

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

CAN/BNQ 0017-088/2010 *SPECIFICATIONS COMPOSTABLE PLASTICS*

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Updating of the certification program CAN/BNQ 0017-088 in reference to the standard CAN/BNQ 0017-088/2010 and the certification protocol BNQ 0017-988/2010

The aim of this notice is to inform you of:

- the updating of the certification program CAN/BNQ 0017-088/2010 now offered in reference to the standard ISO 18606/2013 and the certification requirements ISO 18606 for compostable products (excluding compostable plastics and compostable products made entirely from plastics);
- the terms and conditions surrounding the transition period offered to manufacturers in order for them to comply with the new requirements set forth in the 2013 edition of the standard ISO 18606 and the 2024 edition of the document Certification requirements ISO 18606.

The certification program in reference to the 2013 edition of the standard ISO 18606 is now subject to the document Certification requirements ISO 18606. This document provides BNQ's specific conditions for intervention that manufacturers shall meet as part of to the certification program.

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

- Starting July 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 September 1, 2024, all BNQ annual testing scheduled for fall 2024 may be conducted on the basis of the certification program's new requirements, and the BNQ will deliver certificates of conformity in relation to the ISO 18606 standard's 2013 edition as the manufacturers will demonstrate that they meet these program's requirements for compostable products.
- Starting April 1, 2025, all BNQ annual testing 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 2013 edition of the standard ISO 18606 to the manufacturers who will demonstrate they meet these program's certification 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 manufacturer in relation to the 2010 edition of the standard CAN/BNQ 0017-088.
- **July 1, 2025**, is however the deadline for manufacturers holding a certificate of conformity in relation to the 2010 edition of the standard CAN/BNQ 0017-088 to demonstrate they meet the ISO 18606 certification program's new requirements.
- Starting **August 1, 2025**, the BNQ will withdraw all valid certificates of conformity in relation to the 2010 edition of the standard. After that date, manufacturers seeking certification will have to file a new application with the BNQ, and application fees will be charged.

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