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Note: This scheme corresponds to version II of the ANQIP water efficiency labeling scheme for products and replaces the previous version as of the implementation date indicated above. Labels assigned according to the previous version may be retained until the end of their validity period, unless their replacement is requested by the interested entity.

1. ANQIP's water efficiency certification and labelling scheme for products is a voluntary scheme, for the exclusive use of effective ANQIP members.
2. Adhesion to the scheme must be requested from ANQIP by the Interested Entity, indicating which specific products it wishes to certify.
3. Joining the scheme implies full acceptance of these Regulations.
4. Within the scope of this scheme, a typical product means each of the following categories:
 - Flushing cisterns;
 - Showers and shower systems;
 - Taps (except shower) and urinal flush valves;
 - Other devices not specified in the previous items.
5. Certification is awarded per specific item or model, within each range of standard products placed on the market by the interested entity.
6. Adherence to the scheme presupposes the prior payment per entity of a single fee for joining the scheme, according to the table approved by the Board of ANQIP.
7. In addition to the accession fee, there will also be an amount to be paid per certified product type and model, within a maximum period of 30 days after certification is granted, according to the table approved by the ANQIP Board.

8. The characteristics and conditions of use of the labels are defined in the Technical Specification ANQIP ETA 0803.

9. For each product type, ANQIP will develop a Technical Specification, establishing the criteria for assigning the corresponding water efficiency labels.

10. A Technical Specification will also be developed for each product type to carry out the certification tests.

11. ANQIP promotes the carrying out of an initial test, under the conditions foreseen in the applicable ETA for the product. The test may be carried out at the premises of the interested entity, provided that a declaration of conformity is submitted, accompanied by evidence that the test was carried out in accordance with the procedures set out in the relevant ETA.

12. The costs of the tests shall be borne directly by the interested party in all cases.

13. If the product complies with a European Standard that requires flow or volume tests, in terms analogous to those foreseen for this ANQIP water efficiency certification, ANQIP may be requested to consider these tests as initial tests. The request must be accompanied by documents proving compliance with the applicable Standard.

14. The option of self-declaration provided for in clause 11 applies to imported products for which tests have been carried out in foreign laboratories.

15. Within a maximum period of 30 days after receipt of the duly completed application, the ANQIP Board will deliberate on the attribution of certification and labelling authorization.

16. For approved products, ANQIP will issue a water efficiency certificate, which will indicate the labelling category, among other elements considered relevant.

17. ANQIP will keep a record, which it will publish on its *website*, with all certified products, the respective labelling category and the validity of the certification.

18. All certificates will have an alphanumeric code, consisting of three letters and nine numbers, of the type XXX000-000000, the first three letters representing the manufacturer or representative code, the next three numbers the ANQIP order number of the

certification and the six last digits the month (two digits) and year (four digits) of the last validation or renewal.

19. Each certificate will be valid for five years, and may be renewed automatically whenever it is understood that the technical characteristics of the product are maintained, not justifying the carrying out of the renewal test referred to in the following number. In these cases, ANQIP will ask the manufacturer or representative for a declaration of conformity of the technical characteristics.

20. When the conditions for automatic renewal are not met, the five-yearly renewal of certificates will be carried out by carrying out a new validation test, known as a renewal test, under conditions similar to the initial test.

21. Regardless of the initial or renewal tests, ANQIP may carry out, at any time, on its own initiative or motivated by any complaint of non-compliance sent to it, random tests, by sampling, with products collected from the producer's or importer's warehouse, in commerce or even in products already installed in the places of use.

22. Random tests may also be carried out at the premises of the manufacturer, importer or stockist, with the presence of an ANQIP auditor, whenever such a procedure is considered more appropriate and there are local conditions for carrying out the test.

23. When applying to join the certification and labelling system, the interested entity undertakes, whenever requested and without any limitation, to authorize ANQIP to access its facilities to carry out the collection of products intended for carrying out random tests, under the conditions of item 13, which will be provided free of charge, or to indemnify ANQIP, whenever this entity has to resort to products purchased commercially to carry out these tests, up to a maximum of one item per year and per specific product.

24. In the event that any non-compliance is detected, ANQIP will alert the certified entity of the fact, indicating the corrections to be made, which must send ANQIP, within 90 days, evidence that the situation has been corrected at the source and in the market.

25. If, at the end of that 90-day period, it is detected that there is still a situation of non-compliance, the certification will be suspended by the Technical Secretariat of ANQIP, and the certified entity must remove any mention of the certification or certification label from all its promotional and technical products within a maximum period of six months after the initial non-compliance notification and until the situation is definitively corrected.

26. In the event of recurrent and frequent incorrect action, as well as in other cases considered by the ANQIP Board as a serious violation of the commitments made with ANQIP, the Board may definitively withdraw the product certification and the labelling authorization, which situation advertised on its *website*.

27. If the ANQIP Board withdraws the certification of the product, the certified entity undertakes to immediately cease applying the label and to eliminate, in all its existing products or placed on the market and in the respective technical or promotional literature, within six months, any and all references to ANQIP water efficiency certification and labelling.

28. In the event of non-compliance with the provisions of the previous item, ANQIP will consider that it is an abusive use of a trademark registered by ANQIP and will act accordingly.

29. Decisions made by the ANQIP Technical Secretariat may be appealed to the ANQIP Board.

30. The decisions of the Board of ANQIP will be appealed to the General Assembly of ANQIP, whose decisions will be sovereign.

31. Any certified entity may, on its own initiative and at any time, cease the labelling of its products, having to communicate such decision to ANQIP, within 30 days. This communication does not exempt the certified entity from settling all expenses related to testing or certification processes that may have occurred or are currently occurring.