

# The final step to heaven

There are three steps to compliance heaven. In the final part of our mini series David Frost, managing director, CEN Solutions, outlines step 3, self declaration and on-going requirements

So far you've implemented an FPC System to EN 1279 Part 6, had your units tested to EN 1279 Part 2 and, we hope, passed. So, what next? Well, that's the easy bit done, now you should have the confidence to self-declare compliance to EN1279. To do this you need to have had your units tested and passed to Part 2 (no problems there) and be fully compliant with EN 1279 Part 6. The official title of Part 6 is Factory Production Control and Periodic Tests and therein lies the potential problem.

By now, everyone should be used to carrying out the daily testing and associated inspections that Part 6 demands. But, ask yourself this, has anyone ever bothered to explain your Part 2 test results? BSI and BM Trada won't (and most probably couldn't). But included in that report



is a wealth of potentially useful information that demands explanation and which could affect future performance in the on-going tests. If your test results are tightly grouped together and the MPI is in low single figures, then you have little to worry about. If not or you are unsure, then ask someone who does know.

To be operating fully to Part 6, you have to not only carry out the day to day testing, but also be booked into the on-going periodic testing and, if necessary, the annual UV Fogging test. The periodic test is all about the overall quality of your production units, and nothing to do with your ability to manufacture test units.

The periodic test units should be selected from production, as close to the test size as possible and as close to the cavity width as possible. So, if you only make 20mm cavity units, then that's what's tested.

Makes perfect sense to me. Periodic testing is initially carried out four times over a two year period, after four consecutive passes, the testing reverts to one per annum. Fail at any stage and you revert back to the four in two years. Now do you see why it's so important to know how your units performed at the Part 2 test stage. If there were borderline issues, then there's every chance you could fail at the periodic test stage.

If there's one area where you could benefit from good advice, then this is it. ■

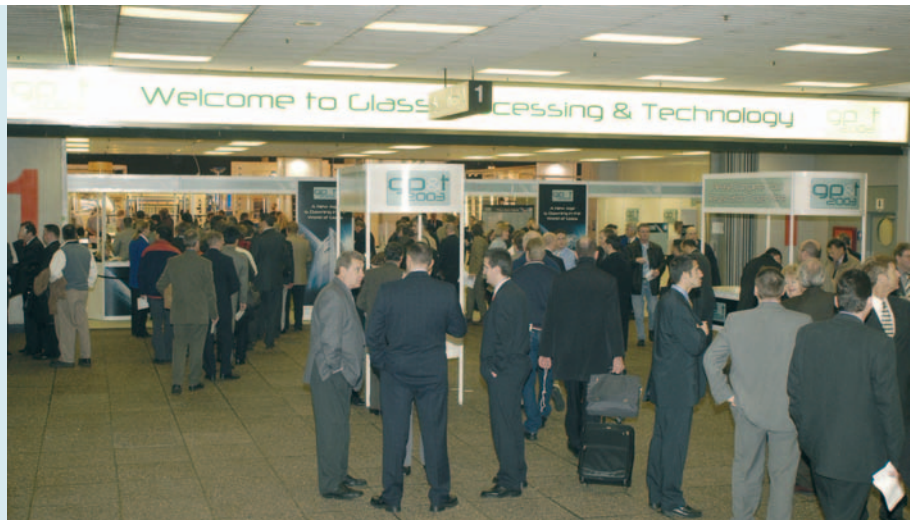
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## Showtime

The Advance Visitor Registration Hotline has now gone live for The Glass Processing & Technology Exhibition (GP&T), the new exhibition and conference dedicated to UK flat glass professionals, which is set to take place at the NEC this May (17th – 19th May 2005). Anyone wishing to pre-register for the event can now do so online at [www.gptexhibition.com](http://www.gptexhibition.com) or, (from mid February) by calling the Ticket Hotline on 0870 429 4534.

GP&T, which won a top exhibition industry award for being the best new trade exhibition following its launch in 2003, will feature more than 115 exhibitors who will be showing the latest innovations in glass processing machinery, equipment, tools and systems, alongside glass manufacturers, specialist glass suppliers and other services aimed at glass specifiers.

A seminar programme will look at key



issues such as technology, legislation and market conditions that are affecting the industry, whilst a number of other features will again include the Architects Pavilion offering a series of specialist lectures on the application of glass in buildings, and demonstrations that will ensure an interactive, live show from which visitors may take away tangible, workable solutions.

Visitors who register in advance will

enjoy a number of advantages in addition to fast-track entry to GP&T, without the form filling and queuing associated with any popular show. Advance publicity will allow pre-planning to gain the most from what will again be a busy event, with exhibitor lists, floor plans and seminar programmes all sent prior to the event. ■

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