



Subject: NFRC – PCP Bulletin 2016-01 (Action Required)

This bulletin announces the publication and implementation of the NFRC 700-2016, NFRC 702-2016, NFRC 706-2016, and NFRC 714-2016.

The Board has approved the publication and implementation of the NFRC 700 and NFRC 702 as 2016 documents. These documents contain the recently approved language for NFRC participants to have a documented quality control system in place, the extension of the certification cycle to 5-years, and the requirements of Inspection Agencies (IAs) to inspect 20 percent of product lines annually.

- Implementation for the extension of the certification cycle to five-years, is effective March 1, 2016 as indicated in the [NFRC Certification Cycle Bulletin](#) distributed November 12, 2015.
- NFRC Participants shall operate in accordance with a defined quality management system, documented in a Quality Manual meeting NFRC requirements per NFRC 700-2016 effective January 1, 2017.
- Inspection Agencies (IAs) shall require documented Quality Manuals of its NFRC Participants and annually inspect a minimum of 20 percent of certified product lines, regardless of if the product line has a 4-year or 5-year certification cycle per NFRC 702-2016, effective January 1, 2017.

During 2016, the IA's existing inspection processes per NFRC 700-2015 and NFRC 702-2015 for the NFRC Product Certification Program may remain in effect until January 1, 2017.

Item 1: Publication and Implementation of NFRC 700-2016 E0A0

The NFRC Board has approved [NFRC 700-2016 E0A0, NFRC's Product Certification Program](#) document with the following modifications:

The following modifications are implemented upon publication:

- TDD: VT_{annual} Rating
 - Language was modified for temporary labeling requirements for inclusion of the TDD "Thermal Opening Area" of the tested sample size to be listed on the label, update the new rating term of VT_{annual}, and make Section 6 and Appendix A notes more consistent.
- Glossary Term, Certification Cycle
 - Language was modified to clarify the instances in which certification of

a product for four years is termed as “Certification Cycle.”

- Re-inspection of plants, Section 8.6
 - Language was modified to the in-plant inspection process to provide clear direction that licensees shall provide written response to a non-compliance report, and identifies that re-inspection or product may be required as requested by IA or NFRC based on a plant-inspection non-compliance.
- Conditional IGU Certification, Section 8.7
 - Language was modified to reflect the Executive Committee direction to the NFRC 700 Participants that a maximum of nine months is allowed for IGU conditional Certification.

The following modification is implemented on March 1, 2016:

- Certification Cycle of five years, Section 5 and various sections
 - Language was modified for the purpose of extending the certification cycle from four to five years. Additional information can be found in the [NFRC Certification Cycle Bulletin](#) distributed November 12, 2015.
 - The five year certification cycle will be implemented for all new and recertified products lines authorized for certification starting March 1, 2016.

The following modification is implemented on January 1, 2017:

- Quality Control System, Section 8.2
 - Language was modified to the Quality Control Systems requirements which includes but is not limited to documented QCS, minimum requirements, and identifies required personnel.
 - A supportive [Quality Control System Guide](#) provides descriptions of the requirements for NFRC licensee documentation, per the NFRC 700 section 8.2.

Item 2: Publication and Implementation of NFRC 702-2016 E0A0

The NFRC Board has approved [NFRC 702-2016 E0A0, NFRC's Certification Agency Program](#) document, which is published and implemented and available on the NFRC website.

The following modification is implemented upon publication:

- Periodic Reviews - Section 4.3
 - Language was modified to reduce redundancy and to stabilize the IAs quality programs. Modifications include Periodic Reviews to be conducted once every two years following licensing and in-plant inspections to continue to be accompanied annually.

The following modification is implemented on January 1, 2017:

- Plant Audits, Sections 3.2.2.3 & 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 3: Publication and Implementation of NFRC 706-2016 E0A0

The NFRC Board has approved [NFRC 706-2016 E0A0, NFRC's Requirements for Participation Insulating Glass Certification Programs](#) document, which is published and implemented and available on the NFRC Website. This document was reaffirmed by the Board and contained no changes.

Item 4: Publication and Implementation of NFRC 714-2016 E0A0

The NFRC Board has approved [NFRC 714-2016 E0A0, NFRC's Challenge and Appeals Procedure](#) document, which is published and implemented and available on the NFRC Website. This document was reaffirmed by the Board and contained no changes.

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