1. Request for Participant Feedback Regarding the IG Certification Period

NFRC 706: Requirements for Participating Insulating Glass Certification Programs is the NFRC oversight document for IG certification programs. Currently, Section 3.2.ii states, "The IGC Program shall require mandatory IG testing by its program participants at least once every two years...." In 2017, a request was brought to the Certification Policy Committee (CPC), the NFRC 706 oversight committee, to extend that maximum period to 5 years to match the whole product certification period. The idea was also discussed at the NFRC-hosted Kaizen event in 2017.

The NFRC Board of Directors (BoD) met at the Spring Committee Meeting in St. Louis and discussed the proposal. The BoD decided to request input from all PCP participants and IG certification programs on changing the maximum IG certification period from two years to five years. This change would only apply to NFRC certification requirements and would NOT change the requirements for other certification programs. This does NOT mean a particular IG certification program will change their certification period: it would only extend the maximum certification period allowed by NFRC. An IG certification program could opt to maintain their current certification period of two years.

NFRC is requesting feedback regarding this proposed change. Please tell us if you think the maximum allowed IG certification period should be maintained at two years or if it should be extended to five years by participating in THIS SURVEY. Please provide the reasons for your recommendation. All responses will be presented to the CPC and the BoD for review.

If you would prefer to send a response by email, if you have questions, or if you are unable to participate in the survey, please forward your feedback to Steve Surich at surich@nfrc.org, with "IGC Feedback" as the subject line by Friday, June 1, 2018.

2. Request for Feedback Regarding IA Code Inclusion in the CPD Number

During the 2017 Kaizen event conducted to identify waste and redundancies in the NFRC PCP Process, the IA code within the CPD number was identified as being non-essential in the maintenance of certification, and not relevant to the consumer. To investigate the possibility of removing the IA code from the CPD number, the Remove the IA Code from the CPD Number Work Group was created.

The workgroup is currently meeting to formulate a recommendation for the PCP Process- Streamline Task Group on removing the IA code from the CPD number, and is reaching out to collect pertinent information to inform the recommendation. This survey is open to all aspects of a member company’s operations:
manufacturing, IT, marketing, etc. and needs to be completed by June 1, 2018. Removal of the manufacturer code from the CPD number is not within the scope of this survey.

Please direct all questions to Una Moneypenny at 240-821-9509.

Both of these surveys were previously announced in the Update newsletter on April 27, 2018. Do not retake if you have already commented.

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