



Rules for the use of the **certification mark**

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General

RIGCERT encourages certified clients to use the certification mark for as long as their management system certification is valid and in accordance with the provisions in this document.

Certified clients may choose 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 and cannot be transferred to a third party.

The client shall not use the certification mark or the management system certificate(s) in a manner that will bring RIGCERT and/ or the certification system and/ or accreditation bodies into disrepute and lose of public trust.

RIGCERT logo is a registered trademark with the EUIPO - European Union Intellectual Property Office (euipo.europa.eu).

Format

This is the format of the certification mark:



The standard mentioned on the certification mark (in this case ISO 9001) is in accordance with the management system certification held by the organization.

Certified clients may use the coloured version of the certification mark or a black & white version, depending on their needs.



Rules for using the certification mark

Certified clients may use the certification mark on brochures, internet pages, envelopes, business cards, various advertising materials, etc.

The certification mark shall not be altered or modified. It can be resized, but the proportions of the mark shall be maintained, and the features of the mark shall remain clearly distinguishable.

The certification mark shall be placed on the same page (area) with the clients' own trademark. It is not allowed to use the certification mark in a way that can be misleading as to whom is the owner (originator) of the communication.

The certification mark can only be used if the management system certification is valid and only on communications that refer to activities and locations included in the scope of the certification. In case the certification scope is reduced, the use of the mark shall be amended accordingly.

In case the certification is withdrawn the client is not allowed to continue the use of the certification mark.

Under no circumstances the certification mark shall be affixed on a product or used in a way that may suggest that the product (service or process) is certified. RIGCERT does not authorize testing and calibration laboratories to use the certification mark on their tests and reports, as those are deemed products in this context.



Reference to certification

Certified clients may use a statement referring to their management system certification. This statement shall include clear, unambiguous, and complete information.

An example of acceptable statement is: “[Company name] holds a quality management system according to ISO 9001, certified by RIGCERT.” Another example of acceptable statement that may be placed on product packaging or accompanying information is: “This product was manufactured in a plant whose quality management system is certified according to ISO 9001 by RIGCERT”.

The organization shall not use a statement that is ambiguous or misleading with regards to its management system certification.



Control

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

Cases of misuse shall be addressed immediately by the organization. Refusal to rectify the misuse of the certification mark may lead to RIGCERT suspending the certification. If the organization continues to ignore the provisions of this document, the certification can be withdrawn.



Other aspects

RIGCERT does not authorize certified clients to use accreditation marks or marks that belong to other organizations such as the IAF (International Accreditation Forum) or the EA (European Accreditation).

Similarly, RIGCERT does not authorize its certified clients to use the ISO (International Organization for Standardization) logo. Since ISO does not perform certification activities, the use of its logo by certified clients is considered to be misleading.

If the certified client intends to use copies of the certificates provided by RIGCERT they shall be reproduced in their entirety.

Clients can create and use logos of their own referring to their certified management system.

For any information with regards to the use of certification mark and reference to certification, clients are encouraged to contact us by email at **office@rigcert.org**.