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TEST REPORT EXPIRATION STATEMENT

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The AAMA Board of Directors has approved the publication of the following statement regarding test report expiration or record retention dates included in laboratory test reports issued by AAMA Accredited Independent Laboratories:

Test reports are a historical record of test results on specific test specimens, tested to a defined standard or standards; a “snapshot” of the product at a certain point in time.

Laboratories may include expiration dates on their test reports that reflect their individual policies. These expiration and/or test record retention dates will vary from laboratory to laboratory and test report to test report. As historical records cannot technically “expire”, these dates are arbitrary. In the event that no changes are made to the design and/or construction of the product as documented in the test report, it is the position of AAMA that the test report remains valid as a reflection of the facts as of the date of the test.

Test reports prepared by AAMA accredited laboratories are mandated throughout AAMA’s Certification and Verification Programs and are referenced in its Voluntary Standards, Specifications and Test Methods. Though some test reports may contain expiration and/or test record retention dates established by the testing laboratory, AAMA does not rely on these dates in its certification and verification programs. For the purposes of certification and validation a test report is considered valid for the duration established by the requirements of the applicable Certification or Verification Programs. For example for AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440-11, AAMA Test Reports are mandated to include test dates, report dates and a test record retention date.

Copies of this statement and a link to a printable version can be found on the AAMA website under Certification or Product Certification FAQs.

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Thank you for your continued participation in AAMA.