



Rules for the use of the certification mark

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1. GENERAL

RIGCERT encourages its certified clients to use the certification mark and make reference to the management system certification for as long as the certification is valid and in accordance to the provisions of this document.


Certified clients may decide not to use the certification mark.

The certification mark is transmitted to each certified client, in electronic format following the successful completion of certification activities.

The right to use the certification mark belongs to the certified organization (owner of the certification) and cannot be transferred to a third party.

2. FORMAT

The format of the certification mark is pictured in the table below:

	<p>The standard(s) mentioned in the field of the mark (in this case ISO 9001) is in line with the management system certifications held by the organization.</p> <p>Certified clients may use the coloured version of the certification mark or a black and white version depending on their needs.</p>
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3. RULES FOR USING THE CERTIFICATION MARK

Certified clients may use the certification mark on websites, communications, business cards or any advertising purposes.

The certification mark shall always be used in the format transmitted by RIGCERT. It can be enlarged or reduced but the aspect has to be maintained and the accompanying text shall remain legible.

The certification mark shall be placed on the same page (area) with the clients' own mark and it shall not mislead as to who is the owner of the communication.

Certification mark shall only be used as long as the certification is valid and only for activities included in the certification scope. In case the certification is withdrawn the client shall discontinue the use of the certification mark. Also in case the certification scope is reduced all advertising matter containing the certification mark shall be amended.

The certification mark shall not be used on the product nor product packaging nor in any other way that may be interpreted as denoting product conformity. Also RIGCERT does not permit certified clients to apply the mark on laboratory test, calibration or inspection reports or certificates.

4. REFERENCE TO CERTIFICATION

Certified clients may use statements about the management system certification that include a clear identification of the client, type of management system certified and standard and RIGCERT as certification body.

An example of statement can be: "[Company name] holds a quality management system according to ISO 9001, certified by RIGCERT."

Such a statement may be used also on product packaging or in accompanying information.

Reference to certification shall not be misleading or ambiguous and shall be used only as long as the certification is valid. Also it shall not be used in such a way as to imply that the product (service) or process of the organization has been certified.

5. CONTROL

The use of certification mark and reference to certification is audited during each surveillance and recertification audit.

Nonconformities to those aspects may lead to a suspension or even withdrawal of certification, in case not addressed properly by the organization.

The use of the certification mark and reference to certification shall be made in such a way that will not bring RIGCERT or the certification system into disrepute or lose of public trust.

6. OTHER ASPECTS

For some certification schemes, there may be other marks (property of third parties) that can be used by the certified client according to specific rules. RIGCERT informs certified clients about those aspects in advance.

Certified client may request advice on the use of certification mark or reference to certification at any moment during the certification cycle.