

Conditions for use of the NMI quality + mark

Article 1 General

a. NMI may, upon request, grant permission for the use of the NMI Quality Mark, hereinafter referred to as the "Quality Mark", to:

a) a holder of:

- a valid authorisation granted by NMI for a measuring instrument (for example in accordance with module B, F, F1 or G under MID/NAWI/UKCA/MessEG or similar national legislation);
- a valid certificate issued by NMI as evidence of the approval of a quality system (for example in accordance with module D, D1, E, E1 or H under MID/NAWI/UKCA/MessEG or similar national legislation);
- a valid certificate issued by NMI as evidence of the approval of a product design, a production process or a measuring instrument (for example in accordance with module B, D or F under MID/NAWI/UKCA/MessEG or similar national legislation);
- a valid certificate issued by NMI as evidence of the approval of a management system and product design (for example in accordance with module H1 under MID/NAWI/UKCA/MessEG or similar national legislation);
- a valid OIML Certificate of Conformity issued by NMI.

hereinafter to be referred as the "Certificate Holder"

or

b) an "authorised verification office" ("erkende keurder") approved by NMI within the framework of the Ministerial Guidelines on approved testers.

c) an "authorised verification office" ("onderzoeksgerechtigde") recognized as such by NMI. hereinafter to be referred to as the "Applicant".

b. The issue of a certificate by NMI does not under any circumstances relieve a Certificate Holder of its obligations to use the mandatory inscriptions as listed in the applicable standard/regulations.

c. The Certificate Holder is prohibited from using its certification status in such a way at NMI and/or the certification system is discredited.

d. The Certificate Holder shall ensure that there can be no confusion among third parties about the object of certification.

e. The Certificate Holder shall ensure that all expressions outwardly comply with the scope of the certificate.

Article 2 Format

Initially, an example of the intended use of the Quality Mark must be submitted by the Applicant or Certificate Holder. The format of the submitted example must conform to one of the examples below. Differences in the colour, dimensions or design of the Quality Mark are

not permitted.

Below are the different variants of the Quality Mark. The approval number must be inserted in place of "123".

The NMI Quality Mark is made up of the NMI logo plus the mention "Recognised" and the relevant approval number, or "Certified" plus the name of the standard/legislation against which it has been tested or the approval number (TXXXXX).

- Logo size: The standard size of the Quality Mark is 40x28 mm, NMI sign 17 mm. The size of the Quality Mark may not be modified in order to guarantee the high quality of the Quality Mark. Please contact us for another size.
- Colour of the Quality Mark: It is not permitted to alter the colour. NMI's Quality Mark is available in the following colour combinations: Full colour: cyan (CMYK 100/0/0/0) (RGB 0/174/239) with black (CMYK 0/0/0/100) Black/white: fully black
- Free space: A free space must be maintained around the Quality Mark as shown below. In the standard format, the free space is 5 mm. The proportion of the logo to the added text may not be altered.
- File formats: The NMI Quality Marks are available in the following file formats: .TIF .JPG .EPS .GIF



- **Article 3 Specific conditions for the Quality Mark "Certified"**
- The Quality Mark may be used on a product, or packaging or promotional material if the material refers to the certified product. Also, if the certified product is advertised, the Quality Mark may be used. Any potential misrepresentation must be avoided.
- The Quality Mark must be used in combination with the certified product.
- There may be no uncertainty as to which product the Quality Mark relates to.

Article 4 Specific conditions for the use of the Quality Mark "Recognised"

- The Quality Mark must be used in combination with the trademark/logo/name of the Recognised Tester.
- The Quality Mark "Recognised" must be used in combination with the approval number.
- The Quality Mark "Recognised" may be used on letters, e-mails, offers, websites etc., but may not be more prominent than the logo of the company itself.
- In no way may it be suggested that NMI is responsible for the correctness of the results.

Article 5 When is the use of the NMI quality mark not permitted?

In the event of the suspension, withdrawal or termination of the recognition or certification (see Article 6). NMI is at all times entitled to verify the use of the Quality Mark. The Applicant or Certificate Holder must lend its cooperation in this regard.

Article 6 Approval

- a. Approval can only be granted if the Applicant or Certificate Holder fulfils the provisions contained in Article 1.
- b. Approval is granted for the period of validity of the authorisation, the certificate, or the recognition.
- c. The approval may be granted subject to further conditions;
- d. NMI may attach further conditions to the usage even after approval has been granted without being held liable in any way to pay compensation for damages or costs which may result from such further conditions;
- e. NMI does not attach any costs or legal fees to the granting of its approval.

Article 7 Validity

The mere expiry of the validity of the certificate, authorisation or recognition to which the use of the NMI Quality Mark relates automatically leads to the expiration of NMI's approval. The use and application of the Quality Mark in whatever form must be immediately terminated as of that date.

Article 8 Surveillance

NMI monitors that the Quality Mark is used correctly by the Certificate Holder. If incorrect use of the NMI Quality Mark is found, the Certificate Holder will be informed and ordered to discontinue incorrect use. If abuse is not stopped, appropriate measures shall be taken, including the measures provided for in Article 6.

Article 9 Suspension and withdrawal

- a. NMI may, always and without providing reasons for doing so, immediately withdraw its approval for the use of the Quality Mark and forbid the further use of the Quality Mark without being liable in any way for damage suffered or to be suffered by the Applicant because of said withdrawal.
- b. The Applicant or Certificate Holder must comply with all conditions which NMI stipulates with respect to the use of its Quality Mark. Non- or inadequate compliance with these conditions leads to the withdrawal of approval.
- c. Instead of withdrawal, NMI may also decide to temporarily suspend its approval. When taking its decision to suspend approval, NMI shall indicate which measures the Applicant must take in connection with the use of the Quality Mark during the period of suspension. In that case, Article 6 does not apply.

Article 10 Fine

- a. If, following the expiration of the period of validity of NMI's approval or after NMI has withdrawn its approval, the Applicant or Certificate Holder persists in using the Quality Mark, the Applicant or Certificate Holder will owe NMI an immediately payable fine of €2000 for each day that the usage continues, calculated from the day on which the period of validity expires or the day on which NMI informs the Applicant or Certificate Holder of its decision to withdraw approval.
- b. In addition, NMI is also entitled to take all those (legal) measures which bring an end to the Applicant's or Certificate Holder's infringement of its intellectual property rights.