

Conditions for the use of the NSAI Registered Marks

1. Introduction

The NSAI Registered Mark is prescribed in Section 20 of the National Standards Authority of Ireland Act, 1996

This document sets out the conditions for use of the NSAI Registered Mark.

These conditions shall be met by all NSAI Registered Companies. NSAI reserves the right to alter the Mark or change the conditions for its use.

2. Form of NSAI Registered Mark

The Mark normally consists of the Irish Standards Mark symbol with the acronym "NSAI" located above and the number, date and/or title of the applicable standard located underneath – see example:



The NSAI Registered Mark may be printed in any size provided it is legible and proportional to the specimens available for download from the NSAI website.

The NSAI Registered Mark may be produced in any color.

For product certification a particular style of Mark may be specified in the standard *and/or Technical Annex* and/or particular regulations for the scheme. These Marks are for particular applications such as plug tops, concrete or plastic pipes. Such marks consist of *sans serif* font text and the Caighdeán Éireannach symbol:



The client shall not use the mark or certification documents in a misleading manner and must amend all advertising matter when the scope of certification has been reduced.

3. Use of the NSAI Registered Mark

A Registered Company is entitled to display the Mark or make reference to registration on its stationery or electronic media subject to the conditions set out in Clauses 2 and 4.

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Publicity and advertising material subject to the conditions set out in clauses 2 and 4.

NSAI auditors will review the use of the mark during audits.

If in doubt about the use of the NSAI Registered Mark, a proof showing the intended use can be sent to NSAI for review and, if acceptable, written approval.

4. Restrictions on the use of the NSAI Registered Mark

There is a distinction between Product Certification and Management System Certification which affects how the Mark can be used.

In the case of Product Certification, the Mark can be displayed on the product or its primary packaging.

In the case of Management System Certification, the mark shall not be displayed on the product, the primary packaging or otherwise used to imply Product Certification.

The Management System Certification Mark shall not be used on laboratory or calibration test certificates.

On notification of revocation or withdrawal of Registration, a company shall immediately cease to issue documentation or literature, in print or electronically, displaying the Mark or implying in any way that they are an NSAI Registered Company

It is not permissible to use, in any way, the logos of International or European Standards bodies such as ISO, IEC, CEN or CENELEC.

“Designed/developed/manufactured/
serviced (*delete as appropriate*) under an
NSAI registered I.S. EN ISO 9001:2000 /
I.S. EN ISO 22000:2005 (*delete as*



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The client shall not use its certification in any manner that would bring NSAI or the certification system into disrepute and lose public trust.

5. Multiple Registrations

In instances where the company is registered by NSAI for more than one Standard, a single Mark may be used with a list of the numbers of the applicable standards located underneath. The following is an example:



If multiple Marks include a Management System Standard, they must comply with the restrictions of use for Management System Standards.

6. Company Statement

Notwithstanding Clause 4.3 and Clause 5, a company registered to a Management System Standard may display on its product and / or its primary packaging the following statement:

appropriate) Quality / Food Safety (delete as appropriate) Management System”

or other terms appropriate to the company’s activities and commensurate with their scope of registration.

7. IQNet Mark

NSAI is a member of the International Certification Network, IQNet. All NSAI certified companies may use the IQNet Mark in accordance with the conditions of use which are available with the Mark on the NSAI website.

8. Availability of Marks

Most Marks are available from the NSAI website, www.n sai.ie, and are listed under “logos”. Some combination Marks (see Clause 5.1) will need to be created on demand. To obtain Marks not available directly from the website, contact certification@n sai.ie.

9. Use of Accreditation Marks

Each AB grants NSAI the right to apply the AB mark on documents which relate to the accredited certification subject to certain rules and regulations. A certificate holder may use the NSAI trade mark by itself or in conjunction with the appropriate AB mark subject to various requirements. A proof showing the intended use can be sent to NSAI for review and, if acceptable, written approval will be given.

NOTE: All certified organisations are advised to be aware of the ISO publication “Publicizing your ISO 9001:2000 or ISO 14001:2004 certification” which is available in PDF from the NSAI or ISO website (www.iso.ch). “Certified” organisations are not allowed to claim that they have been “accredited” to management system standards.

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