

Rules for Use of the "ift-certified" Mark





1 Purpose and scope

1.1 This document specifies the format and use of a particular form of application of the **ift** mark, i.e. the "ift certified" mark, hereinafter referred to as "**ift certified**" mark.

1.2 The **ift** mark is a registered and protected trademark (**ift Rosenheim**; n°: 300.57.954).

2 The "ift certified" mark

2.1 The "**ift certified**" mark is a particular form of application of the **ift** mark und shall be used only in the format shown below. Any changes to it are prohibited.



Colour of frame + bar "certified":
CMYK 0/0/0/30
RAL 7047 (Telegrau 4)

Colour of text (ift) + bar "zertifiziert"
CMYK 100/50/0/20
RAL 5019 (Capriblau)
or 100% schwarz bei s/w

2.2 The "**ift certified**" mark may be used to indicate the conformity of a product with a certification scheme or a specific classification level. It is based on standards, in particular DIN and EN standards, and on guidelines or other technical regulations. The certification schemes include regulations for factory production control and third party surveillance.

2.3 The "**ift certified**" mark may be used to indicate the conformity of a management system with the standard given in the Certificate.

2.4 The extent of the evidence of performance/classification to be provided is defined in the certification scheme or in the standards. Prior to authorization to use the mark, the respective product or management system must fulfil the relevant requirements.

2.5 As a rule, use of the mark is authorized by issuance of a Certificate. Prior to award of the Certificate, a surveillance contract must be signed with the **ift**.



3 Authorization

- 3.1 Enterprises have the right to use the **"ift certified"** mark provided that they have been authorized to do so in writing (as necessary, in the form of a Certificate) by the **ift** certification body.
- 3.2 If the **ift** certification body withdraws the authorization (e.g. by suspension or revocation of the Certificate), use of the **"ift certified"** mark must be discontinued. The conditions for suspension and withdrawal are set out in the surveillance contract or the General Terms and Conditions.
- 3.3 If the **ift** certification body withdraws the authorization for some of the objects listed in conjunction with the mark (e.g. by suspension or revocation of the Certificate), use of the **"ift certified"** mark for such objects must be discontinued. The conditions for suspension and withdrawal are set out in the surveillance contract or the General Terms and Conditions.

4 Guidelines for use of the "ift certified" mark

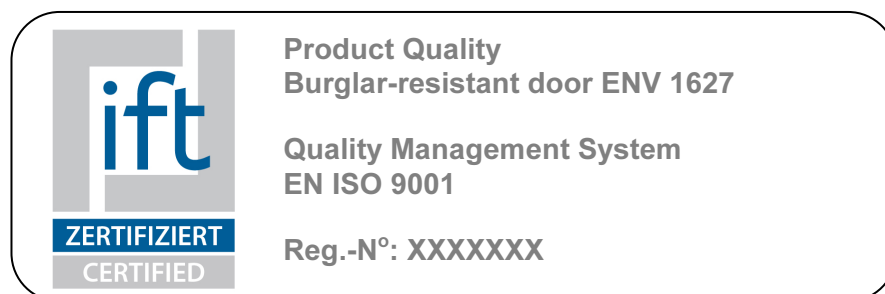
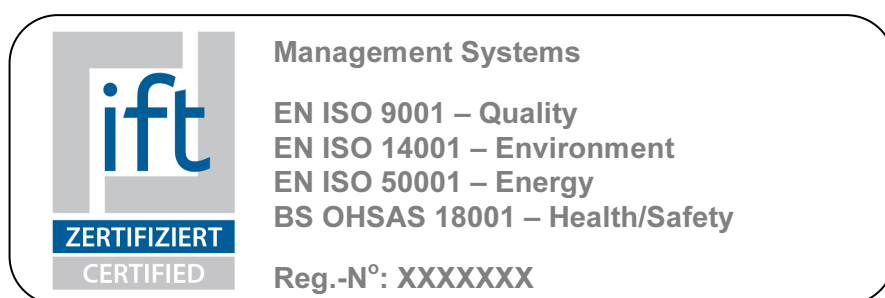
- 4.1 After successful management certification and conclusion of a surveillance contract for the management system, the **"ift certified"** mark may be used in advertising material, accompanying product documentation and stationery but not on individual products.
- 4.2 After successful product certification and conclusion of a surveillance contract for the product, the **"ift certified"** mark may be used in advertising material, accompanying product documentation and stationery and also on products whose names are listed on the Certificate.
- 4.3 Provided that both the product and the management system have been certified according to Section 4.2 and Section 4.1, the combined **"ift certified"** mark (for product quality und management system) may be used on those products whose names are listed on the Certificate referring to product certification.
- 4.4 If specified by standards or guidelines, an additional symbol referring to the audited object may be displayed next to the **"ift certified"** mark.
- 4.5 The **"ift certified"** mark shall not be used on its own and must always be accompanied by the additional information given in the following. (The text of the Certificate should be used):



- seven digit registration no. (**ift** client number)
- For product certificates:
 - the words "product quality"
 - the designation of the certified product (e.g. laminated wood window profiles)
 - the designation of the basis (standard) or the additional text "according to the **ift** certification scheme" or the abbreviation of the certification scheme
- For Certificates of management systems (QM, EM, EnM, ASM)
 - the words "Quality Management System" or/and "Environmental Management System" or/and "Energy Management System" or/and "Occupational Health/Safety Management System"
 - the designation of the standard (e.g. EN ISO 9001)

It must be shown clearly (e.g. by placing them all in the same frame) that the additional information is related to the "**ift** certified" mark.

- 4.6 The typeface of the registration number is "Arial". The position and the type size of the registration number should be in the same proportions as shown in the given example.
- 4.7 The typeface and type sizes of the additional information should be adapted to the available space.
- 4.8 Applications of the "**ift** certified" mark are illustrated by the following examples:





5 Compliance with the Rules for use of the mark

- 5.1 With authorization to use the mark, the user of the mark agrees to the present Rules for use of the mark.
- 5.2 In the case of non-observance of the Rules for use of the mark or serious complaints/objections, use of the "ift certified" mark can be prohibited.
- 5.3 For compelling technical reasons and in reaction to unauthorized use of the mark, the certification body of the **ift** has the right to revoke the authorization to use the mark.

6 Infringement of the rights of the ift

- 6.1 Prior to using the "ift certified" mark, the **ift** certification body must be informed how the mark will be used. This information shall be provided by means of a sample.
- 6.2 The reputation of the mark in the eyes of the public must not be impaired.
- 6.3 Unauthorized use of the mark may give rise to a claim for damages on the part of the **ift**. The same applies to unauthorized references to the "ift certified" mark in advertising material or publications.
- 6.4 **ift** is entitled to enforce its rights in the event of any infringement. Place of jurisdiction is the place of the registered office of the **ift** Rosenheim.

7 Defects of products / Assertion of claims

- 7.1 **ift** is not liable for any defects of the products to which, based on the authorization to use the mark, the mark is applied. The certificate holder releases **ift** from all claims that are raised against **ift** on the grounds of the authorization to use the "ift certified" mark and its use and/or the non-authorization to use the mark.
- 7.2 The user of the mark waives the assertion of claims against **ift** arising from the authorization, non-authorization or withdrawal of the authorization to use the mark.

8 Fees

- 8.1 Use of the "ift certified mark" is subject to the applicable schedule of fees of the **ift** certification body.
- 8.2 Other services related to the use of the "ift certified" mark, e.g. sampling, factory inspections, inspection of test equipment, producing expert opinions, etc., will be charged separately.