of two years;</td>
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<td>* agree to being invoiced for two additional auditing days over the course of the year at the applicable rate;</td>
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<td>Note: the purpose of this audit is to verify the effectiveness of the implementation of the actions on a documentary and in situ basis.</td>
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<td>• Grant the CSTB auditor access to the full contact details of all those in receipt of proposals so that a sample of the items received can be examined by the CSTB for a period of two years.</td>
<td>The CSTB will make enquiries with 5% of the recipients of proposals or at least 5 recipients for a period of two years from the date of the CSTB admission application.</td>
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- □ All the actions required are available, defined, relevant or in compliance. The admission application can proceed.
- □ Not all the required actions are available. The admission application cannot proceed.

ANALYSIS CARRIED OUT BY (Name of the application manager and/or administrator): VALIDATED BY THE OPERATIONS DIRECTOR (Name):
DATE: __ / __ / ____ DATE: __ / __ / ____
SIGNATURE: SIGNATURE:
Part 4.
Prices

The purpose of this part is to define the total NF certification-related services due and to describe the terms of payment.

The NF certification includes the following services:
- Management (development and implementation of an application, examination of the certification application, processing of certification application);
- Right to use the NF mark;
- Testing;
- Audits;
- Spot checks in dealers’ premises;
- Right to use the NF mark;
- Complementary or supplementary checks;
- Travel expenses;
- Promotion.

4.1 Services relating to NF certification

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- Initial application/extension application: See §4.2.1.
- Monitoring: See §4.2.2.
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<td>The minimum amount invoiced will be a half day if the sampling is performed outside of the audit.</td>
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<td>The applicant/holder supplies samples free of charge and makes them available at the laboratory’s address.</td>
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<td>Services required by the additional checks (audit or complementary verification tests) which may turn out to be necessary following insufficiencies or anomalies detected by the routine verifications.</td>
<td>These services are to be borne by the applicant/holder according to the prices in force, provided upon request. The fees for those complementary / supplementary checks are invoiced and shall be paid prior to the services to be provided.</td>
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<td>Sector promotion actions to promote the NF mark.</td>
<td>Monitoring : Cf § 4.2.2.</td>
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4.2 Paying for the services

4.2.1 INITIAL APPLICATION / EXTENSION APPLICATION

Together with the application for certification (initial application or extension application), an advance payment of 50% of the costs relating to management, testing and audit services may be required.

If the travel expenses are not included in the “audit” service, they shall be invoiced after the completion of each audit.

Those fees remain payable even if the right to use the NF mark is not awarded, extended or if the application is abandoned during the examination.

Whenever the NF mark is granted during the year, the amount of the usage fee is calculated on a pro rata basis, based on the number of months following the decision to grant the right of use.

4.2.2 MONITORING

The fees for annual services pertaining to management, audit, testing, inspection at the retail site, promotion and the right to use the NF mark will be invoiced during the first quarter of each year and remain payable if the right to use the NF mark is not renewed, is removed, is cancelled or is suspended during the year.

If the travel expenses are not included in the “audit” service, they shall be invoiced after the completion of each audit.

4.2.3 NON-PAYMENT OF AMOUNTS DUE

The applicant or holder of the right to use the NF mark must pay all their fees in accordance with the stipulated terms of payment. Any failure on their part constitutes an obstacle to the performance by CSTB of the responsibilities of verification and corrective action that are incumbent upon it under this certification reference system.

If an initial notification by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt does not result, within one month, in the payment of all the sums due, all penalties provided for in the General Rules of the NF mark may be applied for all the products accepted for that holder.

4.3 Cancellation by the applicant/holder of an audit or a test

For any audit cancelled by the applicant/holder less than 30 days prior to the date of the audit, CSTB may charge a lump sum by way of damages:

- 25% of the audit invoice if cancelled 1 month prior to the audit;
- 50% of the audit invoice if cancelled from 1 month to 15 days prior to the audit;
- 75% of the audit invoice if cancelled less than 15 days prior to the audit.

If the CSTB travel and accommodation expenses are not subject to a fixed rate, they will also be invoiced if those expenses cannot be fully refunded.

Applicants/holders do not have to pay this lump sum provided that they can demonstrate that the cancellation directly results from a case of force majeure as specified under French Law.

Prices are reviewed annually, in the form of a price list drawn up by CSTB. This revision is decided after consulting with the Specific Committee.
4.4 Prices

If holders refuse to recognise the annual price review, they will be deemed to have voluntarily terminated the certification contract and the right to use the NF mark for their certified products.