

Is the compliance of a standard legally binding ?

Not legally binding, because standards are not laws, but they are there to clarify and define best practice.

As a professional you are expected to respect best practice. The installer is free not to apply standards and codes of practice, but in case of conflict they will be referred to. If it turns out you didn't apply them you may be held liable. Manufacturers (in case of a warranty dispute) as well as courts draw on standards and codes of practice as best practice.

As a result, you can safely say that they are not legally binding, but in practice they are mandatory and should be followed. Therefore, a standard will never state that something is mandatory, but "strongly recommended" does indicate that something is indispensable for good workmanship.

However, when reference is made to a standard a guideline or cop in specifications or contracts, its application becomes legally binding because of the contractual nature. This is increasingly the case.

See our application guideline.