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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Customer and supplier responsibility for compliance of steel reinforcing materials supplied as conforming to AS/NZS 4671.

Customers' responsibilities for materials purchased

Under Australian/ New Zealand Standard, AS/NZS 4671 - Steel Reinforcing Materials, the manufacturer or supplier must demonstrate one of the following four different proofs of compliance:

1. Evaluation by means of statistical sampling and testing.
2. The use of a product certification scheme.
3. Assurance using the acceptability of the supplier's quality system, plus testing
4. Other such means proposed by the manufacturer or supplier and acceptable to the customer.

All methods require the customer and supplier to verify that all materials supplied meet the Standard for each project.

Use of independent certification reduces compliance reporting requirements for suppliers

ACRS is an independent, third party, voluntary certification scheme that meets the requirements of option 2, above.

As such, customers are able to reduce their obligations to verify materials compliance, requiring only that their source or sources of supply provide a copy of their ACRS certificate for materials complying with the minimum requirements of assessed Standards. That means only one certificate to provide to all customers for all projects.

Mixed Certified and non-Certified Supply

The customer must ensure that their reinforcing materials supplier has current ACRS certification for all, not just some or most, eligible materials used.

It is not permissible under the terms of ACRS Scheme for ACRS-certified materials to be mixed with any eligible materials that are not certified. Any such mixed supply is considered non-certified, as performance of the unassessed materials has not been verified by ACRS as meeting the requirements of the applicable Standard.

If you have any questions regarding this requirement, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

For and on behalf of the ACRS Board of Directors

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