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DIQC B.V. has rules governing management system 'certification reference' and 'certification mark' that it authorizes certified clients to use. These rules ensure, among other things, traceability back to the DIQC B.V.

## **1. Reference to Certification:**

- 1.1 The reference to certification means, a certified client can provide information in public about it's 'Quality Management System' being certified under certain management system standard.
- 1.2 When a client is certified by DIQC B.V. under ISO 13485 quality management system, this means the client's management system is implemented as per ISO 13485 requirements. Hence, the reference to certification shall in no way give impression that the product manufactured by that client is certified. The reference to certification shall not be used on a product or affixed in any way on product packaging (i.e. primary packaging) that may be interpreted as denoting product certification or conformity. Primary product packaging/label is considered as, removal of which will result in disintegration or damage of the product. The statement shall in no way imply that the product, process or service is certified by this means.
- 1.3 The reference to certification can be placed on product accompanying information or secondary / tertiary product packaging. Accompanying information is considered as separately available or easily detachable from product. Secondary/tertiary product packaging is considered as that which can be removed without the product disintegrating or being damaged.
- 1.4 The statement of 'reference to certification' shall be written as;
  - Identification (e.g. brand or name) of the certified client;
  - The type of management system (i.e. quality) and the applicable standard (i.e. ISO 13485);
  - The name of certification body issuing the certificate i.e. DIQC B.V.

E.g. XYZ Pvt. Ltd., An ISO 13485:2016 Quality Management System certified by Dutch Institute of Quality Certifications

## **2. Use of Certification Mark:**

- 2.1 A Certification Mark will be provided by DIQC B.V. to clients whose management system has been certified by DIQC B.V.
- 2.2 The certification mark is as below:



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- The mark has to be used in ratio of Height: 1.5", Length: 2.5".
- The Colour and text present on mark shall not be changed.
- The mark shall be used so that the text shall be visible and legible.

2.3 DIQC B.V. does not permit its Certification Mark to be applied by certified clients to laboratory test reports, calibration or inspection reports or certificates.

2.4 DIQC B.V. certification Mark can be used on promotional material, secondary or tertiary packaging, relating to management system provided that it is in accordance with the guidelines and directives provided in this document.

2.5 DIQC B.V. certification Mark shall only be used whilst the quality system is maintained and the certification remains valid

2.6 The Certification Mark shall be used only in reference to products/services/locations that are covered under the scope of certification.

2.7 DIQC B.V. certification Mark cannot be altered or modified except it can be resized in the proportions of the entire mark by maintaining the original mark without distortion of its dimensions and ensuring that all features of the Certification Mark are legible.

2.8 DIQC B.V. certification Mark cannot be displayed on buildings, flags and vehicles.

The certified client is legally enforced by DIQC B.V. that the reference to certification and use of mark shall be used as per this guideline. It will be agreed upon with the client about DIQC B.V.'s 'Reference to certification' and the 'Use of mark' outlining the following parameters:


- Does not imply that the certification applies outside the scope of certification
- Does not make use of a certification document or any part thereof in a misleading manner. Client can photocopy or scan original Certificate for publicity purposes and use as evidence of their certification.
- Upon Suspension / Withdrawal of certification, client shall discontinue use of all advertising matter that contains a reference to certification, as directed by the DIQC B.V. Client shall amend advertising/promotional matter when the scope of certification has been reduced.
- Does not allow reference to its management system certification to be used in such a way as to imply that the certification body certifies a product (including service) or process
- The right to use the certification mark or reference to certification by the certified client cannot be assigned to or acquired by any other person, entity, without DIQC B.V.'s prior written consent.

### 3. Use of Accreditation Body and IAF MLA Mark and reference of the accreditation:

3.1 The certified clients are **not allowed** to use the IAF MLA Mark. The IAF MLA mark shall not be reproduced by DIQC BV's clients anywhere.

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3.2 DIQC BV authorizes each certified organization under accreditation to operate in conformance with its certified management system to apply accreditation symbol with DIQC BV's own symbol only on certified organization documents that relate to certified management system, and not on a product or in any way which could imply product, process or service certification.

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