ICC-ES, CSTB, and DIBt form the Alliance of Product Evaluation Experts

Alliance to Streamline Evaluation Processes for Product Manufacturers in the U.S. and Europe

As a result of ongoing collaboration, three leading global evaluation and certification bodies, the Centre Scientifique et Technique du Batiment (CSTB - France), Deutsches Institut für Bautechnik (DIBt - Germany), and the ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES – U.S.), further expanded their cooperation in order to meet the needs of their joint clients.

By aligning resources and expertise, the alliance streamlines and adds more value to customers, bridging code conformity gaps that product manufacturers may face when seeking building and plumbing product certifications in the U.S. and Europe.

“We are very proud to be part of this new alliance of evaluation experts, working collaboratively to help reduce any code conformity issues manufacturers may face, in both the United States and Europe,” said ICC-ES President Shahin Moinian, P.E. “Together, we will increase efficiency in product evaluation and testing.”

“CSTB is thrilled to be part of this group, allowing manufacturers to apply for reports simultaneously in the United States and Europe,” said CSTB Director of International Affairs Bruno Mesureur. “Streamlining the evaluation process will add value to product manufacturers by improving their speed-to-market.”

“This collaboration will be a key factor in harmonizing European Assessment Documents with ICC-ES acceptance criteria, benefiting manufacturers seeking evaluation reports and testing in the United States and Europe,” said DIBt Vice-President Karsten Kathage. “Each organization will bring a wealth of experience, knowledge and expertise, forming a strong alliance.”

About ICC-ES
A nonprofit, limited liability company, ICC-ES is the United States’ leading evaluation service for innovative building materials, components, and systems. ICC-ES Evaluation Reports (ESRs), Building Product Listings, and PMG Listings provide evidence that products and systems meet requirements of codes and technical standards. The ICC-ES Environmental Programs issue VAR environmental reports that verify a product meets specific sustainability targets defined by today’s codes, standards, green rating systems and ICC-ES environmental criteria. The Environmental Programs now offer Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs), to meet global market demand for science-based, transparent, quality-assured information about a product’s environmental performance. ICC-ES is a member of the ICC Family of Companies. For more information, please visit www.icc-es.org.
About CSTB:
The Scientific and Technical Center for Building (CSTB) is a public body for innovation in construction. It focuses on four key activities: research and expertise, assessment, and dissemination of knowledge, all performed to address the challenges of energy transition in the construction sector. Its expertise covers construction products, buildings, and their integration into neighborhoods and cities. With its subsidiaries, networks of national, European and international partners, and over 900 employees, the CSTB offers its services to all stakeholders involved in construction to improve the quality and safety of buildings. Learn more at www.cstb.fr

About DIBt:
DIBt is the German approval body for non-regulated construction products and techniques. As a provider of services and public functions, DIBt fulfils a large range of technical and regulatory tasks in the field of construction, including: granting national technical approvals, issuing European Technical Assessments (ETAs), keeping a register of energy performance certificates and inspection reports for air-conditioning systems, preparing lists of officially recognized technical rules for construction products as well as design and execution of construction works. Learn more at www.dibt.de

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