

Announcement

VERT Association founded

as a non profit-organisation according to Swiss Law on Febr. 20th,2009. The newly founded organisation aims at promoting **best available technology (BAT)** for reduction of emissions or internal combustion engines, in particular to minimise highly toxic pollutants of cancerogenic nature.

At present the association consists only of the three-member board (B. Tronchetti, H.Hafner, F. Legerer); you are invited to join.

Background.

There are today many international bodies of authority and trade associations who established rules with regard to VERT, for this reason we will continue. Therefore, the founders of this association decided to continue testing and certifying particulate filters within the frame of a private organisation comparable to the steam boiler associations of the nineteenth century. They registered word trade marks "VERT", "VERT-DPF" and "VERT-certification" which have been granted recently. Identical in wording with the trade marks the internet domains www.vert-dpf.eu and www.vert-certification.eu have been registered. At latest on March 15th, 2009 these home-pages will be on the air.

On these home-page there will be those filters published for which the licence to use VERT-DPF or VERT-certification has been granted. The association will grant the licence of using the trade mark if both conditions are satisfied, positive test results and the licensee had agreed to submit to the rules stipulated by the VERT association. Any trade mark violation will be subject to proper legal actions.

Co-operation between the VERT-association and the informal task force AKPF will be subject of discussion at the upcoming AKPF-meeting March 13th. The registered trade mark VERT in all combination should become a notion of highest quality also accepted by authorities. Parallel, there should be a friendly aspect for industry by the fact of having testing from viewpoints of engineering and science complete and sensible, redundant-superfluous tests won't be required and at the same time administration of trademark rights will be as simple as possible.

Generally, the VERT-association is willing and prepared to offer auxiliary services for authorities worldwide in view of harmonisation. Even if this aim may be seen as rather ambitious, one should not be discouraged.

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