

PRESS RELEASE

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AFNOR CERTIFICATION AND APAVE JOIN FOR A SAFE RESUMPTION OF ACTIVITY IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A SPECIFIC LABEL

At a time when economic life is gradually returning to normal, AFNOR Certification and Apave Certification, two major players in certification in the construction sector, have developed a specific “Engaged BTP Actor” label. Objective: to inspire confidence, with the delivery of a certificate and its visible version (macaroon) attesting that a construction company strictly applies the health rules specific to Covid-19.

Like many other sectors of the French economy, construction players are gradually resuming their activities after nearly two months of health crisis, but must do so by applying protective measures against covid 19 in the workplace and on construction sites. For all those who wish to show that they apply them scrupulously, and thus reassure their contacts and their customers, on-site verification by a recognized third party organization is an excellent solution. With, if the exercise is conclusive, the granting of a label recognizing these good practices. The company thus benefits from the keen eye of an impartial evaluator.

To develop this label, AFNOR Certification and Apave Certification, **two major players in certification in the construction sector**, have built specifications adapted to the verification of the arrangements made at the level of companies (offices, depots and workshops of companies, logistics chains for supplying materials) and construction sites (camps, construction site bungalows, etc.) by capitalizing on sectoral documents such as the OPPBTP guide and the job descriptions from the General Directorate of Labor (DGT). The evaluators assigned to companies that requested it were trained there.

“I am delighted with this partnership between two leading players, both of whom are trusted by economic players in the construction sector and eager to initiate a healthy, ambitious and resilient recovery, likely to reassure employees, customers and partners and who must resume their projects in the best conditions”, comments Franck Lebeugle, general director of AFNOR Certification.

“In the context of resuming activities post-Covid-19 crisis, this partnership between Apave and Afnor is excellent news. Our teams are committed to supporting the construction sector in this very special period. The provision of our common and complementary skills in Certification, Building and Civil Engineering and QHSE, is part of the common desire of our structures to support the resumption of activities in complete safety and to support the economic recovery therein. associated”, declares Philippe Maillard, general manager of Apave.

About AFNOR Certification

An independent third-party organization, leader in France thanks to its certification and evaluation of systems, services, products and skills, AFNOR Certification offers a local service thanks to 40 agencies on five continents and 13 regional delegations in France. It mobilizes 1,600 qualified auditors to meet the needs of its clients on more than 60,000 sites around the world. Facilitator of the NF certification system, AFNOR Certification offers several signs of confidence such as AFAQ certification and the European Ecolabel. <https://certification.afnor.org>

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About Apave:

Apave supports companies and communities in controlling their technical, human and environmental risks. An independent company with a turnover of €843 million in 2018, Apave has 11,100 employees (including 8,000 engineers and technicians), 130 agencies, 170 training sites in France and abroad and 34 laboratories and test centers. Apave is present internationally through 50 locations. 200,000 businesses and communities already trust it in France and around the world. www.apave.com

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