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The Licensee’s quality control system per NFRC 700-2015, and IA’s existing inspection processes per the NFRC 702-2015, for the NFRC Product Certification Program may remain in effect until January 1, 2018.

NFRC staff will provide short presentations regarding Item 1 and Item 2 during the Ratings Committee at the NFRC Spring Committee Meeting in Alexandria, VA, March 28, 2017.

Item 1: Publication and Implementation of NFRC 700-2017

The NFRC Board has approved NFRC 700-2017: Product Certification Program document with the following modifications:

The following modifications are implemented upon publication:

- Applied Film Program – License Agreements
  - Language was modified for introducing three new program participant roles for the Applied Film Program. These participants include Applied Film Manufacturer, Applied Film Supplier, and Applied Film Licensed Brander. See Item 2 (below) for details.

The following language was extended for implementation until January 1, 2018, as approved by the Board:

- Documented Quality Control System, Section 8.2.B.i and ii:
  - Language was modified to the Quality Control System requirements for auditing of incoming material and in-process material.
- Documented Quality Control System, Section 8.2.1.4
  - Language was modified to the Quality Control System for internal quality audits.
- Additional document available: The Quality Control System Guide
  - Provides descriptions of the requirements for a NFRC licensee to incorporate documented procedures to be used as a guide when preparing their quality systems, per the NFRC 700 section 8.2.

Item 2: How to Sign up for the Applied Film Program

The NFRC 700 Applied Film Program ballot was approved in Spring 2015. A license agreement to support the new applied film participant roles has been
completed by NFRC legal counsel and is available for new participants to join the program.

What are the roles?

The Applied Film Manufacturer is an existing role for a participant in the NFRC Product Certification Program; however, the role has been given its individual requirements so not to be confused with other attachment product participants or requirements. NFRC will be contacting its existing Applied film participants individually with the request to submit new license agreements.

The new participant, Applied Film Supplier, has been introduced for those suppliers who manufacturer applied film but does not intend to provide the product as ‘NFRC-certified’ in the market under their own brand name. The Applied Film Supplier will need to be licensed with NFRC for the purposes of an Inspection Agency conducting an NFRC Plant Inspection at the manufacturing location.

The third new participant, Applied Film Licensed Brander, has been introduced for those companies who wish to either: copy a Applied Film Manufacturer’s product line in the NFRC Applied Film Directory (APD) to label and market under their own licensed brand name; receive reissued reports from an Applied Film Supplier for certification authorization in the APD, or receive finished product from an Applied Film Supplier and pursue NFRC Certification for a product line. The Applied Film Licensed Brander, similar to a Window or Door Private Labeler, will have its own definitive course as a “Licensed Brander” for participants to take and brand a product as their own.

How does an interested participant sign up?

Visit our Become a PCP Applied Film Participant page that provides the Applied Film License Agreement and supporting documentation. Sign and return all License Agreement Materials or you may also contact NFRC staff directly by emailing pcp@nfrc.org or calling 301-589-1776.

Item 3: Publication and Implementation of NFRC 702-2017

The NFRC Board has approved NFRC 702-2017: Certification Agency Program document, which is published and implemented and available on the NFRC Website.

The following language is extended for implementation until January 1, 2018, as approved by the Board:

- Plant Audits, Sections 3.2.2.3 and 4.1.2
  - Language was modified for strengthening the details of plant inspections, achieving a higher level of consistency between IAs, and to support the modifications to the NFRC 700 program for Quality Control System.

Item 4: Publication and Implementation of NFRC 706-2017

The NFRC Board has reaffirmed the NFRC 706: Requirements for Participation Insulating Glass Certification Programs document, which is published and implemented and available on the NFRC Website. As a reaffirmed document there are no modifications to the program.
Item 5: Publication and Implementation of NFRC 714-2017

The NFRC Board has reaffirmed the NFRC 714: Challenge and Appeals Procedure document, which is published and implemented and available on the NFRC Website. As a reaffirmed document there are no modifications to the program.

Download the NFRC 714-2017 HERE

Non-NFRC Members may obtain the documents by clicking on this link to the NFRC Program Documents Page on the NFRC website.

If you have any questions concerning the information in this NFRC PCP Bulletin, please contact Sherri Wendt at 240-821-9516.

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