



Specific Rules for Certification of Coal Fly Ash and Raw or Calcined Natural Pozzolan for Use in Concrete (As Per ASTM C 618-08a) Through Factory Assessment
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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This document prescribes the specific rules for the implementation of the DM Third Party Product Certification System Through Factory Assessment as applied to the specific product(s) identified herein, taking into consideration the applicable normative references and standard specifications.
- 1.2 The applicant shall comply with these specific rules, **and** to those already mentioned in the “General Rule for DM Third Party Product Certification System Through Factory Assessment “ {RD-DP21- 2001 (IC)}.

2. SCOPE

- 2.1 This specific rules applies to coal fly ash and raw or calcined natural pozzolan for use in concrete where cementitious or pozzolanic action, or both, is desired, or where other properties normally attributed to fly ash or pozzolans may be desired or where both objectives are to be achieved.

3. PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION AND APPLICABLE STANDARD/NORMATIVE REFERENCE

- 3.1 Product Name: Coal Fly Ash and Raw or Calcined Natural Pozzolan
- 3.2 Applicable standard/Normative reference: ASTM C 618-08a
Standard Specification for Coal Fly Ash and Raw or Calcined Natural Pozzolan for Use in Concrete
- 3.3 Additional References:
- 3.3.1 ISO 9001:2008 - Quality Management System – Requirements
- 3.3.2 ISO 19011:2002 - Guidelines for Quality and Environmental Management System Auditing.

4. DEFINITION OF TERMS

The definitions given in **ASTM C 618-08a, RD-DP21-2001 (IC)** and in addition shall apply:

- 4.1 Independent Testing Laboratory - Dubai Central Laboratory (DCL) or any testing laboratory recognized by the DM Certification Body.
- 4.2 Independent Test – test performed or conducted by an Independent Testing Laboratory
- 4.3 Standard Specification – ASTM C 618-08a Standard specification for coal fly ash and raw or calcined natural pozzolan for use in concrete
- 4.4 Product Quality Assurance Plan – a document being agreed upon both by the Licensee and the certification body being used to ensure continuous compliance of the certified product.
- 4.4 QMS – Quality Management System aligned with the requirements of ISO 9001:2008 Standard

5. APPLICATION

- 5.1 Manufacturer of coal fly ash and raw or calcined natural pozzolan for use in concrete shall apply to Dubai Central Laboratory through Inspection and Certification Section for the license to use the DCL Conformity Mark.
- 5.2 Application forms shall be filled-up by the applicant-company together with the following documents

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- 5.2.1 Trade License
- 5.2.2 Complete Product Description and Specifications
- 5.2.3 Brief Description of Manufacturing Process
- 5.2.4 Copy of the Quality Manual
- 5.2.5 Vicinity Map and Factory Layout
- 5.2.6 Valid Certification to ISO 9001 (if available)
- 5.2.7 List of key personnel and their designation

6. REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIAL FACTORY ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 DCL duly authorized representative shall visit the applicant's factory/plant with the aim of ascertaining that the factory's quality management system is in accordance with the requirements of ISO 9001:2008.
- 6.2 An independent certification to ISO 9001 issued by a QMS certification body recognized by DM shall be considered as having satisfied this requirement; however, the DM Certification Body will still carry out verification audit to confirm that the factory is in compliance with the QMS requirements.
- 6.3 Verification audit shall be conducted by designated audit team based on ISO 19011:2002 – Guidelines for Quality and Environment Management System Auditing.
- 6.4 Minimum Required Test Equipments

The manufacturer of pulverized-fuel ash produced as per standard specification shall have the following minimum test equipment to check product compliance with the requirements of standard specification.

- 6.4.1 Chemical Properties Analyzer
- 6.4.2 Ventilated Electric Oven (capable of being controlled to 105 +/- 5 °C)
- 6.4.3 Shallow Container (about 20 g capacity and can withstand 150 °C without loss in mass)
- 6.4.4 Desiccators
- 6.4.5 Sieve Frame (cylindrical with nominal dimensions of 50mm diameter and 75mm depth)
- 6.4.6 Sieve Cloth (45 µm stainless steel mesh)
- 6.4.7 Spray Nozzle
- 6.4.8 Pressure Gauge (at least 160 kPa capacity with 5 kPa intervals)
- 6.4.9 Weighing Scale (capable of weighing 100 g to the nearest 0.001 g)
- 6.4.10 Compressive Strength Tester

7. REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIAL TESTING OF THE PRODUCT

- 7.1 Sampling
 - 7.1.1 Sampling for test shall be in accordance with section 8 of the standard specification (SS)
 - 7.1.2 Three sets of sample per product per type shall be subjected to testing; the first set, if applicable, will be tested in the plant witnessed by a duly authorized DCL representative, the second set will be sent to Independent Testing Laboratory. The third set will be kept by the manufacturer as reference for future use. Independent test shall only be conducted if the results of the in-plant test show satisfactory results
 - 7.1.3 Test sample(s) for independent test shall be signed in the presence of DCL representative and shall be submitted to an Independent Testing Laboratory by the DCL representative.
- 7.2 Product Characteristic and Test Requirements

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7.2.1 Chemical Requirements – Fly ash and pozzolans shall conform to the requirements for chemical composition prescribed in Table 1 of the standard specification (SS) which include:

- 7.2.1.1 Silicon Dioxide plus aluminum oxide plus iron oxide
- 7.2.1.2 Sulfur Trioxide
- 7.2.1.3 Moisture Content
- 7.2.1.4 Loss on Ignition

7.2.2 Fly ash and natural pozzolans shall conform to the physical requirements prescribed in Table 2 of the standard specification (SS) which include:

- 7.2.2.1 Fineness
- 7.2.2.2 Strength activity index
- 7.2.2.3 Water requirement
- 7.2.2.4 Soundness (Autoclave Expansion or Contraction)
- 7.2.2.5 Uniformity Requirements
 - 7.2.2.5.1 Density
 - 7.2.2.5.2 Percent retained on 45 µm

7.3 Independent test shall only be conducted if the result of the applicable in-plant test shows satisfactory results.

7.4 If the result of the test conducted by the independent testing laboratory shows non-conformance to the specified requirements, the provision for rejection specified in section 10 of the standard specification shall apply. The retest shall be carried out on the reference sample kept by the manufacturer or on new samples collected by DM Certification Body , on which full testing shall be carried out ,if necessary.

7.5 If the re-test passed, the initial product assessment is considered conforming to product specification. If not , the manufacturer will be advised to take corrective action.

7.6 Only after reassessment and subsequent product compliance shall the manufacturer be allowed to use the DCL Conformity Mark.

8. COMPLIANCE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LICENSEE

8.1 Compliance

8.1.1 When the results of the factory and product assessments show conformity to the requirements specified in the General Rules and Specific Rules, the license to use the DCL Mark shall be issued to the manufacturer for the type(s)/model(s)/brand(s) of the product tested.

8.1.2 The factory shall agree with the DM Certification Body for the preparation and implementation of a product quality assurance plan to ensure continuing compliance with the standard specification and the requirements of this certification scheme. The plan shall consist of (1) an internal product quality assurance, and (2) an independent testing plan

8.1.2.1 Internal product quality assurance plan

The factory shall prepare and submit to DM Certification Body for approval of an internal product quality assurance plan giving details of the tests to be carried out as specified in the table below.

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		TEST
1	Silicon Oxide plus aluminum oxide plus iron oxide	1 per month
2	Sulfur Trioxide	1 per month
3	Moisture Content	1 per month
4	Loss on Ignition	2 per week
5	Fineness	2 per week
6	Strength activity index	2 per week
7	Density	1 per month
8	Water Requirement	2 per week
9	Soundness	1 per week
10	Percent retained on 45 µm	2 per week

This will include as a minimum, the following details: (1) location of sampling; (2) frequency of sampling; (3) quantities of samples; (4) tests to be carried out; (5) results acceptance criteria; and (6) responsible person to carry out the activity.

The plan shall take into consideration the production process, the volume of production, the criticality of the test to be specified, and other relevant factors.

8.1.2.2 Independent testing plan

The factory shall agree to an independent testing plan to be carried out on samples which are collected in accordance with RD-DP21-2096 (IC) – Surveillance of Licensed Establishments under the Factory Assessment Scheme, and implemented by the DM Certification Body.

8.2 Responsibilities of the Licensee

- 8.2.1 The licensee shall ensure that his product, for which a license has been issued, conforms at all times to the requirements of the General Rules and Specific Rules and shall maintain to the satisfaction of DCL, a system of quality control including inspection and testing.
- 8.2.2 The licensee shall give the duly authorized representative(s) of DCL, access during working hours, without prior notification, to the premises of the factory where certified product is manufactured, for the purpose of evaluating the materials, production processes, finished products, quality assurance facilities, records and others in accordance with the requirements of the scheme.
- 8.2.3 The licensee shall inform the DM Certification Body in writing of any change of management, transfer of plant site, modification in the product, manufacturing process or factory's quality management system.
- 8.2.4 Upon transfer of plant site, the license shall be deemed valid only after factory and product audit at the new site has been satisfactorily completed.
- 8.2.5 Any infraction stated in the terms and conditions of the certification scheme and the use of DCL Conformity Mark shall constitute sufficient grounds for suspension, withdrawal and cancellation of the license against a licensee.
- 8.2.6 Any dispute that may arise in connection with the terms and conditions of the certification scheme shall be settled in accordance with the General Rule for DM Third Party Product Certification System through Factory Assessment.

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9. SURVEILLANCE

DM Certification Body shall carry out periodic surveillance to ensure consistent compliance with the requirements of this certification scheme as per RD-DP21-2096 (IC) – Surveillance of Licensed Establishments under the Factory Assessment Scheme.

10. USE OF THE DCL CONFORMITY MARK

- 10.1 The design and use of the DCL Conformity Mark shall be in accordance with the Terms and Conditions for the Use of the DCL Mark of Conformity, RD-DP21-2098 (IC).
- 10.2 The licensee shall submit a product-marking proposal for approval by the DM Certification Body. The proposal shall include drawings and/or diagrams showing the location and size of the marking for each size of the product/product container.
- 10.3 The license to use the DCL Conformity Mark is non-transferable.

11. FEE SCHEDULE

- 11.1 The licensee shall pay the applicable fees and charges related to the granting of the license to use the DCL Mark based on the DCL Official Fee Structure, RD-DP21-2097 (IC).
- 11.2 The fees for this certification scheme shall include but not limited to the following:-
- 11.2.1 Application Fee
 - 11.2.2 Initial Assessment Fee
 - 11.2.3 Certification Fee
 - 11.2.4 Surveillance Fee
 - 11.2.5 Annual Renewal Fee
 - 11.2.6 Testing Fee
 - 11.2.7 Marking Fee

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