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| Question:<br>EN ISO 12402-7:2020 clause 4.9.1 states that “if the material is susceptible to fungal attack and is used as a water resistant membrane, a test shall be carried out as described in Annex A.”<br>However, it is not clear how to proceed if the material is <u>not</u> susceptible to fungal attack:<br>1) How to determine whether an inflatable chamber material is susceptible to fungus attack?<br>2) How shall testing of the material be performed in accordance with table 15, if the material is deemed not susceptible to fungus attack?  |  |  |                                 |
| Solution:<br>1) When the supplier of inflation chamber material claims that the material is not susceptible to fungus attack, the supplier shall declare in writing that the material is not susceptible to fungus attack. Note: The declaration must be documented in the manufacturer’s technical documentation for certification.<br>2) If the supplier declares that the material is not susceptible to fungus attack, apply table 15, but do not carry out exposure to soil burial (annex A) when performing the tests for tensile strength and permeability. The test report shall inform that the exposure to soil burial wasn’t performed because the supplier declared that the material wasn’t susceptible to fungus attack. |  |  |                                 |