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Guidelines for renewal of GDV approvals

It is possible to apply for renewal of existing GDV approvals before the approval period has expired. Approvals may be issued for a new period if the holder of the approval can document that the building component still meets the conditions for the approval of building components approved for use with drinking water.

Renewals of GDV approvals are issued by the Danish Transport, Construction and Housing Authority.

These guidelines describe how to apply for renewal of existing GDV approvals for building components approved for use with drinking water.

Renewable GDV approvals

Only existing GDV approvals can be renewed. Application for renewal of a GDV approval shall therefore be submitted to the Danish Transport, Construction and Housing Authority before the approval expires.

If the Danish Transport, Construction and Housing Authority has not received an application for renewal within the below-mentioned time limits, the GDV approval will become invalid when it expires. After this time, the building component must no longer be marketed and sold in Denmark under the GDV approval number.

Therefore, the approval holder must be aware when the GDV approvals expire.

Unchanged building component

Renewal of a GDV approval can only be applied for if the building component is unchanged in relation to the existing approval. If the construction or material composition of the building component has

been changed, or there are changes in the health-related properties, e.g. as a consequence of changes in the production process, replacement of sub-components etc., renewal of the GDV approval cannot be applied for, but instead a new application for approval shall be submitted.

For first time renewals GDV approval, the test documentation on which the existing approval was based may be used again as regards plastic/elastomers and the toxicological assessment. Subsequent renewals are subject to new health-related documentation for the building component for the mentioned points.

In case the GDV approval is based on either a German or a Dutch certification, this can be used as long as the documentation is valid in Germany or the Netherlands. If a sub-component in the building component has been documented in another GDV approval, this can be used as long as it is valid.

Test documentation for metals may be re-used several times, as long as the building component continues to meet the current test requirements for GDV approval. If the building component do not meet current requirement – e.g. if the metal parts of the building component do not meet the more stringent test requirements for lead valid from 1 April 2016 or if the health-related documentation is out of date - the GDV approval cannot be renewed.

Building component versions

If the versions of the building component covered by the renewal of the GDV approval are the same to the existing, renewal may be applied for. This is also the case if versions are taken out of the existing list of versions. It is also possible to add new versions to the list of versions as long as they comply with the test version ("worst case") of the building component on which the existing GDV approval is based.

If the version list is requested to be extended with versions that do *not* comply with the test version on which the existing approval is based, the GDV approval cannot be renewed and instead a new application for GDV approval with health-related documentation for the new test version shall be submitted. In such cases, it is not possible to continue the existing approval number.

The Danish Transport, Construction and Housing Authority will evaluate when it is a case of application for renewal or when the application must be considered as being new.

Same approval holder

Renewal of GDV approval can only be applied for if the approval holder is the same as the one to which the approval was issued. Changes of company name and address may, however, be accepted if it is the same company.

If it is not the same company as the existing holder of the approval, a new application for GDV approval must be submitted.

In any case, where the applicant should be regarded as new, the existing approval number cannot be continued and the new GDV approval will be given a new approval number. The Danish Transport, Construction and Housing Authority evaluates when a GDV approval number can be continued.

How to apply for renewal

There are two ways to apply for renewal of a GDV approval. Either an application with a solemn declaration can be submitted, or the electronic application form can be used. It depends on the changes (if any) requested in relation to the existing approval.

The application with the solemn declaration for renewal of the GDV approval can only be used if there are no changes compared with the existing approval, i.e.:

- The building component has not been changed as regards construction, composition of material or health-related properties.
- It is the same list of versions for the building component or a revised version list where some versions are withdrawn (the test version shall, however, still be part of the list).
- The conditions for the approval are still met.
- The same company is the approval holder.

The completed application form with the solemn declaration must be submitted to the Danish Transport, Construction and Housing Authority by e-mail to GDV@tbst.dk with reference to the existing GDV approval number. If versions of the building component have been *withdrawn* compared with the existing approval, a revised list of versions shall be attached. Otherwise, no other documents should be submitted in general.

The application form with the solemn declaration for renewal of the GDV approval can be found on the Danish Transport, Construction and Housing Authority's website [here](#).

The electronic application form must be used if there are changes in the list of versions in the application for renewal where new versions of the building component is requested to be *included* in the list of

versions. In such cases, the Danish Transport, Construction and Housing Authority will evaluate whether the changes can be regarded as a renewal that is in accordance with the test version on which the existing GDV approval is based. It is possible for the applicant to state in the electronic application form whether there is a valid GDV approval for the building component by stating the GDV approval number and the expiry date and thus refer it to the existing GDV approval for which renewal is applied.

The electronic application form shall also be used if the health-related characteristics of the building component or components in the building component are documented with approvals/certificates that expire within three months after applying for renewal. In such case the applicant shall give explain how the building component is documented when the approvals/certificates in question expire.

The electronic application form of the GDV scheme can be found at virk.dk.

In any case, a fee is paid for renewal of GDV approvals. The fee for renewals appear from the Danish Transport, Construction and Housing Authority's website [here](#).

Time limit for application of renewal

Only valid GDV approvals can be renewed. Therefore, a GDV approval must be renewed before the existing approval expires. It may take up to 3 months to consider applications for renewal and an application for renewal must therefore be submitted to the Danish Transport, Construction and Housing Authority in due time.

Please note that applications for renewals where the building component has been changes and the new versions are not compliant to the test version on which the existing GDV approval is based, the Danish Transport, Construction and Housing Authority will regard the application as a new application and not an application for renewal. In case of new applications, the time to consider the application may exceed 3 months. Please see the Danish Transport, Construction and Housing Authority's website for time limits for application of new GDV approvals.