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WRAS TEST & ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

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TEST CODE SHEET

1. TYPE OF TEST(S)

Vacuum test without moving element.

2. WATER REGULATIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR FITTINGS

Schedule 2

15-(1) every water system shall contain an adequate device or devices for preventing backflow of fluid from any appliance, fitting or process from occurring.

3. BRITISH STANDARDS OR WATER SPECIFICATION, DEEMED TO SATISFY WATER REGULATIONS REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Fittings with 'kitemarks' which are deemed to satisfy the requirements of regulations are listed in the directory.

4. <u>TEST PROCEDURE</u>

Note Unless otherwise stated the temperature of the test fluid shall be $20 \pm 10^{\circ}$ C.

4.1 Tests applicable to the following:-

PIPE INTERRUPTER WITH ATMOSPHERIC VENT & MOVING ELEMENT DB

DN10 to DN20.

Devices for the prevention of contamination by backflow.

(A) PIPE INTERRUPTER WITH ATMOSPHERIC VENT & MOVING ELEMENT DB

(Derived from CEN TC 164 W1 112 : 1998. Clause 11.8) DN10 to DN20.

TEST METHOD

APPARATUS The following apparatus is required.

Vacuum vessel and connecting pipework.

Vacuum vessel shall be provided with a drain cock to remove any water drawn into the vessel during the test.

Vacuum pump, capable of reducing the absolute pressure within the vacuum vessel to 0.2 bar.

Pipes and fittings, of nominal size not less than that of the appliance under test. The pipe connecting the test apparatus to the appliance shall be of the same nominal size as the inlet connection on the appliance, or larger. The distance of the vacuum gauge from the device under test shall be between 100mm and 150mm.

Vacuum gauge, 1 bar absolute to 0.1 bar absolute, accurate to \pm 2% of the reading. The gauge connection shall be made in such a way that is does not disturb the flow in the pipework.

Transparent tube

Water reservoir

Scale rule

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PROCEDURE The procedure shall be as follows:-

- (1) The moving element (membrane) must be cut away from the assembly. The membrane shall be cut at the highest point of the atmospheric vents of the outer support body. The lower part of the membrane is to be removed and the valve re-assembled.
- (2) Mount the device in the test system in its normal working position.
- Open the full-way valve within 1 second so that the absolute pressure of below 0.5 bar is applied to the pipe interrupter for a time of at least 5 seconds.

5. <u>ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA</u>

The water in the transparent tube must not rise above 50mm.

