

RESOLUTION BT 71/1999

Subject: Factory production control in product standards

BT/TCMG on behalf of BT, following a recommendation of BT/WG 111;

- considering
 - its Resolution BT 58/1998 on "Product standards and conformity assessment" and BT 57/1999 on its "Effects on the construction sector";
 - that urgent clarification is needed for their application to construction product standards;
- recognizing that it is sometimes necessary to introduce FPC in a product standard, for technical or economic reasons, e.g. where it is not feasible to apply conformity evaluation at the end of production;
- decides that
 - FPC (factory production control) may aid the evaluation of conformity and it is therefore permissible to include FPC requirements in the normative part of product standards;
 - but in doing so, FPC shall not be addressed through a requirement for registration of the manufacturer's quality system to EN ISO 9000 or another system involving compulsory third party surveillance either through the product standard or normative reference to another product standard;
 - TCs when justifying the need to include FPC requirements are asked to minimise the impact of these requirements on the manufacturing process.
- requests CMC to further clarify, in the context of the BOSS (Business Operations Support System), concepts and definitions, such as conformity evaluation and attestation (see also ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2, Clause 5.2, Note 4);
- thanks BT/WG 111 and disbands it.

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