



The Danish requirements on plumbing products have changed

From 1 April 2013 the Danish authorities have enforced a new, mandatory approval scheme in order to ensure that products and materials used in drinking water systems do not release health hazardous substances to the drinking water. The new approval scheme is called “The approval scheme for building components that come into contact with drinking water” and the logo of the scheme is designed as a drop of water. The well-known VA approval scheme is still ongoing in order to document the mechanical properties.








As a consequence of the new regulations you will soon have to change the labelling of your building component or to apply for approval of the building component if it is used in drinking water installations.

The most important changes of which you have to be aware are:

- The approval scheme is administered by a new, impartial secretariat designated by the Danish Energy Agency. The contact information of the secretariat can be found on the website www.godkendttildrikkevand.dk.
- Test documentation and analysis reports must be completed, before you apply for approval.
- An electronic application form must be submitted on the website.
- The requirements on the nickel content in building components have been tightened up. These requirements became effective on 1 April 2013.
- The requirements on the lead content in building components have been tightened up. However, these requirements will not become effective until 1 April 2016.
- The mechanical properties are not covered by the new approval scheme.
- The mechanical properties must still be documented according to the Danish building regulations. These requirements can be documented by the well-known VA approval.



Requirements and deadlines

| | | Requirements in connection with drinking water (mandatory) | Mechanical requirements (voluntary) | Requirements on labelling |
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| The VA approval included both mechanical requirements and requirements in connection with drinking water. | Before 1 April 2013. |  |  | The VA logo and the corresponding VA number. |
| Building components that come into contact with drinking water and are covered by an existing VA approval. | From 1 April 2013 and until the VA certificate expires. The approval will not be visible on www.godkendttildrikkevand.dk until the Secretariat has processed the application and the documentation. |  |  | The water drop mark must be applied before 1 April 2014. The documentation for the original VA approval is still the basis for the approval during the whole period. |
| Building components that come into contact with drinking water that are not covered by an existing VA approval or when the VA approval expires. | From 1 April 2013 The approval will be visible on www.godkendttildrikkevand.dk |  + approval number |  | The labelling must include the water drop mark according to Executive Order No. 31 of 21 January 2013. In addition, the labelling must include the VA logo and the VA number as usual. |
| Building components that do not come into contact with drinking water. | From 1 April 2013. The requirements are unchanged and the scheme is still administered by ETA-Danmark A/S. | Not relevant |  | Marking with the VA logo and the VA number as usual. |