Rules for use of the "ift-certified“ marks

1 Purpose and scope

1.1 This document specifies the format and use of the ift marks “ift-certified“, ift-Standard” and “ift-Quality”.

1.2 The ift marks are registered and protected trademarks by ift Rosenheim:

- o „ift-certified“: n°. 300.57.954
- o „ift-Standard“: n°. 014610811
- o „ift-Quality“: n°. 014610811

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 evidences of performance/classification to be provided is defined in the certification schemes 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, UM, EnM, SGM)
  - 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:

ZERTIFIZIERT
CERTIFIED

Management Systems

EN ISO 9001 – Quality
EN ISO 14001 – Environment
EN ISO 50001 – Energy
EN ISO 45001 – Health/Safety

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ZERTIFIZIERT
CERTIFIED

Product Quality
Burglar-resistant door EN 1627

Quality Management System
EN ISO 9001

Reg. Nº: XXXXXXX

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 Guidelines for use of the "ift-Standard" and "ift-Quality" marks

6.1 In addition to using the ift-certified mark, it is also possible to use the "ift-Standard" and "ift-Quality" marks to advertise products in accordance with the ift certification scheme QM 320.[1)]

6.2 Prerequisite is the award of a Certificate as confirmation.

6.3 The following are examples of applications of the "ift-Standard" and "ift-Quality" marks:

6.4 The templates are created by ift Rosenheim and may only be used unchanged for advertising purposes – for example in catalogues, on stationery, on products or on the website.

1) Detailed regulations are contained in the QM 320 certification scheme – in particular whether and under what conditions the marks can be used.

7 Infringement of the rights of the ift

7.1 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.

7.2 The reputation of the mark in the eyes of the public must not be impaired.

7.3 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.

7.4 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.

8 Defects of products / Assertion of claims

8.1 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.

8.2 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.

9 Fees

9.1 Use of the “ift-certified mark” is subject to the applicable schedule of fees of the ift certification body.

9.2 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.