



**BELGAQUA**

**Belgian Federation for the  
Water Sector**

Non-profit association

**Conformity Control of Devices and Appliances  
to be connected to the Drinking Water Supply Network**

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**Certification of Backflow Prevention Valves and Protections  
against Contamination of Water intended for human consumption**

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**Attestation of Category of Fluids  
which can come in contact with Drinking Water**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

One of the fundamental duties of Water Supply Companies and Services is to guarantee the outmost quality of water intended for human consumption, fulfilling all legal requirements.

Bearing in mind the large number and diversity of devices and appliances which can be connected to the water supply network, an ad hoc regulation and a close and efficient surveillance of its enforcement are needed in order to avoid that water, whose quality can be altered in devices and parts of the domestic installations could, under specific conditions, flow back into the public network and thus contaminate other consumers. The principles of this Regulation are stated in the European Standard EN-1717 "Protection against pollution of potable water in water installations and general requirements of devices to prevent pollution by backflow", as well as in the Standards to which reference is made in this document (available at the Belgian Standards Institute NBN, rue de Birmingham, 131 - 1070 Brussels - [www.nbn.be](http://www.nbn.be)).

The owners and users of installations and appliances connected to the water network are fully responsible for their conception, installation, use and appropriate maintenance; nevertheless, water suppliers must ascertain that they are well informed about their obligations and will take all necessary precautions.

With this aim, the Belgian Water Suppliers have worked out a full set of technical specifications laid down in the document *PRESCRIPTIONS TECHNIQUES BELGAQUA INSTALLATIONS INTÉRIEURES* which, in its basic version, takes over the specifications of the European Standard EN-1717. This document was approved by the Board of Management of BELGAQUA on 25th November 2002.

Each water supply company or service examines the installations of its customers - or can issue a mandate for this to a duly qualified third party - to verify if the installation as a whole and in particular the devices connected to the water network, the backflow prevention systems and the fluids being used and possibly coming into contact with drinking water meet all technical criteria as stated in the document *"PRESCRIPTIONS TECHNIQUES BELGAQUA INSTALLATIONS INTÉRIEURES"* (*Technical Specifications for Private (domestic) Installations*).

Because there are a great number of devices to be checked and in order to avoid unnecessary repetitions of detailed checks at customers' premises, BELGAQUA worked out a system in 1975 for centralized conformity control of devices and appliances, certification of backflow prevention systems (a.o. no-return valves) and attestation of category of fluids which can come into contact with drinking water.

This BELGAQUA system offers the opportunity for manufacturers or importers of such devices or products - provided that all technical requirements are met - to obtain attestations of conformity for their devices or backflow prevention systems and for the producers or distributors of fluids which can come into contact with water used in the devices or appliances mentioned above to obtain attestations of conformity with the criteria for the categories listed in EN-1717.

On the basis of this system the control of the customers' installations can be much simplified and customers can have a much better guarantee that the devices they intend to install and the fluids they are going to use are in complete conformity with the standards. It is important to mention at this stage that the decision to ask BELGAQUA to check the devices and products rests entirely with the manufacturers and/or importers. If they do not wish to make use of this service, they are free to ask for local checks of the installations by the water supply company or service under the conditions fixed by them.

In the absence of attestation of category of fluids, a backflow prevention system of a higher level could be imposed for certain types of devices or installations.

The Regional authorities, which are competent for the legislation in the field of public water supply, may impose certain obligations regarding the attestation of conformity of appliances or backflow prevention systems. The parties concerned are in such a case obliged to comply with these requirements, independent of the possibility offered by BELGAQUA.

BELGAQUA's centralized system of conformity control of appliances, certification of backflow prevention systems and attestation of fluid category, set up on 1st October 1994, has been revised on several occasions. The main goal was to improve the visibility of the system and thereby enhance the global safety level regarding the protection of drinking water quality in the supply networks and hence the consumers' safety.

One of the major changes is related to the publication, at the request of the certificate owners and subject to the payment of a reasonable fee, of a list of appliances, certified backflow prevention systems and fluid category attestations. This publication consists of a periodical *Repertoire* issued by BELGAQUA and circulated as widely as possible among professionals (sanitary installers, engineering services, architects, purchase departments...), end-customers as well as within technical schools.

Since 1st October 1997 technical controls are carried out according to "families" of products, within which all series of appliances, devices or backflow prevention systems have an identical hydraulic system.

The latest modification relates to the duration of validity of the certificates, following the publication of the standard EN-1717 and several products standards regarding backflow prevention systems.

This brochure contains the whole set of documents regarding the system put in place by BELGAQUA:

- General Terms for the control by BELGAQUA of the conformity of appliances and installations connected to the water supply network, the certification of backflow prevention systems and the attestation of category of fluids;
- Application forms for the attestation by BELGAQUA of the conformity of an appliance to the BELGAQUA TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR DOMESTIC INSTALLATIONS/certification of a no-return valve or backflow prevention system/attestation of category of fluids which could come into contact with drinking water;
- Current Tariffs (subject to revision by the Board of Management of BELGAQUA).

**GENERAL TERMS**  
**for the CONTROL by BELGAQUA of the CONFORMITY**  
**of APPLIANCES and INSTALLATIONS connected to**  
**the WATER SUPPLY NETWORK,**  
**the CERTIFICATION of BACKFLOW PREVENTION SYSTEMS**  
**and the ATTESTATION of CATEGORY of FLUIDS**  
**which can come into contact with drinking water.**

## **1. GENERAL**

### 1.1. Object and field of application

The current general terms apply to each stage of the contractual relationship between BELGAQUA on the one side and the submitters or certificate owners on the other side, of:

- a) attestations of conformity with the technical specifications described in the 'PRESCRIPTIONS TECHNIQUES BELGAQUA INSTALLATIONS INTÉRIEURES' (PRESCRIPTIONS) of appliances or installations placed on the market in Belgium with the aim to be connected to the water supply networks ("appliances"),
- b) certificates of no-return valves and backflow prevention systems ("protections"),
- c) attestations of category of fluids ("fluids") which could come into contact with drinking water.

Every application for an attestation or certificate introduced by individual or legal entities by returning the application form duly signed, implies their full agreement with all the conditions contained in the present document.

Every mention of the name "ANSEAU" or "Association nationale des Services d'Eau" is equivalent to "BELGAQUA", "Fédération belge des Distributeurs d'Eau" ou "Fédération belge du Secteur de l'Eau" (Belgian Federation for the Water Sector) as they appeared in the official publications of the Annexes to the 'Moniteur belge' (Belgian Official Journal).

### 1.2. Extent of the responsibility

The conformity controls of appliances, protections or fluids performed by BELGAQUA in the framework of the current general terms relate only to the requirements of backflow prevention against pollution of the water supply networks, as described in the 'PRESCRIPTIONS'. The attestations indicate that the appliances or fluids subjected to the controls appear to offer in principle all the necessary guarantees regarding the prevention of such a contamination within normal conditions of use such as specified by the submitter.

The controls performed by BELGAQUA do not provide any guarantee regarding the good functioning in general nor other aspects relating to the quality of appliances or fluids, such as, for example their performance, durability, safety of use in general, etc. In all circumstances, the manufacturers remain fully responsible for the quality of their products, for their conformity with the models and for the information submitted for the controls and the possible consequences of their use. In no way they may take any advantage of an attestation delivered by BELGAQUA following the current general terms, regarding the merits of their products and services in the fields mentioned above.

Testing and certification of protections relate to the functioning, for the designed goal and under the specified conditions of use, of these protections and consequently to their ability to ensure a normally efficient protection of the water supply networks against the risks of pollution originating from the domestic installations of the customers. The certification of these protections by BELGAQUA does not provide as such an authorization to place them in the domestic installations without any reservation, in particular when they are parts of kits which have also other functions. The certificate

owners and their customers remain entirely subject to the specifications in this field of the technical regulations and general terms of delivery issued by the water supply companies or services.

The attestations of category of fluids delivered by BELGAQUA relate to their conformity with the categories as described in the European standard EN-1717, on the basis of the information submitted in good faith by their producers and/or distributors. These remain fully responsible for the correctness of this information and for the conformity, in all times and places, of the fluids placed onto the market to the information submitted to Belgaqua and in the framework of this procedure, they are in no way exonerated of their obligations regarding the labelling of the containers.

## **2. APPLICATIONS FOR ATTESTATION OF CONFORMITY OF APPLIANCES, CERTIFICATION OF PROTECTIONS AND ATTESTATION OF CATEGORY OF FLUIDS**

### 2.1. Information

Upon request, a manufacturer, importer or distributor of appliances, protections or fluids will receive for information and possible handling of a file the following documents:

- a copy of the current general terms;
- an application form as Annex to the current general terms;
- a copy of the 'Prescriptions Techniques BELGAQUA Installations Intérieures' (Belgaqua technical specifications for domestic installations);
- all useful information regarding the procedures, data to be supplied by the submitter, costs of the examinations and sums due for the delivery, registration and maintenance of the attestation or certificate.

### 2.2. Handling of the application

By returning the application form duly completed and signed, the submitter confirms his full agreement with all provisions of the current general terms. In particular, the measures in case of non-compliance described under 3.3. may apply, including during the examination phase.

Upon receipt of the application form, duly completed and signed, and accompanied by the technical data related to the application, BELGAQUA notifies the submitter that his request will be examined. This work will, however, only effectively start when the lump sum as described under 6.3 hereafter has been received by BELGAQUA or, if otherwise agreed, upon receipt of the advance sum to be paid by the submitter. This advance will be deducted from the amount of the final invoice and remains in any case the full property of BELGAQUA.

BELGAQUA appoints one or more experts who will examine the appliances, the protections or the fluids. Within the limits of the Belgian territory, the expert(s) will visit the premises of the manufacturers or importers of the appliances, protections or fluids where a technical examination will take place.

The submitter will take all measures to ease the work of the experts and will bear all costs which are necessary for the examination (if applicable: providing the documentation, samples, if needed take apart appliances or devices, test installations, energy, support workforce, etc.).

When the experts appointed by BELGAQUA have to enter places which are under the submitter's custody, he will take all measures to guarantee the personal safety of the experts and cover all risks entailed for them and their equipment. The submitter will undertake steps towards third parties in order to provide similar guarantees for the experts when they need to visit their premises.

BELGAQUA commits itself to ensure a confidential treatment of the information received from the submitter. In particular, such information could only be communicated to third parties with the previous and explicit consent of the submitter. BELGAQUA will refrain from making statements towards third parties about the existence of an application. In the same way, the submitter will refrain from making any kind of public statement about his application before receiving from BELGAQUA an attestation or certificate, nor will he undertake any initiative which could suggest that an attestation of conformity or a certificate has been or could be delivered for the appliances, protections or fluids concerned by the application.

### 2.3. Technical analysis

During the technical analysis, the following will be checked:

- if the detailed scheme of the hydraulic part of the appliance as submitted and authenticated by the submitter is in conformity with the 'PRESCRIPTIONS' (Belgaqua technical specifications for domestic installations);
- if the type-samples of the device correspond fully to the scheme mentioned above;
- if the backflow preventions have been installed according to the applicable standards;
- if the instructions of the manufacturer, importer or dealer regarding installation, operation and maintenance of the appliance match the general rules and guarantee that the backflow prevention systems will operate under normal conditions of use. If necessary, the fulfillment of this condition could be subject to laboratory testing;
- the Safety information sheet of the fluid established according to the 93/112/EEC and its subsequent modifications, as well as the full and detailed formulation with indication of the CAS numbers and chemical names of all substances composing the product. This formation will be examined under confidentiality regime.

In case the checks made by BELGAQUA lead to the conclusion that the devices or appliances submitted do not incorporate the necessary backflow prevention systems as requested by the 'PRESCRIPTIONS', the submitter is informed of this as well as of the necessary modifications.

The submitter will attribute to the devices or the backflow prevention systems which have been modified according to the instructions of BELGAQUA a new number or specific type denomination by which they can be distinguished without any ambiguity from the other not conforming devices or backflow prevention systems.

In the case of fluids which may come into contact with drinking water, the indications of the Safety information sheet shall allow to establish very clearly that the products as they are placed on the market fulfill the ad hoc requirements of the European Standard EN-1717 for the relevant categories. In the absence of such indications, no attestation will be delivered and the fluids will automatically be considered to belong to the corresponding higher category.

The applications will be treated in the shortest possible time, taking into account the information and/or samples supplied by the submitter. When BELGAQUA has sufficient elements to conclude that the technical examination of the request could be abnormally long and in any case when it will exceed three months, BELGAQUA will inform the submitter thereof. The measures to be taken to speed up the process will then be agreed upon by both parties.

### **3. ATTESTATION OF CONFORMITY OR OF CATEGORY - ACCEPTANCE CERTIFICATE**

#### **3.1. Delivery of an attestation or certificate**

When the technical examination of the application leads to a positive decision, BELGAQUA delivers an attestation of conformity of the devices or an acceptance certificate of the backflow prevention systems or an attestation of category of fluid. BELGAQUA informs its members without delay about the delivery of such an attestation or certificate and sees to it that they take them fully into account. BELGAQUA adds the references of the devices, backflow prevention systems or fluids and of the owners of the attestations and certificates in the next issue of its Repertoire, according to the conditions set out in 4.1.

The owner of an attestation or certificate binds himself to put on the Belgian market only pieces of equipment under a well-defined brand and model/type, of which the hydraulic part or the parts which can influence the hydraulic behaviour correspond to the type for which the attestation or certificate has been delivered, or fluids in conformity with the types having obtained an attestation of category. For all deliveries, the devices will be equipped with the requested backflow prevention systems and supplied with the appropriate instructions for installation in order to ensure that consumer installations meet the 'PRESCRIPTIONS.

The duration of validity of the attestation of conformity or the acceptance certificate delivered by BELGAQUA is limited to 5 years from the date of the certificate, without prejudice to the specific restrictions regarding the certification of backflow prevention systems delivered on the basis of an acceptance report issued by another competent body of a member State of the European Union, in which case the duration of validity may not exceed the duration mentioned on the original certificate. The submitter will inform BELGAQUA without delay of every modification he intends to make regarding the hydraulic parts or which could influence the hydraulic flow conditions of the devices/appliances or of the backflow prevention systems, before the new or modified types are put on the market. If applicable, BELGAQUA may inform the attestation or certificate holder that the device/appliance or the backflow prevention system has been modified in such a way compared to the original model, that a new technical examination is necessary, covered by a separate application. For the fluids which can come into contact with drinking water, any modification of the formulation makes the attestation void. The holder of such an attestation is then requested to introduce a completely new application.

The holder of an attestation or certificate is entitled to make reference to it during its period of validity, under any form in accordance with legal provisions - in particular with the rules which safeguard free competition - but only in an unambiguous manner and for the devices/appliances, backflow prevention systems or fluids and for the characteristics covered by the attestation or certificate, as long as they have not been modified. The devices/appliances, backflow prevention systems or packaging of the fluids may then bear a mark or labelling referring to this certification. If the attestation or certificate holder wants to affix the pictogram or the "logo" of BELGAQUA, he needs the prior written consent of BELGAQUA. This mark, label or publication will indicate in a non-ambiguous manner that the conformity relates to the 'PRESCRIPTIONS or if applicable to the standard NBN EN 1717.

BELGAQUA normally preserves the attestation or certificate holder's rights against unjustified actions undertaken by third parties with regard to attestations of conformity or acceptance certificates delivered in the framework of the current General Terms. The holder of these attestations or certificates may support the actions decided by BELGAQUA.

The holder of attestations or certificates is allowed, for deliveries outside the Belgian territory, to refer to the attestation or certificate issued by BELGAQUA. The latter cannot provide any legal guarantee to the holder with regard to third parties.

BELGAQUA cannot guarantee the holder against the consequences of possible modifications to the PRESCRIPTIONS (BELGAQUA technical specifications for domestic installations). BELGAQUA will inform the holder as soon as sufficient elements indicate that such modifications could occur.

### 3.2. Control

BELGAQUA may at any time and at its own expense undertake the controls it deems necessary, as well in the premises of the holder of an attestation or certificate as, with the consent of those responsible, in salesrooms or warehouses of the dealers of the devices/ appliances, backflow prevention systems or fluids covered by an attestation or certificate, in order to check the conformity of the devices/appliances, backflow prevention systems or fluids with the models for which an attestation or a certificate has been delivered and with the additional conditions which may be included in these documents.

The holder will assist BELGAQUA to ensure the good progress of these controls, amongst others by putting samples at the disposal of BELGAQUA and if necessary, by intervening with third parties as referred to above. BELGAQUA need not inform the attestation/certificate holder in advance of these controls, but will avoid to cause serious trouble to his normal activities without good reasons.

In the case of irregularities being discovered, BELGAQUA will inform the attestation/ certificate holder of the outcome of its controls. The attestation/certificate holder has to indicate in reply which corrective measures he will undertake and what has been or will be the destination of the faulty devices/appliances, protections or fluids.

### 3.3. Measures in case of non-compliance

In case a non-conformity is being identified during a control or if it appears that the submitter or holder of an attestation or certificate has infringed upon his contractual obligations, BELGAQUA will be allowed to withdraw the attestation or certificate and/or obtain from the submitter or holder a compensation fixed at four times the fee for the initial application. BELGAQUA will also be entitled to terminate the contract with the faulty submitter or holder.

### 3.4. Subcontracting

When the attestation/certificate holder subcontracts the production, the assembly or mounting of devices/appliances of backflow prevention systems or fluids covered by an attestation of conformity or an acceptance certificate delivered by BELGAQUA, he must inform BELGAQUA of this subcontracting. He remains, however, fully responsible for the correct fulfillment of his contractual obligations by third parties involved and in particular for the technical conformity of the devices/appliances, backflow prevention systems or fluids.

If he is not in state to offer these guaranties, he has to invite the subcontractors to which he contracted the production, assembling or mounting of devices/appliances of backflow prevention systems or the formulation of the fluids placed onto the market to submit themselves a request for attestation of conformity or for an acceptance certificate by BELGAQUA.

### 3.5. Old attestations and certificates - transition measures

With regard to the entry into force of the European standard EN-1717 and of the product standards describing the backflow prevention systems, all attestations and certificates delivered up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2003 have lost any valid after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008.

#### **4. PUBLICATIONS**

##### **4.1. Publications by BELGAQUA**

At least once a year BELGAQUA edits a list (Repertoire) containing the devices/appliances for which an attestation of conformity has been delivered, the certified backflow prevention systems and the fluids of certified category, for which the attestation/certificate holders have paid the periodical publication fee as stated under 6.3., taking into account that the first publication after the delivery of the attestation/certificate is automatic and free of additional charge. By paying the periodical publication fee, the attestation/certificate holder confirms that the devices/appliances, backflow prevention systems or fluids placed on the market at that time have not been modified, as compared to the model for which an attestation/certificate has been issued.

In addition to this publication, BELGAQUA can publish lists on its website or provide a consultation function about the certified appliances/devices/backflow prevention systems and fluids.

The absence of inclusion of the reference to the devices/appliances or backflow prevention systems in the Repertoire edited by BELGAQUA may by no means be considered as a sufficient condition to refuse the connection of the relevant devices/appliances or backflow prevention systems to the water supply network, in so far the installation is being equipped with the necessary backflow prevention systems, according to the PRESCRIPTIONS.

The confirmation by BELGAQUA of the attestation of category of a fluid by means of its inclusion in the Repertoire is, however, an indispensable condition for its admission within the referred category when it is used in a device/appliance equipped with a sufficient backflow prevention system according to the requirements of the European standard EN-1717. In the absence of such an attestation, the device/appliance will have to be equipped with a backflow prevention system corresponding to a fluid of the higher category of risk.

##### **4.2. Publications by attestation or certificate holders**

As stated under 3.1. above, the attestation/certificate holders have the right to make reference to the attestations or certificates delivered by BELGAQUA by all suitable means. In doing so they have to stick strictly to the object of the attestation or certificate.

BELGAQUA's responsibility is by no means engaged by any incorrect use of this right on behalf of the attestation/certificate holder. In particular, he will safeguard BELGAQUA against any damages claimed by third parties as a consequence of his publications.

#### **5. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

Any dispute regarding the validity, interpretation or execution of the current General Terms will be definitely settled, according to the rules of CEPANI, by three referees who constitute an arbitration board. One of the referees will be appointed by BELGAQUA, a second by the submitter or attestation/certificate holder and a third in common agreement between the two first parties. The arbitration will take place in the Brussels-Capital Region under Belgian law. Both parties commit themselves to accept the conclusions of the arbitration board.

Any request by the submitter or attestation/certificate holder for an intervention of the arbitration board will be introduced by registered letter addressed to the Director of BELGAQUA, mentioning the challenged decision and the motivation of the request.

The grounds for complaint by BELGAQUA will be notified to the submitter or attestation/certificate holder by the Director of BELGAQUA.

The arbitration board will also decide upon the costs of the proceedings and the party to which they will have to be charged.

## **6. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

### **6.1. Complaints**

When the attestation/certificate holder is informed of complaints by users of his devices/appliances, backflow prevention systems or fluids which point out that the quality of the water supply is at risk, he informs BELGAQUA thereof without delay.

When BELGAQUA receives information of the same kind regarding devices/appliances, backflow prevention systems or fluids which have not been modified as compared to the models for which an attestation or a certificate has been delivered, it informs the attestation/certificate holder and indicates which measures have to be taken in order to remedy the shortcomings. If his good faith is not questionable and if he has taken normal professional care in manufacturing the devices/appliances, backflow prevention systems or fluids, BELGAQUA will bear the costs of examination and attestation/certification of a new version of the devices/appliances or backflow prevention systems, adapted according to BELGAQUA's instructions. In the case of fluids, the attestation holder has to comply with the corresponding requirements of directive 93/112/EEC and its subsequent modifications and prove if necessary that the fluids meet the requirements of the European standard EN-1717 with regard to the definition of categories of fluids.

The provisions of this article 6.1. are also applicable when the measures described under 3.3. have been activated, among others regarding the right of BELGAQUA to claim a damage.

### **6.2. Responsibility**

BELGAQUA rejects any responsibility for damage which could be caused within the framework of the current General Terms, of the application for attestations of conformity or for acceptance certificates and the delivery of such documents, unless it can be proved that BELGAQUA committed a fault or a serious shortcoming which is in direct relationship with the damage.

The holder of an attestation or a certificate guarantees BELGAQUA against any sue for damages undertaken by third parties in the framework of the current General Terms.

### **6.3. Fees**

A fee shall be paid by the submitter for examination and further treatment of applications for attestations of conformity of devices/appliances, for acceptance of backflow prevention systems or an attestation of category of fluids, including the delivery of such documents, the registration of the references of the devices/appliances, backflow prevention systems or fluids and their first inclusion in the Repertoire edited by BELGAQUA.

The amount of this fee is fixed by the Board of Management of BELGAQUA. The amount can vary according to the nature of the application: attestation of conformity of devices/appliances, acceptance of backflow prevention systems or attestation of category of fluids and according to the specific cases foreseen by the Board of Management of BELGAQUA. This amount will be communicated to the submitter along with the preliminary information as described under 2.1. above.

In some specific cases, the handling of the application will be based on a preliminary estimate. BELGAQUA will inform the submitter in writing specifying the amount of the fee.

The amount of the yearly publication fee as described under 4.1. and the various possible cases are also fixed by the Board of Management of BELGAQUA.

The payment of this annual publication fee by the attestation/certificate holder is optional, except for the references regarding the attestations of category of fluids, according to the provisions of article 4.1. above. The inclusion of the references of the devices/appliances or backflow prevention systems in the Repertoire edited by BELGAQUA is by no means an indispensable condition to allow the connection of devices/appliances or backflow prevention systems to the drinking water supply network. By paying the yearly publication fee, the attestation/certificate holder confirms that the devices/appliances, backflow prevention systems or fluids that he places on the market at the date of payment are still identical to the model for which an attestation or certificate has been delivered.

In the absence of payment within 30 days after sending the invoice, a reminder can be addressed to the attestation/certificate holder, possibly by registered mail, increased by administrative costs. If the attestation/certificate holder still has not paid after 30 more days, BELGAQUA will have the right to remove the references to the corresponding devices/appliances, backflow prevention systems or fluids from its Repertoire. The faulty attestation/certificate holder will have to introduce a new request for inclusion in a next edition of the Repertoire if he so wishes.

#### 6.4. Confidentiality

BELGAQUA takes all measures needed, among others towards its staff or the experts involved, in order to ensure the confidential handling of the files submitted regarding the attestation of conformity of devices or appliances, acceptance of backflow prevention systems or the attestation of category of fluids.

Whenever the submitter or certificate holder contacts members of the BELGAQUA staff, water supply companies or experts appointed by BELGAQUA, even when these would no longer be employed by the water supply companies or by BELGAQUA, he will refrain from attempting to obtain confidential information regarding competitors or their products. This provision remains in force even after the termination of the contract.

#### 6.5. Termination of the contract

Each party can put an end to the contract at any time by means of a registered and duly motivated letter. The termination of the contract becomes effective after a delay of three months.

If it appears that one of the parties has seriously neglected its contractual obligations, the other party has the right to put an end to the contract without delay.

The termination of the contract does not, however, imply that the submitter is released from his financial obligations towards BELGAQUA. In particular, any amount paid in view of an application for

an attestation or a certificate or as publication fee will be considered as the definitive property of BELGAQUA.

## **7. FINAL PROVISIONS**

The current General Terms have been approved by the Board of Management of BELGAQUA during its meeting of May 20, 2011. They enter into force on September 1, 2011.

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**Application for acceptance by BELGAQUA of a no-return valve or backflow prevention system for drinking water supply networks**

**1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBMITTER**

Name of the company, legal form .....

Street ..... Nr., Box .....

ZIP/Postal Code .....Town ..... Country .....

Telephone ..... VAT-ID .....

e-mail ..... web site .....

Validly represented by Surname, first name .....

Function .....

**2. DESCRIPTION OF THE APPLICATION** (one separate form per no return valve or backflow preventer)

Type of no return valve or backflow preventer .....

Brand name, labelling .....

Model, diameter (specific for each distinct backflow preventer) .....

Particular characteristics .....

Existing BELGAQUA certificate ..... valid until .....

Existing foreign certificates .....

The undersigned, as named above, validly representing the company ..... hereby asks BELGAQUA to proceed with the technical examination of the no-return valve or backflow prevention system referred to above in view of its acceptance by BELGAQUA.

S/he has full knowledge of the General Terms and of the tariffs of fees in force for the further handling of the present application and the possible delivery of an acceptance certificate and confirms his/her full agreement with these Terms by completing and signing this application form.

S/he commits him/herself to deliver to BELGAQUA or to any person designated by BELGAQUA all information which can facilitate the treatment of this application.

Date, signature

(Annex: technical documents, hydraulic schemes, existing certificates, etc.)



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**Application for attestation by BELGAQUA of the conformity of a device/appliance  
with the BELGAQUA technical specifications for domestic installations**

**1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBMITTER**

Name of the company, legal form .....

Street ..... Nr., Box .....

ZIP/Postal Code .....Town ..... Country .....

Telephone ..... VAT-ID .....

e-mail ..... web site .....

Validly represented by Surname, first name .....

Function .....

**2. DESCRIPTION OF THE APPLICATION** (one separate form per device/appliance)

Type of device, use .....

Brand name, labelling .....

Model, diameter (specific for each distinct device) .....

Particular characteristics .....

Existing BELGAQUA certificate ..... valid until .....

Existing foreign certificates .....

The undersigned, as named above, validly representing the company ..... hereby asks BELGAQUA to proceed with the technical examination of the device/appliance referred to above in view of its attestation of conformity with the Technical Specifications for domestic installations, as approved by the Board of Management of BELGAQUA on November 25, 2002 and all subsequent modifications.

S/he has full knowledge of the General Terms and of the tariffs of fees in force for the further handling of the present application and the possible delivery of an attestation of conformity and confirms his/her full agreement with these Terms by completing and signing this application form.

S/he commits him/herself to deliver to BELGAQUA or to any person designated by BELGAQUA all information which can facilitate the treatment of this application.

Date, signature

(Annex: technical documents, hydraulic schemes, existing certificates, etc.)



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**Application for attestation by BELGAQUA of the category of a fluid  
which could come into contact with drinking water**

**1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBMITTER**

Name of the company, legal form .....

Street ..... Nr., Box .....

ZIP/Postal Code .....Town ..... Country .....

Telephone ..... VAT-ID .....

e-mail ..... web site .....

Validly represented by Surname, first name .....

Function .....

**2. DESCRIPTION OF THE APPLICATION** (one separate form per fluid)

Type of device, use .....

Brand name, labelling .....

Model, diameter (specific for each distinct product) .....

Particular characteristics .....

Existing BELGAQUA certificate ..... valid until .....

Existing foreign certificates .....

The undersigned, as named above, validly representing the company ..... hereby asks BELGAQUA to proceed with the technical examination of the product referred to above in view of its attestation of conformity with the Requirements of the European Standard EN 1717 regarding the categories of fluids.

S/he has full knowledge of the General Terms and of the tariffs of fees in force for the further handling of the present application and the possible delivery of an attestation of category and confirms his/her full agreement with these Terms by completing and signing this application form.

S/he commits him/herself to deliver to BELGAQUA or to any person designated by BELGAQUA all information which can facilitate the treatment of this application.

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## Conformity Control of Devices and Appliances to be connected to the Drinking Water Supply Network

### Certification of Backflow Prevention Valves and Protections against Contamination of Water intended for human consumption

#### Attestation of Category of Fluids which can come in contact with Drinking Water

List of tariffs (excl. VAT) applicable as from September 1, 2011 <sup>(1)</sup>

tariff in € (includes the first inclusion in the annual Repertoire edited by BELGAQUA)		Acceptance at manufacturer's premises or based on testing	Acceptance at Belgaqua's premises <sup>(2)</sup>	Acceptance based on existing documents
<b>new family</b>	Non-return valves and backflow preventers	-	-	540,00
	Devices	740,00 <sup>(3)</sup>	540,00	540,00
extension of an existing family (excl. test of no-return valve)		490,00 <sup>(3)</sup>	290,00	290,00
administrative modification of a certified family and extensions		-	-	290,00
attestation of category 3 of fluid		-	-	290,00

By **'family'** we understand a range of devices/appliances or backflow prevention systems with identical hydraulic system or, in the case of devices/appliances, an identical backflow prevention system (e.g. a range of high pressure cleaners from small to big dimensions, which have an identical water feeding system, via an identical backflow prevention system, or a range of similar no-return valves of various diameters.

(1): All submissions duly introduced before September 1, 2011, accompanied by the relevant technical documents, will be treated at the conditions in force before this date. The examination of the case will start only after receipt of the advance payment of 290,00 €. This advance will be deducted from the amount of the final invoice, but remains in any case full property of BELGAQUA.

(2): during an experts group meeting or at the office of the designated expert, on appointment.

(3): exclusive possible required tests (upon estimation)

#### Publication of the references in the annual Repertoire of BELGAQUA (by type within the same listing section):

DECREASING TARIFF (€):

1 <sup>st</sup> insertion	190,00
2 <sup>nd</sup> insertion	90,00
3 <sup>rd</sup> insertion	60,00
4 <sup>th</sup> and subsequent insertions	30,00