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The EAD is drawn up and adopted by EOTA based on an application to issue an ETA submitted by the manufacturer in relation to a construction product that is not covered, or is not fully covered by a harmonized standard, i.e. whose performance, in relation to its essential characteristics, cannot be fully assessed based on the existing harmonized standard, inter alia due to the following:

- the product does not fall within the scope of any existing harmonized standard;
- for at least one essential characteristic of that product, the assessment method provided for in the harmonized standard is not appropriate;

or

- the harmonized standard does not provide for any assessment method in relation to at least one essential characteristic of that product.

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The EAD shall comprise at least the following:

- a general description of the construction product,
- the list of essential characteristics, relevant for the intended use of the product as foreseen by the manufacturer and agreed between the manufacturer and the organization of TABs (EOTA),
- the methods and criteria for assessing the performance of the product in relation to those essential characteristics.

The EAD shall also specify the factory production control procedures to be applied, taking into account the conditions of the manufacturing process of the construction product concerned.

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