



15 July 2015

TO: All ITC-SA Members

National Communiqué No 039
Re: Implementation Demands of SANS 10082 and SANS 10400 Part T

Dear Membership,

The implementation demands of SANS 10082 and SANS 10400 Part T, and the variable application of said requirements nationally have caused the ITC-SA to meet with the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications ("NRCS") in Gauteng to try and understand where the anomaly originated from.

On the 7th of July 2015, Mr. Werner Slabbert and I met with Mr. Rudolph Opperman in Pretoria. Mr. Opperman confirmed the following:

- All Engineered Timber Structures must be constructed in line with SANS 10082 and SANS 10400 Part T, or must be the subject of a rational design
- Structural requirements are contained in SANS 10082, and fire requirements are contained in SANS 10400 Part T and may be applied as deemed to satisfy requirements and could therefore not be subjected to the demand for a rational design
- No current legislative and statutory requirements exist that provides for the demand of interalia a fire rational design at plan submission stage.
- Members that are confronted with this demand must request proof of legislative base for the set requirement.
- The Building Control Authority must provide substantive proof and must also respond in writing to confirm that approval of the submission documents was denied based on the lack of fire rational design information provided.
- The non-approval of the submission document may then be taken under review as per the appeal process provided for in SANS 10400.

In conclusion, Mr. Opperman was emphatic that there was no basis for a rational design demand where compliance is established through SANS 10082 and SANS 1400 Part T deemed to satisfy requirements

I also invite members that are confronted with a demand for a rational fire design, and unable to resolve same at Local Authority level, to forward the detail onto the ITC-SA and whom will then take the case to the NRCS.

Kind Regards

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