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RULES FOR THE USE OF THE IIS CERT MARK

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1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

The aim of this document is to define the methods of use of the IIS CERT Mark by:

- a) holders of certificates issued by IIS CERT and specifically
 - a1) Companies that have obtained certification of the management system, of the quality requirements for welding, of the welding procedures and/or welders (included the approval)
 - a2) Personnel that have acquired qualifications (certificates, approvals) of various degrees (welders, EWF/IIW professional careers and technical experts, non-destructive testing);
- b) holders of other approvals/qualifications issued by IIS CERT in accordance with the applicable rules (see § 2 below) and in particular:
 - b1) Training bodies for professional personnel as provided for by the International Welding Institute (IIW) and by the European Federation of Welding, Joining and Cutting (EWF),
 - b2) Non-destructive test centres (NDT) as per ISO 9712,
 - b3) Training Centres for welders and welding operators of metallic materials,
 - b4) Training Centres for welders and welding operators of plastic welding materials,
 - b5) Testing laboratories.

2 REFERENCES

CER_MSG	Management System Manual
EWF-416r4-14	Rules for the implementation of European Federation for Welding, Joining and Cutting (EWF) Guidelines for the education, examination, qualification and certification of welding personnel
IAB-001r6-16	Rules for the implementation of IIW Guidelines for the education, examination and qualification of welding personnel
RG-09 (doc. ACCREDIA)	Rules for the use of the ACCREDIA Mark
UNI EN ISO 9000	Quality Management Systems - Foundations and terminology
D.Lgs. August 2007, n. 145	Activation of article 14 of the Directive 2005/29/CE that modifies Directive 84/450/CEE on false advertising
Resolution no. 24955 of the AGCM of June 5, 2014	Regulation for the investigation of matters regarding false and comparative advertising, unfair business practices, violations of customers' contractual rights, vexatious clauses

the above mentioned documents are applicable in the latest, revised editions.

Note *Considering the field of application as per § 1 this document is to be used as referral for all the rules issued by IIS CERT.*

3 DEFINITIONS

Terminology will conform to terms and definitions provided in UNI standard EN ISO 9000, with the following integrations.

Mark: the means of graphic identification attesting to the certification or approval issued by IIS CERT. It will show the document of reference according to which the certification/approval was issued and the number of the certificate.

Licensee: A company or person which has obtained a certificate (certification, qualification, approval) issued by IIS CERT in accordance with the applicable regulation, or training body, NDT Centre, Training Centre or Testing laboratory approved by IIS CERT in accordance with the applicable regulations.

4 RESPONSIBILITIES

The licensees are responsible for the proper use of the Mark (see detail § 5.2)

All those who use the Mark are required to respect this document.

In particular, every use of the Mark must be authorized in advance by IIS CERT via a written request (preferably via email)

5 USE OF THE MARK

5.1 Overview

The Mark is the means of graphic identification indicated by IIS CERT to the licensees that indicates the document of reference and the number of the certificate of approval (where applicable)

Generally this Mark can be used on the licensee's documentation according to the regulations set by the following points. The use of the Mark on business cards is allowed only with specific approval to be requested to IIS CERT.

The Mark is the exclusive property of IIS CERT.

The Mark cannot be used on test and/or inspection reports as they are only considered as products.

5.2 Duties of the Licensees

5.2.1 Companies

Companies may use the Mark to publicize their certification of its management system, of the quality requirements for welding, for the welding procedures and/or the welders employed (see also the following note) issued by IIS CERT.

The use of the Mark is possible even in publications, advertising material, promotional articles and must always be used in such a way as not to be interpreted as certification of the quality management system, the environmental management system, and the requirements for the quality for types of welding differing from those for which it was issued, nor as certification of a product.

Specifically, in the cases where a company decides to use its product as a means of publicizing its certification, it can put the mark on the product packaging, provided that the packaging is removable without destroying or damaging the product itself, or on accompanying documentation, provided that it is separate from the product or easily removable; conversely, the company must not allow the Mark to appear on the product itself, including labels or identification plates.

Furthermore, the mark must be placed near the name of the company and written in characters that are no bigger than those used by the writing mentioned above.

Note *In the case of management systems, the company may use, instead of the mark, a declaration including its own identification, the type of management system with relevant applicable standard and the reference to IIS CERT.*

5.2.2 Personnel

Personnel certified by IIS CERT is not authorized to use by any means the IIS CERT Mark, nor other Marks of Bodies that certify IIS CERT and can only use those certifications (badges, certificates, approvals) issued solely by IIS CERT.

Note *Those persons with qualifications or certificates according to the IIW system are exempted from the above and, under their personal responsibility, may use a personal stamp, made according to the procedure provided for in IIW IAB No. OP-21 (to be requested to IIS CERT).*

5.2.3 Training bodies for IIW/EFW personnel

Training bodies of professional personnel provided by IIW and EWF (Authorised Training Bodies, ATB) approved by IIS CERT can use the Mark to publicize their authorisation by IIS CERT.

It is possible to use the Mark even for publications, publicity material, promotional articles and must always be accompanied with a written statement of the types of courses approved.

5.2.4 NDT Testing Centres

Testing centers for non-destructive testing (as per ISO 9712) approved by IIS CERT can use the Mark to publicize the certification issued by IIS CERT.

It is also possible to use the Mark for publications, publicity material, promotional articles.

5.2.5 Training centres

Training Centers (of welders and welding operators for metallic materials, welders of polyethylene pipes and fittings, of welding coordinators for polyethylene pipes and fittings) recognized by IIS CERT may use the Mark to publicize the authorisation obtained by IIS CERT.

It is possible to use the Mark even for publications, publicity material, promotional articles and must always be accompanied with a written statement of the types of courses approved.

5.2.6 Testing laboratories

Testing Laboratories approved by IIS CERT can use the Mark to publicize the approval obtained from IIS CERT.

It is also possible to use the Mark for publications, publicity material, promotional articles.

5.3 Examples of the IIS CERT Mark

Examples of the Mark to be used by holders of certificates, endorsements or acknowledgments in regards to the reference document are listed in Attachment A.

The Mark may be reduced uniformly maintaining the proportions of dimensions. In any case, the dimensions of the Mark may never be greater than those of the trademark of the licensee.

The base colors and the dimensions of the Mark are listed in Attachment B.

In any case, the licensees may reproduce the Mark of certification in black and white on condition that IIS CERT and the figure contained within the circle are clearly visible.

Any other presentations from those described above must be formally approved by IIS CERT beforehand.

5.4 Use of other Marks (applicable only to Companies and ATB)

The use of other Marks relating to bodies that accredit IIS CERT (ACCREDIA, EWF, IIW, etc) is not permitted under any circumstances, with the exceptions of those cases specified below.

It is possible only for certified companies and training centers for professional personnel provided for by IIW and EWF (ATB) to combine the IIS CERT Mark with those of the bodies that accredit IIS CERT as specified in the following points.

5.4.1 Use of the ACCREDIA Mark

The certified Companies that wish to use both the IIS CERT and the ACCREDIA Marks must respect the following (see also the Note):

- a) they must be certified in sectors in which IIS CERT is also accredited by ACCREDIA;
- b) they may enlarge the Mark, but always within the maximum dimensions allowed, or reduce it uniformly and maintaining the proportion of dimensions (the standard dimensions are those shown in Attachment C);
- c) The base colors are the blue shade Pantone® 548 and grey Pantone® 429.

Note *In any case, the use of the ACCREDIA mark next to that of IIS CERT is subject to compliance with ACCREDIA's regulation RG-09 (see § 2).*

5.4.2 Use of the EWF Mark

The companies certified according to EWF EN ISO 3834 and/or EWF EMS scheme that wish to use the IIS CERT Mark together with that of the EWF must (see also the Note below):

- a) meet the requirements of this document;
- b) reproduce the EWF Mark with a diameter no larger than that of IIS CERT (as indicated in Attachment D)
- c) use the original colors of EWF when the IIS CERT Mark is presented in color (the reproduction of both trademarks in black and white is also allowed);

d) must also clearly indicate the number of the certificate next to the Mark.

The approved ATBs that intend using the IIS CERT and EWF Mark together must (see also the Note below):

- 1) meet the requirements of this document;
- 2) reproduce the EWF Mark with a diameter no wider than that of IIS CERT (see Attachment E);
- 3) Use the original colors of EWF when the IIS CERT Mark is presented in color (the reproduction of both trademarks in black and white is also allowed);

Note *In any case, the use of the EWF mark next to that of IIS CERT is subject to compliance to document EWF-416 (see § 2).*

5.4.3 Use of the IIW Mark

The ATBs that intend using the IIS CERT Mark together with that of IIW must (see also Note):

- a) meet the requirements of this document;
- b) reproduce the IIW Mark with a diameter no larger than that of IIS CERT (see Attachment C)
- c) Use the original colors of the IIW trademark when the IIS CERT Mark is also in color (reproduction of both in black and white is also allowed).

Note *In any case, the use of the IIWt Mark next to that of IIS CERT is subject to compliance to document IAB-001 (see § 2).*

5.5 Verification of the proper use of the Marks

IIS CERT will undertake verification of the proper use of the Mark and the correct references to the certifications issued, via:

- a) the surveillance visits as provided for in the specific applicable rules;
- b) Direct surveillance of the market by its own personnel, or be those directly appointed, involved in IIS CERT's various activities;
- c) From notifications coming from external bodies (such as from other accreditation Agencies).

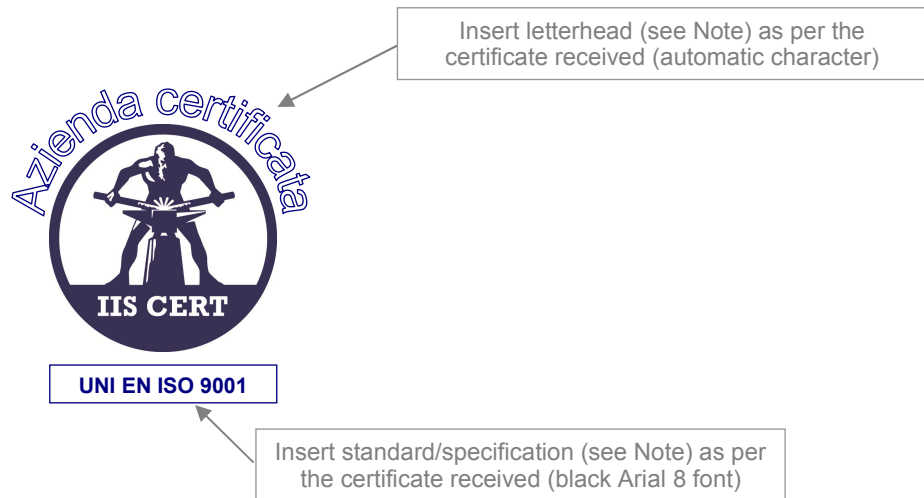
Failure to follow the requirements described in this document will involve any and all actions necessary for IIS CERT to protect its image.

For any matter not specifically referred to in this document, refer to the reference documents for the specific activities of certification/approval/recognition.

5.6 Ending the use of the Marks

In the case of suspension or revocation of the certification the holders are required to immediately suspend use of the Mark.

ANNEX A IIS CERT Mark with the reference document



Notes:

- (1) The color of the Mark is blue Pantone® 654
- (2) The minimum and maximum dimensions (diameter of the circle) are 15 mm and 30mm respectively.
- (3) Depending on the certificate issued the following headings or rule specific pairings can be used:

heading	regulation / specification	Notes
Certified company	UNI EN ISO 9001	
Certified company	UNI EN ISO 14001	
Certified company	OHSAS 18001	
Certified company	UNI EN ISO 3834-2	
Certified company	UNI EN ISO 3834-3	
Certified company	UNI EN ISO 3834-4	
Certified company	UNI EN ISO 15085-2	
Certified company	UNI 11024	
FPC certified	UNI EN 1090-1	
Approved body	QAS 018 R	
Approved centre	QAS 018 R	<i>Valid for the Testing Centres (NDT)</i>
Approved laboratory	QAS 018 R	
Recognized centre	QAS 018 R	<i>(apply to Welding training centre)</i>
Qualified welders	ISO 9606-x	<i>Insert the part of the regulation in place of the x</i>
Qualified operators	ISO 14732	
Approved welders	QAS 026 R	
NDT approved operators	QAS 026 R	
Qualified procedures	ISO 15614-x	<i>Insert the part of the regulation in place of the x</i>
Approved procedures	QAS 026 R	

ANNEX B IIS CERT Mark together with the ACCREDIA Mark



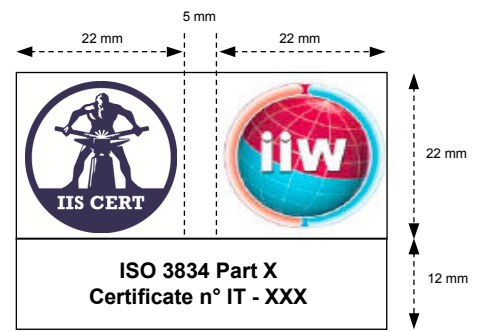
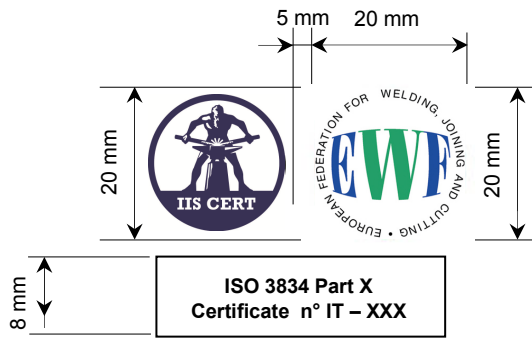
Notes:

- (1) The colors of the Accredia mark are blu Pantone® 548 and grey Pantone® 429.
- (2) The dimensions of the ACCREDIA mark are directly related to those of the IIS CERT mark (see Attachment A).
- (3) Depending on the heading and regulation pairings (see Attachment A) the use of the ACCREDIA Mark together with the three vertical blue bars is regulated by the following table:

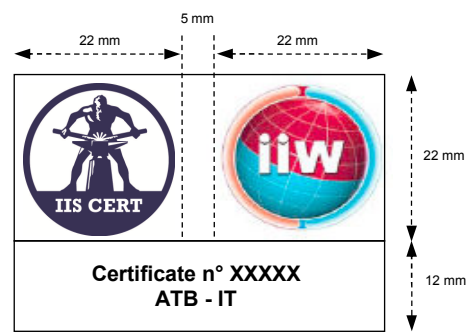
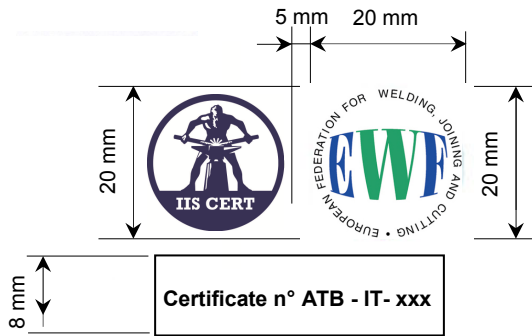
heading	regulation / specification	Use of ACCREDIA Mark	notes
Certified company	UNI EN ISO 9001	optional (recommended)	
Certified company	UNI EN ISO 14001	optional (recommended)	
Certified company	OHSAS 18001	optional (recommended)	
Certified company	UNI EN ISO 3834-2	optional (recommended)	
Certified company	UNI EN ISO 3834-3	optional (recommended)	
Certified company	UNI EN ISO 3834-4	optional (recommended)	
Certified company	UNI EN ISO 15085-2	optional (recommended)	
Certified company	UNI 11024	NOT ALLOWED	
FPC certified	UNI EN 1090-1	NOT ALLOWED	<i>(IIS CERT is ON con n. 0475)</i>
Approved body	QAS 018 R	NOT ALLOWED	
Approved centre	QAS 018 R	NOT ALLOWED	
Approved laboratory	QAS 018 R	NOT ALLOWED	
Recognized centre	QAS 018 R	NOT ALLOWED	
Qualified welders	ISO 9606-x	NOT ALLOWED	<i>Insert the section of the standard</i>
Qualified operators	ISO 14732	NOT ALLOWED	
Approved welders	QAS 026 R	NOT ALLOWED	
NDT approved operators	QAS 026 R	NOT ALLOWED	
Qualified procedures	ISO 15614-x	NOT ALLOWED	<i>Insert the section of the standard</i>
Approved procedures	QAS 026 R	NOT ALLOWED	

ANNEX C IIS CERT Mark linked to the EWF and IIW marks

C.1 Schemes for company certification



C.1 ATB



Notes:

- (1) In all cases, the dimensions of the EWF and IIW Marks are proportional to the IIS CERT Mark (see Attachment A).
- (2) The font used in the boxes is Arial 8

ANNEX D Combined Marks

- D.1** IN the case of companies with more than one certification (e.g. ISO 9001 + ISO 3834-2) who wish to show the IIS CERT Mark as well as the various accreditation Agencies (e.g. putting together ACCREDIA/IIS for the ISO 9001 and IIS CERT/EWF for ISO 3834-2) it will generally require respect for the single pairings. In the example cited the Marks would have to be arranged as shown in the following (valid also for eventual vertical placements):



UNI EN ISO 9001



ISO 3834 Part 2
Certificate n° IT -

- D.2** In the case of a companies with more than one certification who fall within ACCREDIA accreditation (e.g. EN ISO 3824-2 + EN 15085-2) it is admissible for the reference to individual regulations to be shown as per the following example.



UNI EN ISO 3834-2

UNI EN 15085-2

- D.3** It is recommended not to simultaneously pair IIS CERT/EWF and IIS CERT/IIW.