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EDITION/REVIEW CHECKLIST

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1/0	Initial processing		25.01.2010	M.Mangra
1/1	Update chap. 3 to document the Policy on the protection and use of the notified body identification number	CS no.158	11.05.2010	M.Mangra
1/2	Adaptation to the requirements of SR EN ISO/IEC 17021:2011 Addition of provisions on inspection and certification in the field of organic production	CS no.188	10.01.2012	M.Mangra
1/3	Adaptation to SR EN ISO 50001:2011 requirements	CS no.189	31.03.2012	M.Mangra
1/4	Changes following the evaluation of the documentation for RENAR accreditation as EMAS verifier	CS no.201	05.10.2012	M.Mangra
1/5	Additions regarding PDO, PGI TSG certification according to Regulation (EC) No 1151/2012	CS no.205	05.02.2013	M.Mangra
2/0	Correlation with SR EN ISO/IEC 27006:2013	CS no.211	18.04.2013	M.Mangra
2/1	Correlation with SR EN ISO/IEC 17065:2013	CS no.225	15.01.2014	M.Mangra
2/2	Adaptation to SR EN ISO 13485:2012 requirements	CS no. 239	15.11.2014	M.Mangra
2/3	Correlation with new requirements for accreditation and certification of systems and products	CS no.254	15.11.2015	M.Mangra
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2/5	Correlation with MADR Order no. 895/2016	CS no.270	12.09.2016	M.M.Poenaru
3/0	Introduction requirements Directive 2009/48/EC	CS no.265	06.01.2017	M.M.Poenaru
3/1	Correlation with requirements of accreditation standard SR ISO/IEC 27006:2016; Correlation with requirements of certification standard ISO 13485:2016	CS no.281 CS no.282	16.01.2017	M.M.Poenaru
3/2	Addition of provisions on product certification under Regulation (EU) No 305/2011 (marketing of construction products)	CS no. 283	28.04.2017	M.M.Poenaru
3/3	Correlation with the requirements of accreditation and system certification standards (SR ISO/IEC TS 17021-9, respectively SR ISO 37001:2017)	CS no. 291	20.12.2017	M.M.Poenaru
3/4	Adaptation to the requirements of SR EN ISO/IEC 17021-2:2017	CS no.292	12.01.2018	M.M.Poenaru
3/5	Change of reference documents	CS no.307	06.07.2018	M.M.Poenaru
4/0	Correlation with the requirements of Regulation (EU) No 848/2018 and specific national legislation in order to make the transition; Change of MRC visual identity elements (logo, brand)	CS no. 357	15.12.2021	M.M.Poenaru

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1. PURPOSE

Establishing the conditions under which the certification/verification/validation body ensures that the certification mark and its identification number are used in a correct manner.

2. REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

The applicable reference documents are referred to in:

2.1 The Management System Manual of the Certification Body for Products in the Regulated Area MRC-OCS, code MSM-03, current edition and revision;

2.2 Management System Manual of the MRC-OCS System Certification Body, code MSM-01, current edition and revision.

3. POLICY

3.1. Policy for the administration of the certification mark

MRC administers the certification mark demonstrating that an organisation is certified for specific activities.

MRC certification marks for Quality, Anti-Money Laundering, Environmental, Energy, OHSAS, HACCP, ISMS are always used in conjunction with the ISO 9001, ISO 37001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001, ISO 22000, ISO 27001, ISO 50001, ISO 13485 and Certificate No. ... marks to identify the reference standard for the certified organisation and the certificate number awarded.

MRC customers may not use the management system certification mark on products.

MRC transfers the right to use the certification mark to the certified organisation on a controlled basis. The executive management ensures that all holders of the right to use the certification mark are aware of, apply and retain the graphic form, legal appearance and meaning of the certification mark.

The right to use the certification mark lasts as long as the certified organisation continues to meet the requirements and obligations it assumed when the certificate was granted and during the period of validity of the certificate.

For granting the right to use the certification mark, MRC charges and collects royalty fees.

3.2. Policy on the protection and use of the notified body identification number

The MRC notified body shall exercise appropriate control over the ownership, use and display of its identification number as set out in

- the instruction "General requirements for conformity assessment under Directives 2014/32/EU - measuring instruments and 2014/31/EU - non-automatic weighing instruments", code I.MRC.OCS.8.1 in order to register organisations and promptly take appropriate measures to deal with the misuse of its identification number to prevent further misuse.

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- Instruction "General requirements for the safety assessment of toys according to the requirements of Directive 2009/48/EC code I.MRC.OCS.4.1.12;
- the instruction "General requirements for the certification of Construction Products according to Regulation (EU) No 305/2011" code I.MRC.OCS.4.1.13;

The notified body, as the owner of its identification number, has established the rules for the protection and use of the identification number in accordance with the requirements of the relevant Community harmonisation legislation and on the basis of the requirements of the specific legislation for which the conformity assessment body is notified.

The notified body shall permit the affixing of its identification number to each product/assembly/sub-assembly/toy for which conformity with the requirements has been established, as specified in the certificate of conformity.

The manufacturer shall affix, on behalf of the notified body, the identification number in combination with the CE marking and the metrology marking, as official markings required by Community harmonisation legislation.

On toys for which compliance with the requirements of Directive 2009/48/EC on safety has been established, the manufacturer shall, on behalf of the notified body, affix the identification number directly on the toy or, if this is not possible, on its packaging.

The CE marking shall be applied only to those construction products for which the manufacturer has drawn up the declaration of performance. The CE marking shall be affixed visibly, legibly and indelibly directly to the product or to a label affixed to the product. If this is not possible or is not required for reasons relating to the nature of the product, it shall be affixed to the packaging or accompanying documents.

The identification number of the notified body must be indelible or self-destruct if removed. Incorrect references to the certified system or misuse of certificates and/or identification numbers found in advertisements, catalogues, etc. are dealt with by MRC through appropriate action, which may include corrective action, withdrawal of the certificate and/or identification number, publication of the deviation and, if necessary, any other legal action.

3.3. Policy on the protection and use of the reference number of the approved organic certification body

MRC exercises adequate control over the ownership, use and display of its reference number, allocated following approval by the MADR, according to the provisions of [\(EU\) Regulation no. 848/2018](#) on organic production control and labelling.

MRC, as owner of its reference number, allows (according to the established rules on the protection and use of the reference number and the requirements of the applicable legislation) the application of the allocated reference number on certified organic products, whose compliance with the requirements has been established according to the certificate of compliance.

The producer applies on the product label the established Community logo and the reference number allocated to MRC, only for organic products, after verification and acceptance of the label model by MRC and obtaining the approval of the MADR for labelling with the use of the Community logo.

MRC allocated reference number must be indelible or self-destruct if removed.

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Incorrect references to the certified product or misuse of the certificate and/or reference number or Community logo found in advertisements, catalogues, etc. are dealt with by MRC through appropriate action which may include corrective action, withdrawal of the certificate and/or reference number, publication of the deviation and if necessary any other legal action.