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Definitions and terminology applied by GNB Guidance

1 FOREWORD

To promote the coherence and consistency of GNB guidance, common definitions and terminology should be used in all documents drawn up by Sector Groups and the GNB Advisory Group.

The terminology of CPR should be used as far as possible. In particular, when terms used in or defined by CPR are used, the meaning should be the same as in CPR.

Below is found a list of definitions approved by the GNB Advisory Group. When drawing up GNB Guidance, the below definitions should be used as far as possible.

2 DEFINITIONS

Term	Definition	NB-CPR references	CPR articles
<i>Assessment of Performance</i>	The activity by which the performance of a construction product in relation to one or more essential characteristics is determined in accordance with the methods and criteria set out in the harmonised technical specification and applicable legislative documents.	17/722	Recitals 38 and 39 43(6)b Annex V
<i>Basis for the Assessment of Performance</i>	Testing, calculation, tabulated values or descriptive documentation of the product used as basis for the Assessment of Performance in accordance with the harmonised technical specification and applicable legislation.	17/722	Annex V

Term	Definition	NB-CPR references	CPR articles
<i>Appropriate Technical Documentation (ATD)</i>	(a) Documents demonstrating that a construction product is deemed to achieve a certain level or class of performance, or (b) Documents demonstrating that a construction product corresponds to the product-type of another construction product, manufactured by another manufacturer, or (c) Documents demonstrating that a construction product is a system made of components, which the manufacturer assembles duly following precise instructions given by the provider of such a system or of a component thereof.	24/966 25/979	36(1)
<i>Cascaded test result</i>	A test result obtained by another manufacturer or system provider and in accordance with CPR Article 36(1)c used by the manufacturer as basis for the assessment of performance of a construction product, which is a system made of components, which the manufacturer assembles duly following precise instructions given by the provider of such a system or of a component thereof.	25/979	36(1) c
<i>Certificate</i>	Certificate of constancy of performance of the product (Systems 1 and 1+) or certificate of conformity of the factory production control (system 2+).	17/722	52(3) 52(4) 52(5) Annex V
<i>Conventionally accepted performance</i>	Level or class of performance which a construction product is deemed to achieve and used as basis for the assessment of performance in accordance with CPR Article 36(1) a.	25/979	36(1) a
<i>CPR-2011</i>	Regulation (EU) No. 305/2011 including all later amendments		
<i>CPR-2024</i>	Regulation (EU) No. 2024/3110		
<i>Current production</i>	The actual manufacturing in its entirety, as carried out in practice, including but not limited to the use of raw materials, constituents, machinery, processes, and Factory Production Control, in relation to construction products to be placed on the market	17/722 19/792 23/937	
<i>Extraordinary situation</i>	Acts, events or circumstances beyond the control of the parties, affecting the operations of the manufacturer and/or the notified body; for example, natural disasters, health crisis/pandemic, or the outbreak of hostilities.	23/938	

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<i>Historical Assessment Data</i>	Data obtained to a previously applicable set of rules used as basis for the assessment of performance. Historical Assessment Data may comprise: - Historical Test Results, - Historical Test Procedure, and - Historical Sample Information	19/792	
<i>Historical Test Result</i>	Result of testing previously conducted in accordance with previous requirements using a historical test procedure and historical test sample(s)	19/792	
<i>Historical Test Procedure</i>	Test procedure previously used	19/792	
<i>Historical Sample Information</i>	Information about the test specimens used for historical testing, their origin and sampling	19/792	
<i>Kit</i>	(Definition in CPR Article 2(2) applies): 'kit' means a construction product placed on the market by a single manufacturer as a set of at least two separate components that need to be put together to be incorporated in the construction works;	23/935	
<i>Making available on the market</i>	Definition from CPR Art. 2(16): 'Making available on the market' means any supply of a construction product for distribution or use on the Union market in the course of a commercial activity, whether in return for payment or free of charge;	17/743	2(16)
<i>Manufacturer</i>	Definition from CPR Art. 2(19): 'Manufacturer' means any natural or legal person who manufactures a construction product or who has such a product designed or manufactured, and markets that product under his name or trademark		2(19)
<i>Manufacturing plant</i>	Location where significant manufacturing processes take place; commonly referred to as factory. NOTE: A location where processes take place after the construction product is placed on the market is not considered (part of) the manufacturing plant.	17/743 23/937	Annex V
<i>Monitoring activities</i>	All activities of the notified certification body aiming at the verification of constancy of performance including the continuing surveillance, audit testing, assessment of information received from the manufacturer and any other source.	17/722	52(4)
<i>Notified certification body</i>	Body notified in accordance with CPR Art. 48 to function in AVCP systems 1+, 1, or 2+.	17/743	Annex V

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<i>Notified testing laboratory</i>	Body notified in accordance with CPR Art. 48 to function in AVCP system 3.	17/744	Annex V
<i>Notified assessment validation body</i>	Body notified in accordance with CPR Art. 48 to function in AVCP system 3+.	17/722	Annex V
<i>Outsourced manufacturing</i>	Manufacturing carried out by a supplier on behalf of the manufacturer in accordance with a contract between the manufacturer and the supplier.		
<i>Physical producer</i>	Any natural or legal person who manufactures a product intended to be placed on the market as a rebranded construction product under the name or trademark of a rebranding manufacturer. In case of rebranding, the physical producer is not the manufacturer as defined by CPR. NOTE: A physical producer may be placing similar construction products on the market under his own name or trademark. For these similar construction products, he is considered the manufacturer according to CPR Article 2(19).	17/743 19/813	
<i>Placing on the market</i>	Definition from CPR Art. 2(17): 'Placing on the market' means the first making available of a construction product on the Union market;	17/743	2(17)
<i>Rebranded construction product</i>	Construction product placed on the market by a <i>rebranding manufacturer</i> under his name or trademark.	17/743	
<i>Rebranding Manufacturer</i>	A manufacturer (see CPR Article 2(19)) who does not himself physically produce the rebranded construction products he places on the market under his own name or trademark. NOTE: An importer or distributor who modifies a construction product already placed on the market in such a way that conformity with the declaration of performance may be affected is not considered a rebranding manufacturer but a manufacturer in the normal sense	17/743	
<i>Reissuance of test report</i>	Issuance of a test report on already performed and reported testing.	18/772 23/936	
<i>Restriction of certificate:</i>	A limitation of the scope of the certificate or definition of special conditions for the use of the certificate.	17/722	52(4) 52(5) Annex V

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<i>Restriction of validation report:</i>	A limitation of the scope of the certificate or definition of special conditions for the use of the validation report.	17/722	52(4) 52(5) Annex V
<i>Sample made to order</i>	A sample manufactured for the purpose of testing. The sample may represent 'normal production' or may be engineered as a worst-case.	15/639	
<i>Sampling</i>	The taking of samples from the selected part of the product group. Sampling is normally done by random within the selected part of the product group (see "Selection").	15/639	Annex V
<i>Selection</i>	Selection of the part of a product group from which samples shall be drawn for the purpose of covering the entire group of products. The purpose of the selection is to ensure that the selected part of the product group is suitable to represent the product (to be) placed on the market. Normally, a worst-case approach is applied for the selection	15/639	Annex V
<i>Shared test result</i>	A test result obtained by another manufacturer and in accordance with CPR Article 36(1) b used by the manufacturer as basis for assessment of performance.	18/759	36(1) b
<i>Significant change</i>	A change which is likely to adversely affect the conformity of the construction product with the declaration of performance. The change may concern (non-exhaustive list): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The harmonised technical specification - A supporting standard, e.g. a test method - The manufacturing processes - Constituents or components of the construction product - The Factory Production Control 	19/792	
<i>Significant manufacturing process</i>	Process of which the controlling is likely to have a significant influence on the conformity of the construction product with the declared performance. NOTE: A process taking place after the construction product is placed on the market is not considered a significant manufacturing process.	17/743 17/722 19/813 23/935 23/937	
<i>Subcontractor</i>	A natural or legal person different from the notified body carrying out tasks on behalf of the notified body.	17/744 19/813	
<i>Supplier</i>	A natural or legal person supplying the manufacturer with components, constituents, processes or services.	19/813	

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<i>Suspension of certificate:</i>	Temporary invalidation of the certificate.	17/722	52(4) 52(5) Annex V
<i>Suspension of validation report:</i>	Temporary invalidation of the validation report.	17/722	Annex V
<i>System provider</i>	Provider of a system including precise instructions following which the manufacturer assembles components into a construction product. See CPR Art. 36(1)c.	17/722	36(1) c
<i>Validation activities</i>	The activities conducted by a notified assessment validation body to provide basis for the validation decision	NB-CPR 17/722	
<i>Validation decision</i>	The decision whether or not to issue a validation report	NB-CPR 17/722	Annex V
<i>Verification of Appropriate Technical Documentation</i>	Evaluation activity carried out by a notified product certification body in order to let ATD serve as basis for the assessment of performance under the responsibility of that notified product certification body.	18/759	36(2)
<i>Withdrawal of certificate:</i>	Permanent invalidation of the certificate.	17/722	52(4) 52(5) Annex V
<i>Withdrawal of validation report:</i>	Permanent invalidation of the validation report.	17/722	Annex V