

Compliance Or Codemark? (What Comes First? What's More Important?)

TermiCoat® a *fully compliant* Termite Management System, (TTMS).

1. Compliance vs. Codemark Certification

- **Compliance** is the priority. All products used in construction, including termite management systems like Termicoat®, must first meet the **mandatory requirements of the National Construction Code (NCC)**. Termicoat® has demonstrated compliance with AS3660.1:2014 through testing and assessment in accordance with AS3660.3:2014
- **Codemark**, on the other hand, is a **voluntary certification** scheme. It's a government-run program that provides **third-party recognition** for building products. However, it's important to stress that Codemark is **not mandatory** for demonstrating compliance. CodeMark certificates are offered as Evidence of suitability in accordance with NCC clause A5G3 (1)(a).
- *The **Evidence of suitability** we have chosen is in accordance with **NCC clause A5G3 (1)(e)** - a report from a professional engineer & appropriately qualified person.*

2. Why the Confusion?

- Competitors are trying to exploit the **lack of Codemark certification** to falsely suggest that Termicoat® isn't compliant. The reality is that compliance can be demonstrated for the certifier through a **Professional engineer's assessment**, which is fully valid under the NCC.
- **Builders and certifiers** may misunderstand the difference between Codemark and compliance, thinking that Codemark is required for all products when it's actually an **optional tool** that simplifies compliance verification.

3. Key Takeaway: Compliance First

- **Compliance** is the most important factor. Termicoat® has already achieved compliance to Deemed-to-Satisfy clauses assessed and tested by a competent person, which included an Entomologist Report in keeping with AS3660.3, A3.3.
- Codemark is **secondary**—a voluntary choice that could be used to **enhance market perception** but is not a regulatory necessity.

Summary:

- **Termicoat is compliant**—this is the legal requirement.
- **Codemark is optional**— and is not a substitute for compliance.
- Competitors may be exploiting the **Codemark misunderstanding** to undermine us, but our focus is on educating our customers about compliance, so please contact our Authorised Termicoat® Agents for the true story.