

# Subject: Termicoat® DtS Compliance and your Builders

In a recent Australian Environmental Pest Managers Association (AEPMA) newsletter and in response to recent assertions by the AEPMA regarding Termicoat®'s compliance, it's important for your builders and their certifiers/surveyors to clarify the following:

## **Deemed-to-Satisfy (DtS) Provisions:**

- **Definition:** DtS provisions are specific criteria outlined in the National Construction Code (NCC) that, when adhered to, ensure automatic compliance with the code's performance requirements.
- **Termicoat®'s Compliance:** Termicoat® has been independently assessed and certified by a leading building compliance product certifier, (Professional Engineer) confirming its status as a DtS solution in accordance with NCC 2022 standards.

### **CodeMark Certification:**

- Nature: CodeMark is a voluntary third-party certification scheme that provides a pathway for demonstrating compliance with the NCC, particularly beneficial for innovative or complex products.
- Termicoat®'s Position: While Termicoat® previously held CodeMark certification, it is not a mandatory requirement for compliance. The product's adherence to DtS provisions ensures it meets NCC standards without the need for CodeMark certification.

#### **AEPMA's Assertions:**

- Concerns Raised: AEPMA has highlighted the suspension of Termicoat®'s CodeMark certificate, suggesting potential non-compliance.
- Clarification: Termicoat® remains fully compliant with NCC requirements through its DtS status, rendering the absence of CodeMark certification inconsequential to its compliance.

### **Builder Considerations:**

- Certifier Approval: Builders can be assured that Termicoat®'s compliance with DtS provisions aligns with NCC standards, (AS3660.1:2014 and NCC Vol Two, Section 3.4.2- Termite Management), facilitating approval from certifiers and surveyors.
- Installation Advantages: Termicoat® offers practical benefits over traditional plastic sheet systems, reducing risks, (such as slip joints being created) associated with incorrect installations where such systems have NOT been glued to brick courses as is required by the manufacturer and potential warranty breaches and damage by trades on site.

In summary, while AEPMA has raised concerns regarding Termicoat®'s certification status, it's crucial to understand that compliance with the NCC can be achieved through DtS provisions without the necessity of CodeMark certification. Termicoat® continues to meet all required standards, ensuring its suitability for use in construction projects

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