

SABS Mark & CE Mark Notification

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This serves to confirm that the **Thermal Insulation Products & Systems Association of South Africa** (TIPSASA) has made a decision to accept the CE Mark in lieu of the SABS Mark, for imported products.

A **CE Mark** is a symbol that must be affixed to products before they can be sold on the European market. The **mark** indicates that a product: Fulfills the **requirements** of relevant European product directives. Meets all the **requirements** of the relevant recognized European harmonized performance and safety standards.

This is applicable to the following adopted EN/SANS Standard:

- EN 13162/ SANS 13162 Thermal insulation products for buildings - Factory made mineral wool (MW) (including Glass Mineral Wool (GMW), Rock Mineral Wool (RMW)) products – Specification.

The only additional requirement in South Africa at this stage is the application of the South African National Building Regulations SANS 10400-T Fire Protection. This reflects the requirement of the SANS 428 Fire performance classification of thermal insulated building envelope systems.

Traditionally, the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) has provided an extensive array of testing and certification. Once the product met the SABS testing and certification requirements, it could carry the SABS mark for a three-year period. The misconception in the industry is that the SABS mark of approval is mandatory. However, the National Building Regulations (NBR) simply require that products should comply with South African National Standards (SANS).

As a result of continues problems experienced with testing and certification, industry has begun the process of finding alternative solutions to measure the performance of insulation products.



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