

Position Paper

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The European quality mark for building equipment and industrial installation products, VDI-Keymark

Background

- 1) The EN standards for building equipment and industrial installations have been published in November 2009, and approved for CE marking in March 2010 (publication in Official Journal of European Union on March 19th, 2010). The CE marking becomes mandatory August 1st, 2012.
- 2) The testing costs for CE marking are expensive, as some tests are complicated and time consuming. Therefore work has been done to get ONE common testing and recognised certification for all of Europe.
- 3) On July 12th 2011 the European certification scheme “VDI-Keymark” was established. This includes the well recognised VDI certification, which is the most famous certification in Europe for industrial insulation.

VDI-Keymark strategy for EURIMA members

Our aim with the VDI-Keymark is to secure harmonised thermal conductivity and Maximum Service Temperature measurements in Europe and ONE strong 3rd party certification for all of Europe.

- One time testing only for a product.
- Only one certificate for a product for all of Europe.
- Strict control of 3rd party laboratories to ensure a common calibration level.

Why VDI-Keymark?

- Our customers will also in the future request a 3rd party certification for our industrial products.
- We need a common European consistency for thermal conductivity and Maximum Service Temperature testing at high temperatures.
- CE marking will give almost all the costs for Mineral Wool, but not the benefits of a 3rd party control. Without strong support to the VDI-Keymark certification from the EURIMA members, it might not happen.