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ICC-ES scope of accreditation expanded in Mexico

Many customers with ICC-ES plumbing, mechanical and fuel gas product listing reports can now obtain recognition for use in Mexico

Brea, Calif. — The Mexican accreditation agency, La Entidad Mexicana de Acreditacion, A.C. (EMA), has expanded the scope of accreditation for ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES), the experts in building and plumbing product evaluation and certification. The expanded scope includes evaluation of plumbing supply fittings in accordance with Mexican standard NMX-C-415-ONNCCE-2015 on valves and water taps.

This resulting scope expansion now allows applicable ICC-ES Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas (PMG) listing report holders to apply for recognition in the following product categories:

- Flushometers;
- Shower fixtures, such as showerheads and hand-held showerheads;
- Toilets;
- Fill and flush valves for toilets and urinals; and
- Plumbing supply fittings, such as faucets, shower valves, self-closing faucets, hose bibbs and stop valves.

"This is great news for many manufacturers seeking distribution in the Mexican market for their plumbing products," said ICC-ES Director of Standards Maribel Campos. "The U.S. Department of Commerce projects that in 2018 Mexico will be the top international market for U.S. plumbing product exporters. Mexico is also projected to be the second largest export market for the more broad U.S. building products industry, and the Technical Barriers to Trade provisions negotiated in the recently signed U.S. Mexico Canada Agreement (USMCA) will open the Mexican market even further to the services provided by ICC-ES to U.S. manufacturers. ICC-ES' ability to provide a wide range of plumbing product certifications for Mexico will greatly benefit ICC-ES customers."

"We are proud to continue to roll out new options that help our customers succeed in all key markets. This is one of many programs that ICC-ES offers, designed to help plumbing manufacturers achieve their sales and product performance goals," said Dawn LaFleur-Qualley, ICC-ES PMG Program Director.

To learn more about this program, visit https://icc-es.org/pmg-listing-program/mexican-certification/.

The <u>International Code Council</u> is a member-focused association dedicated to developing model codes and standards used in the design, build and compliance process to construct safe, sustainable, affordable and resilient structures. Most U.S. communities and many global markets <u>choose the International Codes</u>.

About ICC-ES

The <u>ICC Evaluation Service</u> (ICC-ES), a member of the ICC Family of Companies, is a nonprofit, limited liability company that does technical evaluations of building products, components, methods and materials. ICC-ES <u>evaluation reports</u>, <u>building product listings</u> and <u>plumbing, mechanical, fuel gas</u> and <u>solar thermal product listings</u> provide evidence that products and systems meet requirements of codes and technical standards.