



Declaration

Inspection Tests of the Gütegemeinschaft Kupferrohr e.V.

The quality label of the Gütegemeinschaft Kupferrohr e.V. was conceived for the German market. In the process of many years of application it found broad acknowledgment, with the consequence that in the meantime substantial quantities of copper plumbing tubes, soldering alloys, fluxes and capillary plumbing fittings, which are provided with the quality label, are exported also into other countries.

This success obligates us to supervise the quality of the products with the quality label of our Gütegemeinschaft/DVGW label on all markets.

The Gütegemeinschaft Kupferrohr e.V. as holder / owner of the quality mark "Copper Tube" is obligated

- ➔ to supervise the quality label users that they observe the quality label statute and the rules of application
- ➔ to proceed against it if the use of the quality mark is disturbed or impaired
- ➔ to intervene, if the quality label is abusively used.

These obligations refer to products with quality label which are used

- ➔ in **Germany**, and
- ➔ in **all other countries**.

In the framework of this obligation the Gütegemeinschaft will take out products on all markets on the occasion of the annual inspection tests, also on foreign markets, and will let them supervise by accredited testing institutes.

Like in the past the Gütegemeinschaft will additionally arrange special tests, also with products found in foreign markets, if cases of unsatisfactory products will become known.

Apart from these obligations, which are the result of the general obligation of Gütegemeinschaft to its duty of care for the protection of misusing the qualitylabel, the Gütegemeinschaft Kupferrohr e.V. regards as its mission to protect the outstanding reputation of the material copper in house installation techniques by quality-securing measures and to promote the usage by special marketing actions.

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