



## **SECONDARY FITTING APPROVALS FAQ SHEET**

### **WHAT IS A SECONDARY APPROVAL?**

Company A possesses an approval for Product A (primary product). Company B then purchase this product and re-name/re-brand it as Product B (secondary product) in order to sell it. Products A and B are identical in the following respects:

Water pathways, materials of construction, and site & method of manufacture.

For Product B to be sold as 'WRAS Approved', it needs to have its own entry in the Water Fittings and Materials Directory and its own unique approval number so that people can identify it from its brand or model name, supplier etc.

A secondary approval can be granted as an administration exercise where the only difference between the products is the company selling it, the name of the product & the identification markings present on the fitting.

### **HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?**

Secondary approvals are charged on a sliding scale of between GBP84 & GBP167 (+VAT where applicable) depending on how complete the application is when submitted. Should WRAS need to contact the applicant for further information the cost will increase. Applications that meet the requirements first time will incur a cost of GBP84 (+VAT where applicable).

### **HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?**

Secondary approvals are usually granted within 3 working days of receipt, providing a complete application & sample has been submitted. During busy periods this may take longer, the maximum being 10 working days.

### **WHAT DO I GET?**

A unique approval number is generated and an approval letter and certificate issued bearing the model name of the secondary product and the name of the secondary company. The approval is displayed on the WRAS website until it expires.

### **WHEN DOES THE SECONDARY APPROVAL EXPIRE?**

The secondary approval will expire the same time as the primary approval. The maximum possible duration of approval is 5 years.

### **HOW DO I APPLY – WHAT INFORMATION IS REQUIRED?**

- 1.) Complete and return application form F3. Permission from the approval holder and an assurance that the products are identical is required.

Where the primary product already possesses approval please include the approval number. Where the primary product is undergoing testing and has not yet gained approval, please state 'approval not yet granted'. WRAS will then contact you with regards to the status of product A.

- 2.) Schematics that clearly demonstrate the water pathway of the secondary product must be provided where possible.
- 3.) Associated brochures/installation instructions/manuals must be provided where applicable.
- 4.) Where it is practical, WRAS will request a physical sample of the secondary product in order to accurately describe it's markings on the subsequent approval. Where it is not practical, e.g. where a product is large in size, please contact WRAS to discuss alternative arrangements.

### **WHAT IF THE SECONDARY PRODUCT DIFFERS COSMETICALLY?**

Generally, secondary products must be identical to primary products. Exceptions may be made where the cosmetic change does not warrant further mechanical or water quality testing. Examples could include handle variants or alternative finishes. Should this be the case, please contact the Scheme directly for further advice before submitting the application.

### **HOW DO I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?**

Please forward the completed application to [info@wras.co.uk](mailto:info@wras.co.uk).