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To: Interested Testing Laboratory Representatives

From: Safety Glazing Certification Council (SGCC)

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Subject: SGCC Board Approves Laboratory Pilot Program – Phase 1 (European Market)

The SGCC Board of Directors is pleased to announce the approval of the **SGCC Laboratory Pilot Program – Phase 1 (European Market)**.

Following careful consideration and consultation with Certification Program Participants and industry stakeholders, the Board has authorized the launch of a pilot program to evaluate the use of SGCC-approved laboratories outside of North America. The primary objective of this initiative is to improve access to SGCC-recognized safety glazing testing while maintaining the same technical rigor, quality standards, and program oversight that have long defined the SGCC Certification Program.

Phase 1 of the Pilot Program will operate during the **F27 and L27 Certification Periods (January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2027)**. Initially, only two laboratories located within the European market will be selected.

Enclosed Documents

To assist laboratories in evaluating participation, the following documents are included with this notice:

- **SGCC Laboratory Pilot Program – Phase 1 Overview**
- **Pilot Program Application**
- **Pilot Program Participation and Confidentiality Agreement**
- **SGCC Laboratory Manual (SD-060)**, which details the technical, quality system, reporting, administrative, and operational requirements applicable to all SGCC-approved laboratories.

Interested laboratories are encouraged to review each document carefully, as participation in the Pilot Program requires compliance with all applicable SGCC policies, procedures, and technical requirements.

Next Steps

To support implementation in the F27 and L27 Certification Periods, SGCC requests that interested laboratories submit an Application as soon as practical.

Laboratories interested in participation should:

- 1. Submit a completed Pilot Program Application**
- 2. Execute the Pilot Program Participation and Confidentiality Agreement**
- 3. Demonstrate compliance with all applicable SGCC laboratory requirements**
- 4. Successfully complete the SGCC approval process, including any required assessments or audits.**

To be accepted into this Phase of the Pilot Program all steps above, including satisfactory completion of inspection, should be finished no later than September 30, 2026. This deadline is important because SGCC Certification Program Participants, per program guidelines, will be pre-billed the appropriate testing fees (based on their test lab selection) for the F27 cycle. Participants will be offered the opportunity to review the testing fees associated with the laboratory of their choice, and we want to ensure participants have enough time to review all their test lab options, including those participating in this Pilot Program.

SGCC appreciates your interest in participating in this important initiative. The success of this pilot program will help determine the feasibility of expanding SGCC laboratory approvals in the future while ensuring the continued integrity, consistency, and technical excellence of the SGCC Certification Program.

If you have any questions regarding the application process or program requirements, please contact SGCC staff at SGCC@amscert.com or by calling us at 1-315-646-2234. We look forward to working with you throughout the Pilot Program evaluation process.





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SGCC LABORATORY PILOT PROGRAM PHASE 1 - EUROPEAN MARKET

Program Overview & Participation Requirements

Background and Phase 1 Launch

The SGCC Board, after careful consideration and consultation with Program Participants and many stakeholders, has decided to explore approving laboratories for use in its Certification Program outside of North America. This decision was made for a number of reasons, but chief among them was the potential benefit that such approval would have for Participants in the Certification Program - namely, providing easier and more economical access to safety glazing testing.

SGCC chose to explore this important endeavor through the use of a carefully structured Pilot Program, conducted in a series of phases and designed to ensure that the same rigor and care applied to safety glazing testing through currently approved laboratories can be maintained outside of North America.

The first phase of the Pilot Program will be launched at two laboratories in the European Market for the F27 and L27 Certification Periods, running from January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.

The Pilot Program will be carefully monitored for efficiency and efficacy and fully evaluated at its conclusion before additional phases are considered. Paramount to SGCC is that the same testing carried out at North American SGCC-Approved Laboratories is carried out at non-North American laboratories. The same practices, principles, and standards placed on currently approved laboratories will be placed on laboratories participating in the Pilot Program to ensure that the trust and high standards that have become synonymous with the SGCC mark of certification are maintained.

Phase 1 Duration: Phase 1 will operate for two audit cycles during the F27 and L27 Certification Periods, totaling twelve (12) months, from January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.

Application Fee and Initial Audit Cost: Application to Phase 1 is free of charge. However, the laboratory is responsible for covering the cost of the initial audit of its facility. A quote will be provided after review of the application for approval and before SGCC conducts any such audit.

Engineering Credential Equivalency: Where a Professional Engineer (P.E.) or Professional Engineer (P.Eng.) is referenced, the organization may accept the nearest jurisdictional equivalent, such as Chartered Engineer, Chartered Professional Engineer, European Engineer, Registered Engineer, Consulting Engineer, or other legally recognized professional engineering registration, provided the individual is authorized in their jurisdiction to take professional responsibility for the applicable engineering work.

1. Purpose

- Evaluate whether European laboratories can maintain compliance with SGCC technical and administrative requirements.
- Provide easier and more economical access to SGCC-recognized testing services for Certification Program Participants.
- Reduce international shipping, scheduling, and customs-related testing delays.
- Assess whether enhanced oversight measures are sufficient to support non-North American laboratory participation without reducing program rigor.

2. Minimum Eligibility Requirements

- Maintain ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation through an ILAC MRA-recognized accreditation body.
- The laboratory's current ISO/IEC 17025 scope of accreditation must specifically include ANSI Z97.1, CAN/CGSB 12.1, and CPSC 16 CFR 1201, and the laboratory must be able to perform testing to each standard.
- Demonstrate experience performing safety glazing impact testing.
- Demonstrate English-language reporting capability sufficient for SGCC review.
- Maintain independence and impartiality consistent with SGCC Laboratory Agreement requirements.
- Agree to comply with all applicable requirements in the [SGCC Laboratory Manual](#) and with SGCC administrative directives.
- Upon approval of its application and before admission to Phase 1, the Applicant Laboratory must execute an NDA/Confidentiality Agreement in a form acceptable to SGCC.

3. Phase 1 Duration, Fees, and Audit Cycle

- Phase 1 shall operate for two audit cycles during the F27 and L27 Certification Periods.
- The twelve-month program shall run from January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.
- Phase 1 will initially include two laboratories in the European Market.
- Application to the program is free of charge.
- The laboratory is responsible for covering the cost of the initial audit of its facility.
- A quote for the initial audit will be provided after review of the laboratory's application for approval and before SGCC conducts any such audit.
- Each participating laboratory shall be subject to enhanced monitoring during Phase 1.
- SGCC may require additional monitoring, remote review, or for-cause assessment where performance or compliance concerns arise.
- SGCC may suspend or terminate a laboratory's participation at any time and for any reason.
- Participation in Phase 1 does not constitute permanent SGCC laboratory approval.

4. Enhanced Oversight Measures

- Routine monitoring and auditing during each pilot audit cycle.
- Expanded SGCC review of test reports and supporting documentation.
- Witnessed testing during initial qualification and periodic surveillance activities, as determined by SGCC.
- Expanded corrective action monitoring and verification.
- Additional digital record retention requirements, including photographs and video documentation where applicable.

5. Operational Expectations

- Testing shall be performed strictly in accordance with ANSI Z97.1, CAN/CGSB 12.1, CPSC 16 CFR 1201, applicable SGCC procedures, and other referenced standards.
- All reports shall be reviewed and signed by a Professional Engineer (P.E.), Professional Engineer (P.Eng.), or accepted jurisdictional equivalent as described above.
- Any technicians, PEs, P.Engs., or accepted jurisdictional equivalents performing testing for SGCC shall complete and pass SGCC's Interactive Animation training exam before performing SGCC testing.
- Participating laboratories shall cooperate fully with SGCC oversight and audit activities.
- Testing turnaround times shall remain consistent with SGCC reporting expectations.

6. Quantitative Pilot Success Indicators

Evaluation Area	Required Pilot Success Indicator
Test Report Turnaround	Test reports must be issued within thirty (30) days from receipt of test samples or from SGCC approval to test, whichever is applicable.
SGCC Training Requirement	Any technicians, PEs, P.Engs., or accepted jurisdictional equivalents performing testing for SGCC must take and pass SGCC's Interactive Animation training exam.
Corrective Action Closure	Any findings resulting from routine monitoring or laboratory auditing must be fully cured within thirty (30) days.
Scope Compliance	The laboratory must maintain ISO/IEC 17025 scope coverage for ANSI Z97.1, CAN/CGSB 12.1, and CPSC 16 CFR 1201, and remain able to perform testing to each standard.

Participation in the SGCC Laboratory Pilot Program - Phase 1 - European Market does not constitute permanent SGCC laboratory approval status. SGCC may modify, suspend, or terminate the Pilot Program or a laboratory's participation at any time and for any reason.

An approved application does not by itself admit a laboratory to Phase 1. Before admission, the Applicant Laboratory must execute the required NDA/Confidentiality Agreement and any other required SGCC agreements.

SGCC reserves the right to impose additional oversight measures, technical requirements, or administrative controls during Phase 1 as deemed necessary to preserve certification program integrity.

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Please complete this application for consideration in the SGCC Laboratory Pilot Program - Phase 1 - European Market.

Fields marked with * are required for pilot evaluation.

Phase 1 Schedule and Market

Phase 1 will include two laboratories in the European Market and will operate for the F27 and L27 Certification Periods, totaling twelve (12) months, from January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.

Application Fee and Initial Audit Cost

Application to Phase 1 is free of charge. However, the laboratory is responsible for covering the cost of the initial audit of its facility. A quote will be provided after review of the application for approval and before SGCC conducts any such audit.

1. Laboratory Information

Laboratory Name *

Legal Entity Name *

Country *

Website

Testing Facility Address *

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2. Primary and Secondary Contact Information

Primary Contact Name *

Title *

Primary Contact Email *

Primary Contact Phone *

Secondary / Backup Contact Name

Title

Secondary Contact Email

Secondary Contact Phone

English-Language Capability *

Check to confirm the laboratory can provide English-language reports and communicate with SGCC.

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Laboratory can provide English-language reports and communicate with SGCC in English. *

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3. Accreditation & Technical Scope

Accreditation Body *

Certificate Number *

Accreditation Expiration Date *

ILAC MRA Recognition Status *

Standards included on the current ISO/IEC 17025 scope and able to be performed *

The laboratory must be accredited to and able to perform testing to all three standards.

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ANSI Z97.1

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CAN/CGSB 12.1

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CPSC 16 CFR 1201

Notes about scope of accreditation

Include any plans for or formal application for scope expansion with your accreditation body.

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4. Professional Engineer / Qualified Engineer Information

Where a Professional Engineer (P.E.) or Professional Engineer (P.Eng.) is referenced, the organization may accept the nearest jurisdictional equivalent, such as Chartered Engineer, Chartered Professional Engineer, European Engineer, Registered Engineer, Consulting Engineer, or other legally recognized professional engineering registration, provided the individual is authorized in their jurisdiction to take professional responsibility for the applicable engineering work.

Engineer Name *

Title *

Credential Type *

Issuing Body *

Country *

Credential / Registration Number, if applicable

Notes regarding qualified engineer review or report signature process

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5. Experience

Years performing impact testing *

Approximate annual test volume *

Standards regularly performed *

For example: ANSI Z97.1, CAN/CGSB 12.1, CPSC 16 CFR 1201, EN 12600,
or any other glass impact test methods.

Key personnel qualifications *

Summarize the qualifications of technical personnel involved in safety glazing testing and reporting.

Additional experience notes

Describe laboratory history, quality experience, proficiency activities, or other impact testing capabilities.

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6. Equipment Disclosure

Impact Test Frame Manufacturer / Model *

Drop Height Capability *

Impactor Mass *

Calibration Frequency *

Last Calibration Date *

Additional Equipment Notes

Calibration and equipment control notes

Describe calibration records, maintenance practices, verification checks, or related equipment controls.

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7. Anticipated SGCC Testing Demand

Describe anticipated SGCC testing demand *

Include expected test volume, likely clients/regions served, scheduling capacity, and known manufacturer interest.

8. Supporting Documents

☐ ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation certificate *

☐ Scope of accreditation *

☐ P.E., P.Eng., or qualified engineer credential documentation

☐ Sample test report

☐ Calibration records for impact test equipment

☐ Quality manual or relevant quality procedure

Additional supporting materials may be requested by SGCC during application review or audit scheduling.

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9. Acknowledgements

Please review and check each item below.

- ☐ Participation in Phase 1 does not constitute permanent SGCC laboratory approval. *
- ☐ Laboratory acknowledges that Phase 1 runs through the F27 and L27 periods, from January 1 through December 31, 2027. *
- ☐ Application to Phase 1 is free of charge; the laboratory is responsible for the quoted initial audit cost. *
- ☐ SGCC may require routine monitoring, audits, witnessed testing, and additional oversight activities. *
- ☐ Laboratory agrees to provide video/photo documentation when requested by SGCC. *
- ☐ Laboratory agrees to cooperate with corrective actions and meet SGCC timelines. *
- ☐ SGCC may modify, suspend, or terminate the Pilot Program or laboratory participation at any time and for any reason. *
- ☐ Upon application approval, the Applicant Laboratory must execute an NDA/Confidentiality Agreement before admission to Phase 1. *
- ☐ Laboratory agrees to execute the SGCC Laboratory Agreement if selected for Phase 1 participation. *
- ☐ Laboratory understands SGCC may accept jurisdictional engineering equivalents where applicable. *
- ☐ Laboratory agrees to adhere to any applicable requirements as outlined in the [SGCC Laboratory Manual](#). *
- ☐ The information submitted in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. *

10. Authorized Representative

Authorized Representative Name *

Title *

Signature *

Date *