

1) **Purpose**

1-1 The prime purpose of this procedure is to enable a uniform approach to the use of third-party marks of conformity,

1-2 to address potential problems arising from different uses of third-party marks of conformity,

1-3 to provide a clear and rational basis for their use, and to set out general requirements.

This document concentrates on third-party marks of conformity but may also be used as guidance for other applications of marks of conformity.

2) **Scope of Application**

- The use of Bureau Veritas Egypt Product Conformity mark in product and advertising media
- This document covers third-party marks of conformity issued and used in different forms and various media including digital representation employing electronically stored and displayed marks, machine readable code, block chain (distributed ledger) or other electronic means.

3) **Reference**

- ISO 17065:2012
- ISO 17067:2021
- ISO 17030:2021
- ISO 1555 family
- ISO 12201 family

4) **Responsibility for Application**

- Service providers
- Operation (include auditors)

5) **Definitions**

- **third-party mark of conformity** : protected mark issued by a body performing third-party conformity assessment, indicating that an object of conformity assessment fulfils the applicable specified requirements
- **owner of a third-party mark of conformity**: person or organization that has legal rights to a third-party mark of conformity
- **issuer of a third-party mark of conformity**: body that grants the right to use a third-party mark of conformity

6) **Procedure**

6-1 General requirements

The owner of a third-party mark of conformity shall be responsible for protecting the mark legally against unauthorized use.

The BVE and its services providers shall control the third-party mark of conformity by:

- a) BVE has established this procedure to control the use of the conformity mark when its services providers use it
- b) take measures to minimize misunderstandings and lack of clarity regarding the third-party mark of conformity that could lead to a reduction in its effectiveness;
- c) have rules to ensure that the third-party mark of conformity and any accompanying information are not misleading and take action against their use in a misleading way;
- d) have measures to protect and monitor the use of the third-party mark of conformity;
- e) take actions to resolve misuse of the third-party mark of conformity, including withdrawal of the mark or appropriate legal action; and

- f) take action on and keep a record of all complaints relating to the use of the third-party mark of conformity.

When the owner or BVE of the third-party mark of conformity grants a licence for the use of that mark by others, a legally enforceable agreement shall be made according to the rules referred to in 6-1a).

6-2 Third-party marks of conformity and their use

- a) A third-party mark of conformity shall be designed and developed to minimize the risk, as appropriate, of counterfeiting or other forms of misuse. BVE has established the mark to be in form of:
- Text line and/or
 - Picture form;
- b) Third-party marks of conformity, including accompanying information or publicly available information, shall identify the issuer and the aspects covered by the mark (e.g. quality, safety, environmental, performance, ethics) in a way that avoids any potential misunderstanding. BE has defined the text mark as follows:
- Name of service provider – Bureau Veritas Egypt – EGAC# - standard – Material notation – size of pipe or fitting / valve type treatment notation.
 - A third-party mark of conformity may be accompanied by additional information to make the meaning of the mark more clearly understood. Such information shall not be misleading for the relevant interested parties.
 - A third-party mark of conformity shall be traceable to the specified requirements to which the object of conformity assessment conforms.
 - A third-party mark of conformity shall be used only where it relates to all the specified requirements.
- c) The third-party mark of conformity issued in accordance with a product conformity assessment scheme may be displayed on the product or product packaging.
- d) When a third-party mark of conformity relates to a tangible product, the mark shall be directly applied to each product, except where the physical size of the product does not permit this or when the application is not appropriate for the type of product, in which case it may be applied on the package or other accompanying information. If a third-party mark of conformity only relates to certain parts of a product, the rules governing its use shall include requirements to minimize any misunderstanding that the mark applies to the entire product.
- e) A reference to third-party marks of conformity may also be used on other media such as letter heads, business cards, company vehicles, promotional materials, Internet websites, social media.

6-3 Issuing third-party marks of conformity

Issuing third-party marks of conformity shall be based on a conformity assessment scheme that contains at least the elements of the functional approach according to ISO/IEC 17000 and the following elements:

- a) surveillance, systematic iteration of conformity assessment activities as a basis for maintaining the validity of the statement of conformity in order to assure continued confidence in the third-party mark of conformity.
- b) In conformity assessment schemes for products for which the issuer evaluates each product (100% sampling) produced prior to the application of the third-party mark of conformity, licensing and surveillance are not required.
- c) The third-party mark of conformity shall only be applied under the rules laid down in a publicly available conformity assessment scheme. BVE has published use of logo on its website.
- d) An appropriate maximum period of time for applying a third-party mark of conformity after the specified standard or other normative document is revised or becomes obsolete shall be established by

the rules of the conformity assessment scheme. This period defined to be 30 days from receiving the BVE warning of use of the mark.

6-4 Ownership and control

6-4-1 Information

- a) The owner or BVE shall provide, upon request, information that explains the meaning of the third-party mark of conformity. Specific responses to questions or concerns from interested parties regarding the third-party mark of conformity shall be provided.
- b) BVE shall maintain and update a list of objects of conformity assessment which have been granted the third-party mark of conformity.
- c) The owner or BVE of the third-party mark of conformity shall maintain, update and make available on request, a description of the rights and obligations of licensees, and other restrictions or limitations on the use of the mark.

6-4-2 Licence

- a) The agreement specified in 6-1-c shall contain provisions to assure that the licensee follows the rules of the scheme.
- b) The licensee shall be required to:
 - control the use of the third-party mark of conformity; BVE required that the mark will only be used on the product defined by the assessment report , the logo be put on product in clear form as required by this procedure.
 - take corrective actions in case of non-conformity or misuse; this shall be conducted whenever the NCR defined and the owner has received the information of the NCR.
 - keep a record of all complaints relating to the use of the third-party mark of conformity and make these available to the owner/issuer.

6-4-3 Monitoring the use of third-party marks of conformity

- a) The owner or BVE shall establish a procedure to deal with any alleged incorrect or misleading uses of the third-party mark of conformity and shall take suitable actions. This includes actions to be taken in case the misuser refuses to act upon the misuse. This action will include but not limited to:
 - Send a warning letter
 - Raise a NCR
 - Suspend the certificate if no proper corrective action taken
 - Withdraw the certificate in case more than 90 days passed without action from the owner of the mark
 - Withdraw all the documents related to product conformity issued by BVE due to expiry of the certificate and the client wasn't willing to complete on the certificate
 - The owner decide to transfer to other certification body, BVE required the owner to send all the BVE documents received to BVE back again and stop the use of the mark within 30 days from the decision make.
- b) Corrective actions shall be taken in respect of misuse of the third-party mark of conformity. Corrective actions shall include steps to cooperate with relevant interested parties as appropriate, depending on the extent to which their involvement will minimize the negative consequence of the misuse.

6-5 Marking

6-5-1 General information

- The marking elements shall be printed or formed directly on the pipe in such a way that after storage, weathering, and handling and installation legibility is maintained during the use of the pipe.
- Marking shall not initiate cracks or other types of defects, which adversely influence the performance of the pipe.
- **For water supply, and for drainage and sewerage under pressure pipes** the length of coiled pipes is permitted to be indicated on the coil; the remaining length of pipe on drums or coils is permitted to be indicated on the pipe.
- **For water supply, and for drainage and sewerage under pressure pipes** Coextruded and peel able pipe shall be marked accordingly, clearly identifying this type of pipe, including any specific instructions related to these types of pipe.
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- If printing is used, the colour of the printed information shall differ from the basic colour of the pipe.
- The size of the marking shall be such that it is legible without magnification
- In case of pipes made from own reworked material, the use of appropriate marking should be subject to agreement between the manufacturer and the end-user.
- There shall be no marking over the minimum spigot length of the valve.
- **For water supply and for drainage and sewerage under pressure pipes** for fabricated fittings marking shall be agreed between manufacturer and purchaser.

The minimum required marking for gaseous pipes shall conform to Table 1

Aspects	Mark or symbol
Number of the System Standard	EN 1555
For pipes $d_n \leq 32$ mm: nominal outside diameter x nominal wall thickness ($d_n \times e_n$)	e.g. 32 x 3,0
For pipes $d_n > 32$ mm:	
Nominal outside diameter, d_n SDR	e.g. 200 e.g. SDR 11
Material and designation	e.g. PE 100, PE 100-RC
Manufacturer's information	a
Intended use ^b	GAS
^a For providing traceability the following details shall be given: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the production period, year and month, in figures or in code; - name or code for the production site, if the manufacturer is producing in different sites; - materials used by name or code. 	
^b Information on abbreviations may be found in CEN/TR 15438 [5j] and/or in national rules.	

- The frequency of the marking shall not be less than once per meter.
- The length of coiled pipes is permitted to be indicated on the coil; the remaining length of pipe on drums is permitted to be indicated on the pipe. , Coextruded and peel able pipe shall be marked accordingly including any specific instructions related to these types of pipe.

The minimum required marking for gaseous fitting shall conform to Table 2

Aspects	Mark or symbol
Number of this document	
Manufacturer's name and/or trademark	EN 1555 Name or symbol e.g. 110
Nominal outside diameter(s) of pipe, dn	e.g. PE 100, PE 100-RC3
Material Designation	e.g. SDR 11
Design application series (i.e. design SDR)	e.g. SDR 11 - SDR 26
Applicable SDR fusion range of pipe a	
Manufacturer's information c Intended use ³ b	Gas
<p>a This information may be printed on a label associated with the fitting or on an individual bag. b Information on abbreviations is given in CEN/TR 15438 [8] and/or in national rules.</p> <p>c For providing traceability, the following details shall be given:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the production period, year and month, in figures or in code; - a name or code for the production site if the manufacturer is producing the same product at different sites. 	
<p>NOTE Traceability data can be coded and found in ISO 12176-4 [12] and ISO 12176-5 (13).</p>	

The minimum required marking for gaseous Valve shall conform to Table 3

Aspects	Mark or symbol
Number of the system standard ^a	EN 1555
Manufacturer's name and/or trademark	Name or symbol
Nominal outside diameter(s) of pipe, dn	e.g. 110
Material and designation	e.g. PE 100 PE 100-RC ^a
Design application series Manufacturer's information ^b	e.g. SDR 11
Intended use ^a	Gas
Flow direction (only for unidirectional valve)	Arrow
<p>^a This information may be printed on a label associated with the valve or on an individual bag. ^b For providing traceability, the following details shall be given:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — the production period, year, month and/or week. in figures or in code; — a name or code for the production site if the manufacturer is producing in different sites. 	
<p>NOTE Traceability data can be coded and found in ISO 12176-4 [4] and ISO 12176-5 [5].</p>	

The minimum required marking for water supply, and for drainage and sewerage under pressure pipes shall conform to Table 4

Aspects	Marking or symbol
Standard Number	EN 12201
Manufacturer's name or trademark	Name or symbol
Dimensions Un x en)	e.g. 110x10
SDR series	e.g. SDR 11
Intended use	e.g. W, P, or W/P
Material and designation	e.g. PE 100
Pressure rating in bars	e.g. PN 16
Manufacturer's information	e.g. 1009 3
Type of pipe if applicable	eg Co-extruded or Peel able Layer
<p>° In clear figures or in code providing traceability to production period within year and month and if the manufacturer is producing at different sites, the production site.</p> <p>The pipes shall be marked for the intended use by using the appropriate codes in accordance with CEN/TR 15438. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ W for pipes intended for the conveyance of water for human consumption; ❖ P for pipes intended for the sewer and drainage under pressure; ❖ W/P for both of the above. <p>The frequency of marking being not less than once per metre.</p>	

The minimum required marking for water supply, and for drainage and sewerage under pressure fittings shall conform to Table 5

Aspects	Marking or symbol
Number of the System Standard ^a	EN 12201
Manufacturer's name and/or trademark	Name or symbol
Nominal outside diameter(s) of pipe, d_n	e.g. 110
Material and designation	e.g. PE 100
Design application series (ie design SDR)	e.g. SDR 11
Nominal pressure ^a	e.g. PN 16
Applicable SDR fusion range of pipe ^a	e.g. SDR 11 - SDR 26
Tolerance (only for spigot fittings t_n > 280 mm) ^a	e.g. Grade A
Manufacturer's information	e.g. 1009 b
Intended use ⁸	W, P, or W/P
<p>⁸ This information may be printed on a label associated with the fitting or an individual bag. k For providing traceability, the following details shall be given:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -the production period, year and month, in figures or in code; - a name or code for the production site if the manufacturer is producing the same product at different sites. <p>The pipes shall be marked for the intended use by using the appropriate codes in accordance with CEN/TR 15438. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ W for pipes intended for the conveyance of water for human consumption; ❖ P for pipes intended for the sewer and drainage under pressure; ❖ W/P for both of the above. 	

Fusion system recognition

- Fusion fittings should have a system, either numerical or electromechanical or self-regulatory, for recognising the fusion parameters to facilitate the fusion process.
- When automatic recognitions systems for electro fusion fittings are used they shall be in accordance with ISO 13950.

The minimum required marking for water supply, and for drainage and sewerage under pressure valves shall conform to Table 6

Aspects required	Mark or symbol
Number of the System Standard a	EN 12201
Manufacturer's name and/or trademark	Name or symbol
Nominal outside diameter(s) of pipe, dn	e.g. 110
Material and designation	e.g. PE 100
Design application series	e.g. SDR 11
Pressure rating bars a Manufacturer's information b	e.g. PN 16
Intended use a c	W
Flow direction (only for unidirectional valve)	Arrow
a This information may be printed on a label associated with the valve or on an individual bag. b For providing traceability, the following details shall be given: - the production period, year, month and/or week, in figures or in code; - a name or code for the production site if the manufacturer is producing in different sites. c Information on abbreviations can be found in CEN/TR 15438 [5] and/or in national rules.	

7) **Forms:**

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