

Certification in a nutshell

Fibre-cement slates

The product is certified by a certification body accredited according to ISO CEI 17 065 by a body recognized by E.A. (European cooperation for Accreditation).

The certified characteristics are the following:

- According to NF EN 492 standard in effect :
Composition (NT) ;
Geometrical characteristics ;
Bending moment.

The certification reference system is being developed by gathering the views of the different stakeholders:

- professionals producing the product and/or providing the service,
- consumers, users, specifiers,
- administrations, technical experts.

The certification reference system and the valid certificates (or the list of the certified products) are available to the public, free of charge and without any identification information requirement, via a website or any other means.

Whenever technically possible, the certified products are specifically marked, at least with reference to the mark.

The certified characteristics are assessed under the responsibility of the certification body, on the basis of the following checks:

	Admission	Continuous surveillance
Performance an audit of the production by a qualified technical auditor: - Supervision of controls and records of the production: raw materials, processes, end products - Supervision of the quality management provisions: metrology, packaging, storage, traceability, marking of the product, handling nonconformities and customer complaints - Supervision of tests on certified characteristics, if applicable.	Yes	Yes Frequency (*) : 2 audits every 12 months
Performing tests in a laboratory recognised by the certification body (independent and competent): - Sampling by the certification body on the production site /holder and/or on the market	Yes	Yes Frequency: 1 annual test campaign

(*) The audit frequency is 2 annual audits. It may be reduced to 1 annual audit, provided that:

- The production site has been certified QB more than 5 years;
- the results of the previous assessments are very satisfactory for the past 3 years (the manufacturing unit has not been the subject of any critical deviation, warning or sanction).

After reduction, the audit frequency may be increased to 2 annual audit(s) when critical non-conformities are observed.

This data sheet is a synthesis and aims at a quick understanding by any specifier of the scope and assessment rules for the certification.

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