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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. 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 colour.

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 application such as plug tops, concrete or plastic pipes. Such marks consist of *sans serif* font text and the Caighdeán Éireannach symbol.

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. A Registered company is entitled to use the Mark in 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. It may also not imply that the Certification applies to activities and sites that are outside the scope of Certification. The Management System Certification Mark also 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.

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.

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

6. Company Statement

A company registered to a Management System Standard may display on its product and/or its primary packaging the following statement:

“Designed/developed/manufactured/ serviced (delete as appropriate) under an NSAI registered I.S. EN ISO 9001:XXXX / I.S. EN ISO 13485:XXXX (delete as 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. Availability of Marks**

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

8. Use of Accreditation Marks

Each Accreditation Body (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 (exception: Standards Council of Canada (SCC) does not allow its AB mark to be used by the certificate holder in its claims for certification.) If a certificate holder intends on using any AB mark, they must contact NSAI for a complete listing of these requirements. Once these requirements have been met, written approval will be given.