

**The activities of the German authority  
DIBt in the field of VOC emission  
testing of construction products**

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## **Main issues:**

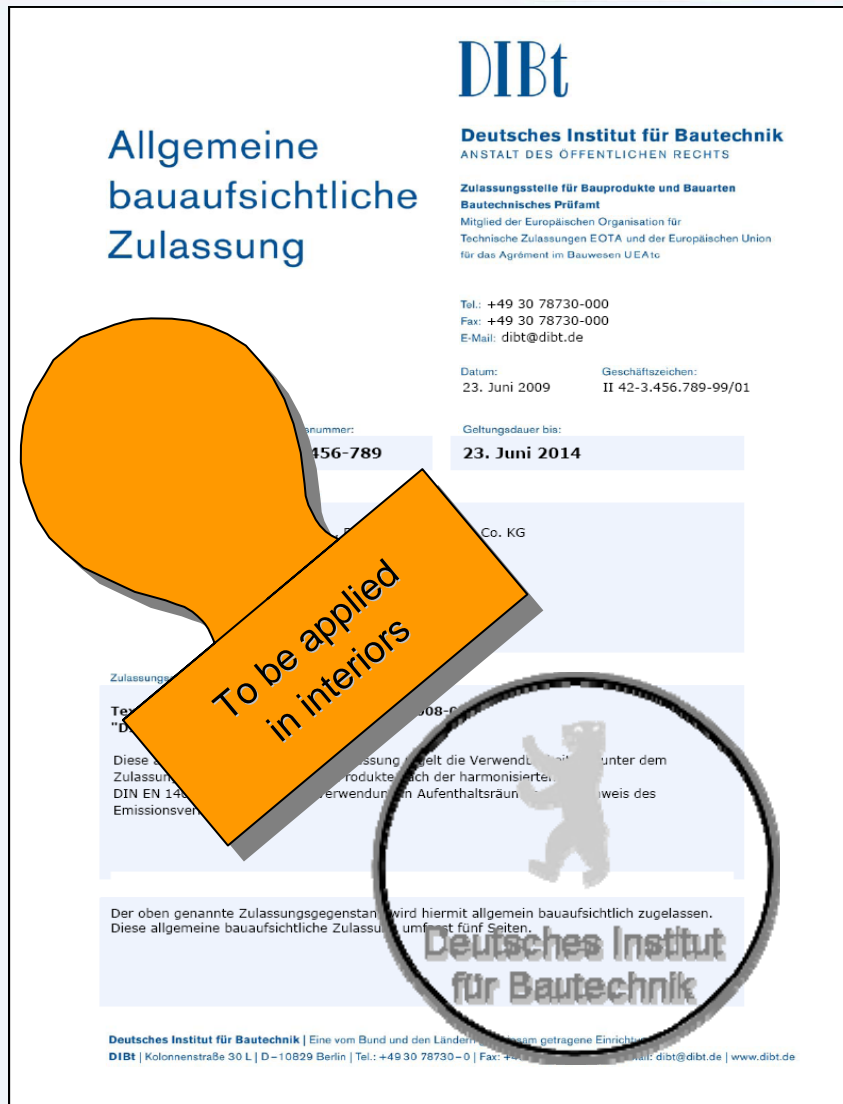
- 1. Regulatory and voluntary schemes in Germany**
- 2. Role of DIBt**
- 3. Procedure for technical approvals**
- 4. Activities on European Union level**



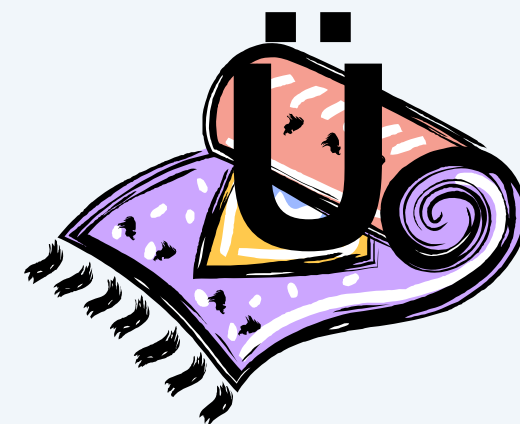
## Welcome at DIBt – Centre of competence for civil engineering in Germany and Europe

- **Technical authority of the Federal Republic of Germany and its states**
- **For the harmonisation of civil engineering in the field of public law**
- **Approval body for construction products**
- **160 employees (of which 2/3 are engineers) and 600 external experts**





1. Application
2. Product
3. Chemical composition
4. Emission test
5. Evaluation
6. Approval
7. Surveillance



- **Grundsätze zur gesundheitlichen Bewertung von Bauprodukten in Innenräumen**

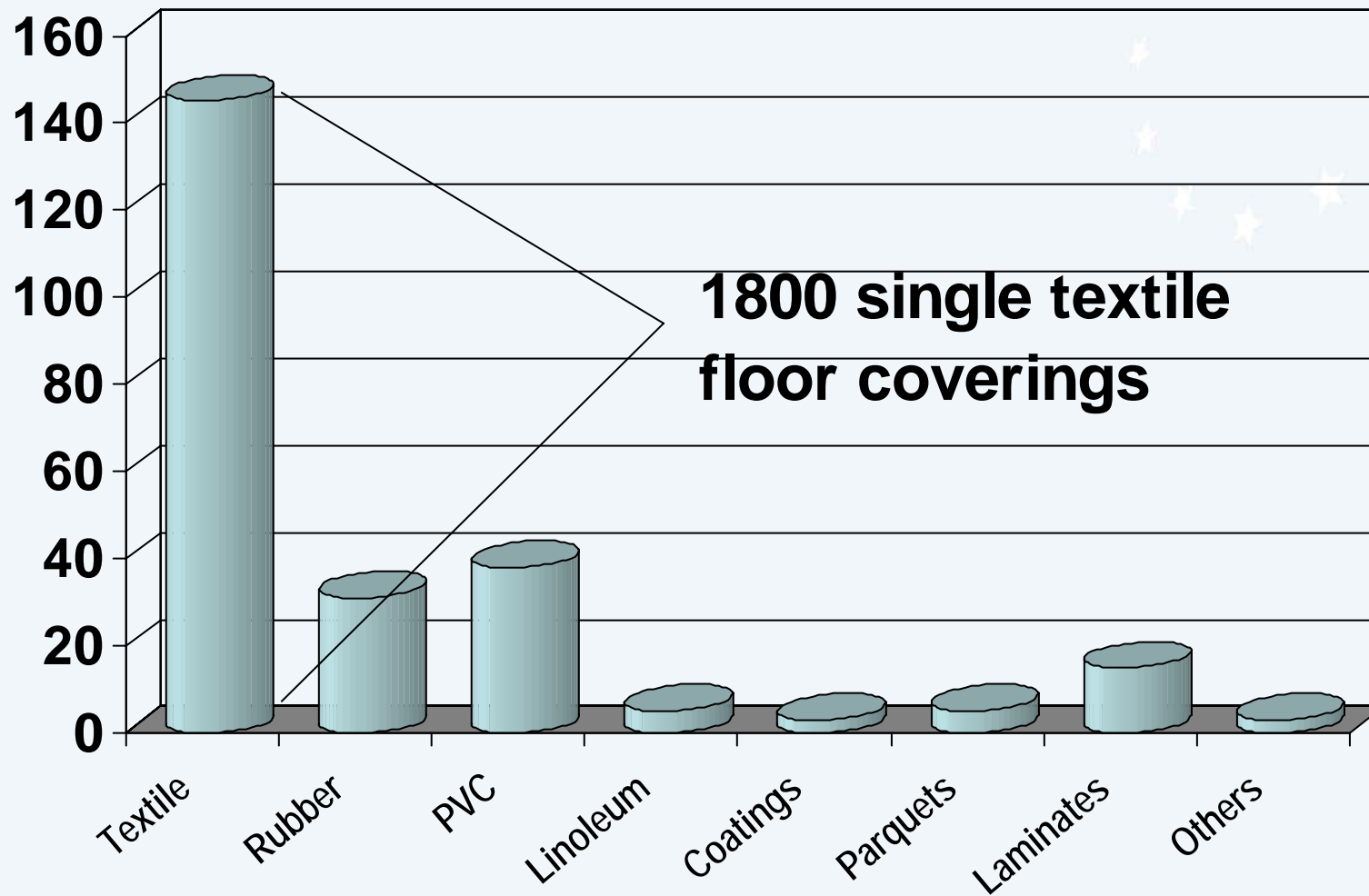
<http://www.dibt.de>

- **Principles of health assessment of construction products in indoor environments**

[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/tris/public\\_info/](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/tris/public_info/)

Notification No. 167/2009/D

Amount of technical approvals (in total 245; status 2009/9/9)

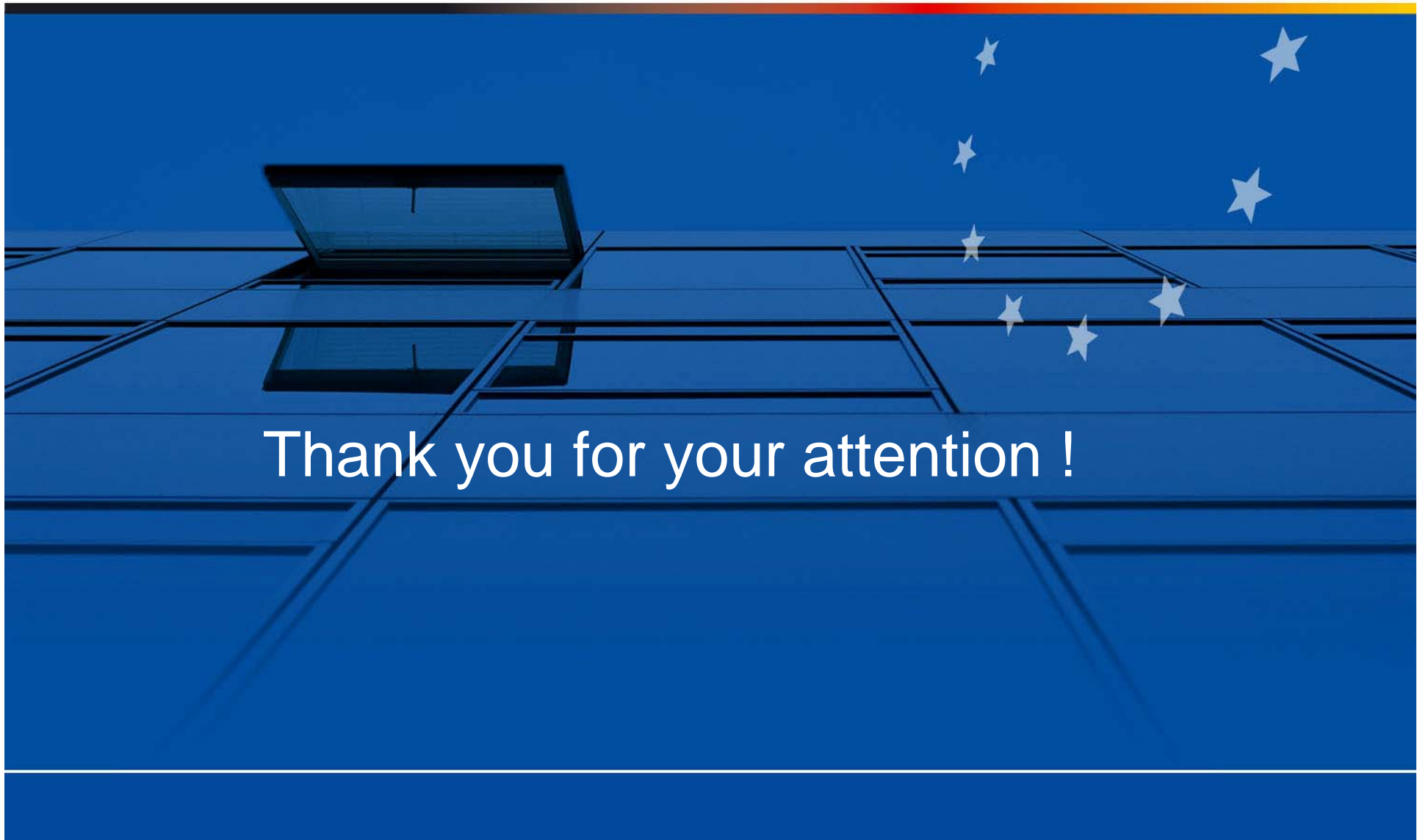


## Further products:

- Adhesives
- Wall coverings
- Underlays
- Lacquers for parquets
- Areas for sport halls
- Suspended ceilings
- Internal partition kits

## Activities of the European Union:

- New policy in the context of the European „Construction Product Directive“ 89/106/EEC
- CEN/TC 351 is developing harmonised test methods
- Target: Compulsory testing of VOC and formaldehyde emission levels in all 27 member states of the EU



Thank you for your attention !