

WaterMark Certification Scheme

Technical Advisory Notice

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Offset Pan Connectors

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Intent

The intent of this notice is to provide clarification on the most appropriate specification when evaluating offset pan connector products.

Issue

This Technical Advisory Notice is provided in accordance with clause 5 of the Rules for the WaterMark Certification Trade Marks.

This notice is issued by the ABCB to maintain the integrity of the WaterMark Certification Scheme (WMCS) by providing clarification on the most appropriate product specification for certification of offset pan connector products.

Currently within the market place there are a number of WaterMark Certified offset pan connectors with a design that has an angle to the vertical greater than 30°. AS 2887 Clause 4.4.4 and AS/NZS 1260 Clause 5.4.6 specify a vertical offset of 30° maximum.

The WaterMark Database indicates that these types of products have been certified against either AS 2887 or AS/NZS 1260. In assessing these types of products to AS 2887 Clause 4.4.4 or AS/NZS 1260 Clause 5.4.6, it has been identified that performance criteria has been adopted for meeting the prescriptive requirements of these Standards. The WMCS currently does not allow for performance criteria to be used to achieve compliance to specific prescriptive requirements of product specifications.

Direction

WMCAB's are directed to the Scheme Rules for WaterMark Certification Trade Marks for further assistance in evaluation of these products, in particular Clause 4 (b) (i);-

An Approved Certifier will grant an applicant the right to use the WaterMark if it is satisfied the applicant: (i) is capable, in relation to Plumbing Products in connection with which use of WaterMark is sought, of providing such Products certified as complying with Applicable Specifications.

All WaterMark Licences containing offset pan connectors are to be re-evaluated by WMCAB prior to the date of re-certification. Re-evaluation of these products is to be undertaken to the most appropriate specification providing suitable evidence and justification for the selection of the specification. Should the WMCAB identify that an existing specification relates to, but does not completely match the elements of the product, the WMCAB may wish to adopt one of the following options:-

- (i) Submit to Standards Australia a Proposal for Change to amend AS 2887 or AS/NZS 1260, to incorporate offset pan connectors with offset angles greater than 30°.
- (ii) Amend the existing product to comply with nominated offset documented within AS 2887 or AS/NZS 1260.
- (iii) Draft a new WaterMark Technical Specification (WMTS) for offset pan connectors with an offset angle greater than 30°. (It should be noted that a new WMTS for these types of products is currently under development).
- (iv) Remove offset pan connectors that fall outside scope of AS 2887 or AS/NZS 1260 from the Licence Product Schedule. Upon removal of these products the Licence is to be re-issued and uploaded to WaterMark Database.

Further Information

Should any WMCAB or Approved User require further clarification, they should contact the ABCB office directly for further advice on 1300 134 631 or email watermark@abcb.gov.au

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