



## CERTIFICATION

Addendum No. 1 to the  
CSTBat Certification Reference System:

“Polyethylene pipe  
systems for water  
drainage”



Identification No.: QB 08-2

Revision No.: 09

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*The English version is provided for information. In case of doubt or dispute, the French version only is valid.*

**Addendum No.1 to the CSTBat Certification Reference System “Polyethylene pipe systems for water drainage” RT 15-2  
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CSTB has established a collective QB certification mark that will eventually take the place of the CSTBat mark.

This addendum modifies the CSTBat Certification Reference System “Polyethylene pipe systems for water drainage”, so that from now on in this reference system, the QB mark should replace the CSTBat mark. Nevertheless, the transition period has been defined to enable all the holders to make changes to the product markings and the communication and/or sales material. These transition procedures are outlined in article 2.7.

It was approved by the CSTB Technical Management on 06/10/2016 and will be applied from 28/10/2016.

**MODIFICATIONS BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE ADDENDUM TO THE CSTBat CERTIFICATION REFERENCE SYSTEM “Polyethylene pipe systems for water drainage” revision No. 09:**

<b>Modified part</b>	<b>Type of modification made</b>
Article § 2.7. of the certification reference system RT 15-2 and Part 4 of technical document 1	Cancels and replaces article 2.7 of the CSTBat certification reference system “Polyethylene pipe systems for water drainage” RT 15-2 revision No. 09, Provides details in part 4 of technical document 1. ➤ Procedure of transition to the QB mark



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## **2.7. Marking – General provisions**

The Specific Committee has set the latest deadline for replacing the CSTBat with the QB mark:

- for marking certified products, product packaging and the products' accompanying documents: 31/12/2018,
- for communication material or sales documents: 31/12/2018.

The marking procedures during this transition period are defined in paragraphs 2.7.1.to 2.7.5

Marking is an integral part of the certification of a product.

Beyond the identification of a certified product and its traceability, the marking of a product with the logo of the collective certification mark ensures optimal protection for users and protects holders against wrongful use and counterfeit.

It is not under any circumstances permitted to refer to the QB mark without having obtained the right to use said certification mark, or to submit counterfeit products for certification.

The reproduction or use of CSTB logos is only authorised through strict application of the QB graphic chart and with support of the right of use, authorised by a valid certificate or with the prior consent of CSTB.

In addition, the fact of mentioning the main certified characteristics is intended to make the technical characteristics covered by the mark transparent to the consumers and users. It thus enhances the certification and its content.

The purpose of the marking rules described hereafter is to guide the holder in complying with regulatory requirements and certification requirements. The General Requirements of the QB mark define the conditions of use, the conditions of validity of the right to use the QB mark and the penalty arrangements in the case of wrongful use.

Without prejudice to the penalties provided for in the QB mark General Requirements, any incorrect declaration of the certified characteristics and any fraudulent use of the QB logo will result in legal action against the holder for deceptive marketing.

### **2.7.1. THE QB LOGO**

The QB logo will ensure the identification of each certified product throughout the transition period and shall assure this identification beyond this transition period.

The holder undertakes to respect the graphic charter of the QB mark. The QB logo and its graphic charter are available from the application manager.

The certified product must have a distinct designation and identification from non-certified products.

The holder shall not use the QB logo except to single out certified products without there being any risk of confusion whatsoever with other products, especially non-certified products.

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To prevent any confusion between certified products and non-certified products, applicants/holders must ensure that the trade names used are not identical or similar (for example: "Prod+" for a certified product and "Prod" for a non-certified product).

It is recommended that the holder remit to CSTB in advance any marking projects or material upon which the certification mark appears.

If the product cannot be marked for technical reasons, CSTB must be contacted to determine a common marking rule.

### **2.7.2. MARKING CONDITIONS**

This section describes both the terms for affixing the QB logo and the marking of certified characteristics.

The requirements of article R 115-2 of the Consumer Code stipulate that marking must comply with the provisions outlined in the following paragraphs, and whenever possible, include the following information:



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**List of certified characteristics defined in paragraph 2 of technical document 1**

It is recommended that consumers be informed about the primary reasons for and advantages of using a certified product. The certified characteristics must appear on at least one of the supports (product, packaging or communication media).

### **2.7.3. MARKING OF CERTIFIED PRODUCTS**

All certified products manufactured after the date indicated on the approval of the right to use the QB mark (via an admission or extension procedure) and which comply with the requirements of this Certification Reference System, must be marked, at a minimum, with the mark logo (unless not possible for technical reasons).

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During the transition period, certified products can be marked with:

- 1 the QB mark logo or,
- 2 the CSTBat mark logo.

At the end of the transition period, only the marking of the QB mark logo will be authorised on certified products.

The marking must appear in a legible, indelible permanent manner on pipes and fittings with the indications specified in part 4 of technical document 1 of the certification reference system RT 15-2-09.

NB: If there is a code for identifying the product, the code must be given to CSTB.

**2.7.4. MARKING ON THE PACKAGING OF THE CERTIFIED PRODUCT OR ON THE PRODUCT'S ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

All packaging for certified products or accompanying documents must include all the marking components defined in paragraph 2.7.2. of this addendum: mark logo, name of the application, reference to the website and if possible list of certified characteristics.

During the transition period, the packaging for certified products or accompanying documents can be marked with:

- 1 the QB mark logo or,
- 2 the CSTBat mark logo.

At the end of the transition period, only the marking of the QB mark logo will be authorised on the packaging or the accompanying documents of certified products.



**2.7.5. MARKING ON COMMUNICATION MATERIAL AND DOCUMENTATION (SALES  
AND TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS, POSTERS, ADVERTISEMENTS, WEBSITES,  
ETC.)**

The generic use of the QB mark through its reproduction in the holders' correspondence is forbidden, unless the holder has the right to use the QB mark for all of its products.

References to the QB mark in communication material or documentation must be made in a way that does not allow for any confusion between certified products and other products. They shall include all the marking components defined in paragraph 2.7.2. of this addendum: logo of the mark, name of the application, reference to the website and if possible the list of the certified characteristics.

During the transition period, documentation can make reference to:

- 1 the QB mark logo or,
- 2 the CSTBat mark logo,
- 3 or the QB mark logo associated with the CSTBat mark logo.

At the end of the transition period, only the marking of the QB mark logo will be authorised on the communication media and the documentation.

For the French market, this information must be provided in French (Law No. 94-665 of 4 August 1994 relative to the use of the French language). If necessary, the information can also be given in one or more other languages.

For the proper interpretation of this paragraph, the holder should be advised to submit to CSTB in advance all communication material and documentation where the certification mark is expected to be used.