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The Danish Energy Agency will go on inspections during 2015

At the inspection we will check whether construction products marketed and sold for use with drinking water are:

- GDV marked ("the drop mark") provided on the basis of a GDV approval
or
- GDV marked ("the drop mark") provided on the basis of a health-related VA approval (water and drainage)
or
- GDV marked ("the drop mark") provided on the basis of an extended health-related VA approval.



The inspections are part of the market surveillance scheme, which the Danish Energy Agency conducts in cooperation with Danish Standards. The purpose is to check if construction products marketed and sold in Denmark are safe and not hazardous to health, and are traded in a market of fair competition.

We will primarily inspect the following products:

- Fittings (kitchen and wash basins), including multi-functional fittings (cold water part)
- Piping and other water fittings
- Plastic tubes.

Where do we conduct the inspections?

We will inspect manufacturers, importers and distributors / retailers, i.e. wholesalers, design shops, building centres and online shopping sites.

We will select a number of enterprises that will receive unannounced inspections. The unannounced inspections will take place in all parts of Denmark and in all segments, and will be conducted during 2015.

Maybe we will come to see you!

During our visit we will request to see the GDV approval and check the marking of your construction products.

Market surveillance of GDV (Approved for Drinking Water)

The market surveillance scheme consists of an information campaign which takes place in cooperation with relevant trade organisations, on selected home pages and in periodicals. In addition, we will conduct a number of inspections at the premises of manufacturers, importers and distributors / retailers, i.e. wholesalers, design shops, building centres and online shopping sites. The inspections will be conducted during 2015. The enterprises will be representatively selected, and the inspections will be distributed over all of Denmark.

The inspections will be unannounced and conducted by Danish Standards on behalf of the Danish Energy Agency. The inspections will be reported to the Danish Energy Agency, who will take care of the subsequent proceedings with the enterprise. If it is concluded subsequent to the inspection that the documentation is in compliance, the case will be closed. If, on the contrary, it is concluded that information is lacking, the Danish Energy Agency will forward a request for the enterprise to submit comments for the report or documentation for compliance with the rules.

What happens after the visit from the market surveillance team?
(<http://byggevaereinfo.dk/file/485841/efterbesoaget.pdf>)

The inspections primarily cover the following selected products, which are subject to the requirement of a GDV approval, the associated "drop" mark, and the requirement of re-marking health related VA-approved construction products:

- Fittings (kitchen and wash basins), including multi-functional fittings (cold water part)
- Piping and other water fittings
- Plastic tubes.

During the inspections we review the GDV mark (the drop), the GDV approval and the marketing process of the products.

What products must have an approval for use with drinking water (GDV)?

The construction products covered by the rules can be found here

<http://godkendttildrikkevand.dk/betingelser-for-godkendelse/byggevarer-omfattet-af-godkendelseskraevet.aspx>

To ensure the quality of drinking water, construction products for use with drinking water must be approved to be marketed and sold legally. The approval includes health-related properties of factory made construction products.

Historically, construction products were to have a VA approval but since April 1, 2013, the GDV Secretariat at the Danish Technological Institute has issued approvals for construction products for use with drinking water according to Danish Executive Order no. 31 of January 21, 2013.

However, GDV approvals for construction products issued as from May 22, 2015 will be according to Danish Executive Order no. 666 of May 20, 2015.

A GDV approval implies that the construction product has been tested for the release of substances hazardous to health, such as lead, cadmium and nickel.

Manufacturers, importers and distributors/retailers are liable to make sure that construction products for use with drinking water that are marketed and sold in Denmark are GDV approved and carry the GDV mark (the drop).



Construction products for use with drinking water having a valid VA approval as of March 31, 2013, may still be marketed until October 1, 2015, or until the validity period expires.

After April 1, 2014, construction products marketed on the basis of a VA approval must have the VA mark replaced by the GDV mark (the drop).

Marking rules

Read more about the rules for marking and re-marking at:

<http://www.godkendttildrikkevand.dk/faq/maerkningommaerkning.aspx>

<http://www.ens.dk/byggeri/byggevarer/godkendelsesordningen-byggevarer-kontakt-drikkevand>

What should distributors / retailers, importers, manufacturers or workmen pay attention to?

As a manufacturer, importer and / or distributor / retailer you need to pay attention to the type of products which require a GDV approval. It is not permitted to sell products covered by the GDV scheme without approval and without the GDV mark (the drop).

If you as a distributor also carry out installation work, you must, when purchasing and installing the product, make sure that it is GDV approved and carries the GDV mark (the drop).

Find the products that are covered by the GDV scheme at

<http://www.godkendtildrikkevand.dk/betingelser-for-godkendelse/byggevarer-omfattet-af-godkendelseskraevet.aspx>.

If the product has a valid VA approval, it must be GDV marked. Find the construction products that still have a valid VA approval

http://godkendtevandhaner.dk/file/526121/liste_over_va_godkendte_produkter.pdf

Enforcement measures

The Danish Energy Agency has a number of enforcement measures in case lacking documentation is observed in connection with inspection.

The Danish Energy Agency may order:

- withdrawal of the product, i.e. cease of sale and marketing;
- recall of the product, i.e. recall of already sold or delivered construction products from the market;
- removal of the product if it has already been built into the construction.

When processing the case, the Energy Agency may require that the enterprise provide all relevant information.

Moreover, the Energy Agency may report the enterprise to the police recommending a fine, and the Energy Agency may publish the result of the completed inspection, including the name of the concerned construction products and the enterprise that was in non-compliance with the rules.

The above enforcement measures are defined in Executive Order no. 688 of 17 June 2013 on marketing, sale and market surveillance of construction products at [bekendtgørelse nr. 688 af 17. juni 2013 om markedsføring, salg og markedskontrol af byggevarer](#).