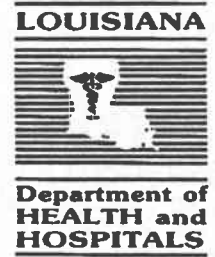




STATE OF LOUISIANA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS



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June 28, 2007

Mr. Angel Rodriguez  
Technical Services Manager  
John Guest USA, Inc. Manufacturing Company  
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Fairfield, New Jersey 07004-7085

Re: Approval for the use of Speedfit® Push-Fit Fittings on type K and L hard drawn and annealed seamless copper water tubes (ASTM B88), CPVC water tube (ASTM D2846/2846M-99), and PEX water tube (ASTM F876, F877) using the tube liner as designed by John Guest USA.

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated February 22, 2007 addressed to the attention of Mr. Jake Causey, P.E., relative to requesting approval of the above referenced plumbing product for use in the State of Louisiana. After careful review by this office Mr. Causey subsequently requested additional product samples and specifications. Receipt is acknowledged of the additional product samples and your reply with the enclosed letter dated March 1, 2007 which was received by this office on March 2, 2007. Subsequently, our office requested that your product meet ASSE 1061 and receipt is acknowledged of your facsimile transmittal of your IAPMO listing for ASSE 1061 on June 28, 2007.

Essentially, your letter requests that the Speedfit® Push-Fit Fittings be approved under Section 102.7 "Alternate Materials and Methods of Construction" of the Louisiana State Plumbing Code, 2000 Edition (LSPC). This Section allows the use of any material or method of construction not specifically prescribed under the LSPC provided that any such alternate has been approved by the Plumbing Official. Section 202 of the LSPC defines the Plumbing Official as: i.) the State Health Officer (= co-State Plumbing Official), and ii.) any local Plumbing Department (= co-Local Plumbing Official) established and authorized by a political subdivision of the state. After our discussions and review of the literature, etc., provided, please be advised that this office offers no objection to the use of the Speedfit® Push-Fit Fittings for use on type K and L hard drawn and annealed seamless copper water tubes (ASTM B88), CPVC water tube (ASTM D2846/2846M-99), and PEX water tube (ASTM F876, F877) using the tube liner as

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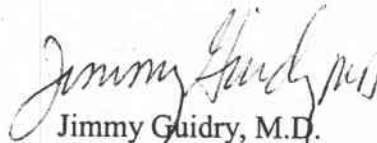
designed by John Guest USA in Louisiana.

This no objection is given with the understanding that the product shall be accompanied by the manufacturer's assembly and disassembly instructions. Per Section 303.5 of the LSPC, the manufacturer's published procedures or recommendations shall be followed upon installation.

Please be advised that this action does not abrogate your responsibility to obtain similar approval from those local jurisdictions having its own local Plumbing Department (= co-Local Plumbing Official) since the local jurisdiction's requirements may be stricter than the requirements of the LSPC.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my staff at (225) 342-7273.

Sincerely,

  
Jimmy Guidry, M.D.  
State Health Officer

JG/JKC/SGB/jkc

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Code Council, c/o Office of Management and Finance, Department of Public Safety and Corrections  
Charles G. Marceaux, Executive Director, State Licensing Board for Contractors  
Local Plumbing Inspectors in LA (from S. Becnel's MS Access list)