

LABSS Information Paper STAS/04/V1/2015**STAS: TERMS AND CONDITIONS****Scottish Type Approval Scheme****Fees and Payments**

Acceptance of an application form or offer of a quotation for STAS does not imply or guarantee the award of a Type Approval Certificate. From quotation stage through to confirmation, the STAS Application may be rejected. If, at any stage during the process, an application is rejected by LABSS then STAS Application will be refused.

Once an applicant commits to the process by accepting the quotation then payment must be made and is not conditional on passing or failing. All payments covering the STAS process are non-refundable.

Similarly, if through usage, unforeseen problems arise with the design, or the performance is not as predicted, then LABSS reserves the right to suspend or cancel a STAS Certificate without refunding payments. All fees, including additional specialist reports must be paid before a STAS Certificate is granted. LABSS reserves the right to insist on specialist independent third party reports to validate calculations, engineering and test claims – LABSS also reserves the right to request additional payments for such assessments. LABSS reserves the right to question the appropriateness of a test regime.

Fees for STAS Certification are bespoke to each application and will be based on an agreed factor or on the anticipated assessment time. Fees are available on request.

Duration

A STAS Certificate is issued for an indeterminate period unless, changes in the Building Regulations or Technical Standards may require an early re-evaluation and update: in this instance, renewal fees will be calculated based on the anticipated re-assessment. LABSS retains the right to decide whether, or not, to renew a STAS Certificate. All STAS Certificates are subject to the Terms & Conditions in force on the date of initial registration or renewal by LABSS.

Clarification of Authority

The LABSS Scottish Type Approval scheme is run and administered by LABSS (Local Authority Building Standards Scotland). Individual local authorities undertake research under instruction by LABSS under the STAS scheme. Their decisions and recommendations are not binding to LABSS. Local authorities are not able to initiate an application or grant a STAS Certificate without the permission of LABSS and use of the full process. STAS Applications that have not followed the process will not be granted.

Use of the LABSS STAS Logo

The LABSS Scottish Type Approval scheme logo that is made available to successful applicants, is the copyright and the intellectual property of LABSS. It can only be used with our express consent whilst a STAS Certificate is valid.

It is implicit that, where used, the logo refers only to the product(s) that have achieved STAS Certification, and within the scope of that scheme. LABSS reserves the right to remove the STAS Certificate if this is abused through literature, brochure, banner or website presentation or if the LABSS Scottish Type Approval scheme is brought into doubt or disrepute by a STAS client or their agents.

Consultants and Customers

All applicants must inform LABSS at the outset of the process if they are acting on behalf of a third party and to which organisation the STAS Certificate is to be granted. If early notification is not received, STAS Certification will be issued to the manufacturer or UK distributor/agent.

Monitoring Changes in the Building Regulations

Whilst LABSS will make every effort to monitor changes to the Building Regulations and Technical Standards that are relevant to a Building Type, it is the customer who is responsible for providing amended details to LABSS to demonstrate continued compliance.

Explanation of the LABSS Scottish Type Approval scheme

The decision to grant a STAS Certificate lies solely with LABSS and its decision is final. LABSS reserves the right to cancel STAS Certification without notice. LABSS is not responsible or liable for any costs or expenses incurred by the applicant should STAS Certification be refused or cancelled.

Value Added Tax

VAT is not included in the STAS fee.