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To: SGCC Licensees

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)**. Attached you will find the official Program Overview and Laboratory Participation Requirements for your reference.

Background & Purpose

After careful consideration and consultation with numerous industry stakeholders, the SGCC Board has approved the launch of a pilot program to evaluate the use of SGCC-approved laboratories outside of North America.

This decision was made for several reasons, with the primary goal of providing Certification Program Participants with **more accessible safety glazing testing options** while maintaining the integrity and rigor of the SGCC Certification Program.

Rather than immediately expanding laboratory approvals internationally, SGCC has chosen a carefully structured pilot approach by region. The program will be conducted in phases to ensure that laboratories outside North America meet the same high technical, administrative, and quality standards required of all existing SGCC-approved laboratories.

Phase 1 Overview

Phase 1 of the Laboratory Pilot Program will be conducted at **two laboratories in the European market** during the **F27 and L27 Certification Periods**, operating from **January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027**.

Throughout the pilot, SGCC will closely monitor performance, efficiency, consistency, and compliance. At the conclusion of Phase 1, the Board will evaluate the program before considering any future expansion.

Participating laboratories will be held to the same practices, principles, oversight, and technical standards required of SGCC-approved laboratories in North America to ensure that the quality, reliability, and confidence associated with the SGCC Certification Mark remain unchanged.

The objectives of Phase 1 are to:

- Evaluate whether European laboratories can consistently meet all 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 delays associated with testing.
- Assess whether enhanced oversight measures successfully support non-North American laboratory participation while maintaining the program's established level of rigor.

Next Steps for SGCC Licensees

No action is required at this time. Though if you have interest in sending your 2027 samples to laboratories participating in this Pilot Program (once they are approved), please let us know by responding to this email – we'll ensure you're added to future communications about this Pilot Program.

In **September 2026**, SGCC staff will contact each licensee to share 2027 laboratory testing fees and to confirm laboratory selections for the **F27 and L27 certification cycles**.

At that time, licensees will have the opportunity to:

- Change their preferred testing laboratory for the 2027 certification year, either by confirming or changing their selection from amongst the SGCC-Approved Test Lab List or those labs participating in this Pilot Program.

As SGCC evaluates the results of Phase 1, we welcome input from Certification Program Participants regarding additional laboratories or geographic regions that may benefit future phases of the Laboratory Pilot Program.

If there are qualified laboratories or locations that you believe should be considered for future Pilot Program participation, we encourage you to share your recommendations with SGCC staff. Participant feedback will play an important role in helping the SGCC assess

industry needs and identify opportunities to improve access to SGCC-recognized testing while maintaining the high standards of the Certification Program.

SGCC appreciates the continued support of its Certification Program Participants. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us at SGCC@amscert.com or 1-315-646-2234 with any questions or concerns.



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