

## NOTICE OF MODIFICATION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

BNQ 0419-070 *Amendements minéraux - Pierre à chaux naturelle*

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Updating of the certification program BNQ 0419-070 in reference to the standard BNQ 0419-070/2022 and the certification protocol BNQ 0419-900/2024

The aim of this notice is to inform you of:

- the updating of the certification program BNQ 0419-070 now offered in reference to the standard BNQ 0419-070/2022 and the certification protocol BNQ 0419-900/2024;
- the terms and conditions surrounding the transition period offered to Manufacturers in order for them to conform with the new requirements set forth in the 2022 edition of the standard BNQ 0419-070 and the 2024 edition of the certification protocol BNQ 0419-900.

The certification program in reference to the 2022 edition of the standard BNQ 0419-070 is now subject to the requirements of the certification protocol BNQ 0419-900/2024 *Amendements minéraux — Pierre à chaux naturelle*. This document provides clarifications to the general rules of procedure of the information document BNQ 9902-001. It also outlines BNQ's specific conditions for intervention and the specific requirements that producers shall meet as part of to the certification program.

The terms and conditions surrounding this transition period are as follows.

- Starting August 1, 2024, any new application for certification will be processed based on the certification program's new requirements.
- Manufacturers already holding a certificate of conformity or having a file open at the BNQ will not have to file a new application.
- Starting April 1, 2025, BNQ's periodic inspection visits scheduled for spring 2025 will be conducted on the basis of the certification program's new requirements, and the BNQ will deliver certificates of conformity in relation to the 2022 edition of the standard to manufacturers who demonstrate they meet this program's requirements.
- The updating of the Manufacturer's certificate of conformity based on the certification program's new requirements will allow its continuation. The expiry date of the modified certificate of conformity will be identical to the expiry date of the certificate of conformity hold by the manufacturers in relation to the 2011 edition of the standard.
- **September 30, 2025**, is however the deadline for manufacturers holding a certificate of conformity in relation to the 2011 edition of the standard BNQ 0419-070 to demonstrate they meet the certification program's new requirements.
- Starting **October 1, 2025**, the BNQ will withdraw all valid certificates of conformity in relation to the 2011 edition of the standard. After that date, manufacturers seeking for certification will have to file a new application with the BNQ, and application fees will be charged.

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