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**To users of the COPRO/BENOR mark
for Road Restraint systems
according to TRA 69B and TRA 69C**

Reference
KIV/MDB/19/0642

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Re:

- PTV 869 version 5.0
- Restructuring TRA 69B and TRA 69C
- General certification regulations for product certification in the construction sector under the COPRO/BENOR mark: CRC 01 COPRO/BENOR
- New editions

RBC 69/2019/01:	PTV 869 version 5.0 TRA 69-1 version 3.0 TRA 69-2 version 5.0 TRA 69-3 version 1.0 TRA 69-4 version 1.0 TRA 69-5 version 1.0 CRC 01 COPRO version 4.0 CRC 01 BENOR version 3.0
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Dear Madam,
Dear Sir,

Concerning: PTV 869 / TRA 69

The last years there has been put a lot of effort to change and optimize the certification of Road Restraint systems.

Recently the Board of directors from COPRO approved the new regulations and technical prescriptions for road restraint systems.

The regulations TRA 69C version 2.0 has been renamed and transformed into TRA 69-1 version 3.0. The regulations TRA 69B version 3.0 has been restructured and divided into 4 different parts. There are no major changes regarding to the certification requirements.

The restructuring resulted into 5 new editions:

- TRA 69-1: Parts for non-tested safety barriers
- TRA 69-2: Safety barriers from steel
- TRA 69-3: Crash cushions and terminals
- TRA 69-4: Safety barriers from in situ concrete
- TRA 69-5: Safety barriers from wood-metal

These changes have been widely discussed during the meetings of the Sectoral Commission of road restraint systems from which you were briefed by meeting reports.

Your products which were certified under TRA 69C and/or TRA 69B will automatically be transferred to the relevant TRA-x. You will also receive a new updated certificate for each relevant TRA-x.

The new regulations and PTV 869 will be applied from the 1st of January 2020. In the meanwhile there will be a transition period to settle the administrative changes.

A summary of the most important changes in PTV 869 version 5.0 is set out in the following table:

Art. 2.0 Art. 3.0 Art. 4.0 Art. 7.0	Mention of PTV 124.
Art. 2.3 Art. 3.3 Art. 4.3 Art. 7.3 Art. 8.5	Expansion of the identifications.
Art. 4	Clarification on transitions and connections.
Art. 5.1.1.2	Chemical requirement and adhesion of steel/zinc.
Art. 5.2	Requirement for wood: clarification and simplification.
Art. 5.4	Addition of prefabricated elements for safety barriers of concrete.
Art. 9	Addition of requirements for parts of non-tested safety barriers.
Annex 2	Update of the steel classes.
Annex 5	Update of the table transitions and connections.
Annex 7	New with the addition of the drawings.

Concerning: CRC 01 COPRO/BENOR

As you know, the TRA's (Application Regulations) supplement the General Certification Regulations CRC 01 COPRO/BENOR.

These General Certification Regulations CRC 01 COPRO/BENOR date back some years and were due for a thorough revision.

One of the updates concerns digital transmission of the inspection reports. We also had to implement a number of changes in the context of our accreditation. Furthermore, the terminology of a number of specific terms has been adjusted.

Enclosed we are also sending you the new version of CRC 01 COPRO/BENOR. This document applies immediately.

A summary of the most important changes is set out below.

Art. 2.4.7.3 Art. 2.4.8.3 Art. 8.2.2.6	Clarification that the COPRO/BENOR mark may not be used during the term of a suspension or after termination of the certificate or a technical data sheet.
Art. 2.6	The wording of the rules for using the COPRO/BENOR mark has been improved, especially where third-party products are used. The addition that the COPRO/BENOR certification mark has been registered in the Benelux trademark register.
Art. 2.7.1.5 Art. 6.2.1	(With CE marking) The COPRO/BENOR mark is only valid when the essential characteristics of a harmonized standard are the subject of the Declaration of Performance. The data stated on the technical sheet must correspond to the data on the Declaration of Performance.

Art. 3.1.5 Art. 3.2.4 Art. 8.2.1.6	In certain cases, confidential data can be reported to vzw BENOR.
Art. 3.4.1	Trade register has been changed at the Kruispuntbank van Ondernemingen (Central Database for Enterprises).
Art. 4.5.1.1 Art. 7.2.3.2	A minimum of external supervision is provided for, even if production or delivery under the COPRO/BENOR mark is interrupted.
Art. 5.1.3.1	The content of the application for certification has been adjusted. This document is no longer drawn up in duplicate.
Art. 5.2	It is specified when the start-up inspection must be carried out and when the trial period can start.
Art. 7.4.1.3	The inspection reports are sent to the supplier by email.
Art. 7.5.2 Art. 8.1.1.1 Art. 8.1.3	Several articles describe the infringements of the use of the COPRO/BENOR mark.
Art. 8.2.2.2	A suspension of independent delivery, a technical data sheet or the certificate can only be lifted if the certificate holder has submitted convincing evidence that all necessary measures have been taken to definitively stop the infringement or deviation and prevent its recurrence.
Art. 8.2.2.4	Following revocation of the certificate, the supplier can only submit a new application for certification after structural measures have been implemented to permanently stop the infringement or deviation and prevent recurrence and provided that compensation has been paid for the damage suffered by the certification body and the owner of the mark.
Art. 8.3	The definition of disputes has been adjusted. The procedure for dealing with an appeal is available on the website of the certification body.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the person mentioned above.

Yours sincerely,



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