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Building (Product Recognition WaterMark Plate Heat Exchangers) Notice 2026: RN-10075

This notice is made under section 272HA of the Building Act 2004 by Simon Thomas, Head of Building System Delivery and Assurance at the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), under the delegated authority of MBIE's Chief Executive.

This notice recognises building products specified in the product certificates in Schedule 1 of this notice, which are certified under the WaterMark certification scheme in Australia.

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1 Title

This is the Building (Product Recognition WaterMark Plate Heat Exchangers) Notice 2026: RN-10075.

2 Commencement

This notice comes into force on 9 February 2026.

3 Interpretation

In this notice of recognition, unless the context otherwise requires,—

Act means the Building Act 2004

Building Code means the New Zealand Building Code, which is Schedule 1 of the Building Regulations 1992, made under section 400 of the Act.

Certified intended use means the intended use of the building product certified by the certification body and as described in either the product certificate, building product's manual, or other relevant materials.

Conformity assessment body (CAB) means an organisation that certifies activities to demonstrate that a product, process, system, person, or body meets specified requirements for the WaterMark certification scheme.

Product type means a plumbing or drainage product that presents a public risk requiring mitigation, as determined by the Protocol for the Assessment of Risks of Plumbing Product under the WaterMark scheme. It is regulated under the Plumbing Code of Australia and listed in the WaterMark Schedule of Products.

4 Recognition of the following certified WaterMark products

Under section 272HA of the Act, I recognise the building products certified under the overseas product certification scheme, WaterMark, that are included in the product certificates listed in Schedule 1 of this notice.

5 Certified intended use of building product

The certified intended use of the product types listed in Schedule 1 of this notice are the product scope/applications of the product type categories under the WaterMark certification scheme, known as the WaterMark Schedule of Products – Heated water products.

Plate heat exchangers: Plate heat exchangers intended to be used in heated water supply systems for the indirect heating/cooling of water in a plumbing system. These products are components of a water heating/cooling system and designed in various configurations including number of plates, plate design and size in order to suit the installation. They may be single or double wall construction and function with a heat exchange fluid in the primary circuit and water in the secondary circuit.

6 Conditions and limitations of this notice

The conditions and limitations of this recognition notice are set out in Schedule 1.

Building Act 2004, section 272HA

Schedule 1

List of WaterMark certificates with recognised building products

Standard	Standard title	AS/NZS 3500 series link	Equivalent acceptable solution or verification method	Building Code performance clauses
Watermark Technical Specifications – WMTS 528:2021	Plate heat exchangers – Indirect heating/cooling of water in a plumbing system	N/A	B2/VM1, G12/AS1	B2.3.1(c), F2.3.1, G12.3.2 (a), (b) and (c)
Conditions and limitations of recognition				
The building products recognised by this notice must be installed according to the conditions and limitations specified in the product certificate for the relevant building product, as set out in Schedule 1 of this notice. So long as the user complies with the requirements in the product certificate (if any), the standard it is certified against (if any), and the relevant technical installation information from the manufacturer, the building products listed comply with the relevant clauses listed in this table. Where applicable, all copper alloy products to be used in contact with drinking water certified under this standard will need to meet the lead-free requirements, as outlined in G12/AS1, from 1 May 2026. To be compliant the submitter must provide a valid lead-free test certificate from an IANZ-accredited body or equivalent to NSF/ANSI/CAN 372:2020. This must be provided with the building consent application for it to be accepted as establishing compliance with the Building Code. The <i>Additional conditions and limitations</i> in this schedule are additional requirements imposed by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. The certified intended uses of the building products in this table are laid out in the WaterMark Schedule of Products – Heated water products, listed in clause 5 of this notice.				
Certificates recognised as meeting WMTS 528:2021				

	Conformity assessment body	Certificate number	Expiry date	Additional conditions and limitations
1.	Intertek SAI Global Certification Services Pty Ltd	WMK26685	07/11/2026	
2.	Pro Switch Pty Ltd	WM 23435	03/06/2026	

Made at Wellington on 14 January 2026.

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Explanatory note

This notice, which comes into force on 9 February 2026, is made under section 272HA of the Building Act 2004 (the Act).

This notice recognises the building products specified in the notice, which are certified under the WaterMark certification scheme in Australia.

This notice may form part of a building consent application.

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This is secondary legislation issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2019 .	
Title	Building (Product Recognition WaterMark Plate Heat Exchangers) Notice 2026: RN-10075
Principal or amendment	Principal
Consolidated version	No
Empowering Act and provisions	Building Act 2004 <i>Section 272HA Recognition of building products or building methods certified under overseas product certification scheme</i> (1) The chief executive may, by notice, recognise 1 or more, or 1 or more groups of, building products or building methods that are certified under an overseas product certification scheme. (2) Subsection (1) applies only if the chief executive is satisfied that— (a) the building products or building methods meet any criteria prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph; and (b) the overseas product certification scheme meets any criteria prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph. (3) A person who uses building products or building methods that are (or are in a group that is) recognised under subsection (1) must, for the purposes of this Act, be treated as having complied with all provisions of the building code that are relevant to the intended use. (4) Subsection (3) applies only to the extent that the person complies with any limitations or conditions of the recognition that are set out in the notice. (5) A notice under subsection (1) is secondary legislation (see Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019 for publication requirements).
Replacement empowering Act and provisions	Not applicable
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