

# Certification in a nutshell

## Ceramic tiles for floor coverings

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 Product Standard NF EN 14411 :

- Dimensions
- Water absorption group
- Frost resistance
- Breaking strength

Other specifications for QB UPEC products :

- UPEC rating (resistance to : abrasion, breaking strength, impacts, high rolling, chemicals and stains)
- Dimensions ( more requiring than in Standard NF EN 14411)

Other specifications for QB UPEC.F+ products :

- UPEC rating (resistance to : abrasion, breaking strength, repeated impact, chemicals and stains)
- Dimensions ( more requiring than in Standard NF EN 14411)

Optionnal specifications :

Slip resistance (PN/PC classification) ; Dimensions D+ (higher parameters)

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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supervision of controls and records of the production: raw materials, processes, end products</li> <li>- Supervision of the quality management provisions: metrology, packaging, storage, traceability, marking of the product, handling nonconformities and customer complaints</li> <li>- Supervision of tests on certified characteristics, if applicable.</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b> <b>Frequency:</b> 1 audit every 12 months
Performing tests in a laboratory recognised by the certification body (independent and competent): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sampling by the certification body on the production site</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b> <b>Frequency:</b> every 12 months

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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