


# LOGO USAGE REGULATION

(Product Certification – ISO 17065)

VALIDX GROUP grants to the customer exclusively the non-transferable and non-exclusive right to use the certificate and the certification logo and not the right of ownership or in any other way of ownership thereof under any provision, which right of ownership and ownership remains exclusively to and for the benefit of VALIDX GROUP, regardless of whether the Customer has paid a fee for the certification logo and the certificate. The right to use the certificate and the certification logo is granted and revoked at any time in accordance with the general and specific terms of the Organization's System.




The logo can be used in the above format on invoices, accompanying documents, company brochures, advertisements and brochures as well as websites. In the case of cross-certification, all standards and corresponding certificate numbers may be included in the same label.

Also, the logo can appear in a prominent place of the reception and in windows or entrances of shops and exhibitions as there is the possibility of presentation with a certification sticker.

Unless expressly permitted by the applicable certification scheme and authorized in writing by VALIDX GROUP, the logo may not be used on a product or its packaging, nor in any other way be construed as a sign of conformity of the product. The use of the logo is also prohibited in reports or certificates of laboratory tests, calibrations or controls.

The certificate shall be valid on the date of issue of the certificate and shall be valid for the period indicated therein, provided that the interim annual surveillance inspections are carried out with a positive result for the customer.

The use of the logo and the certificate is made solely by the customer and the certificate, logo or the right to use them may not be transferred, divested, assigned or otherwise and for any other reason made available in whole or in part, with or without remuneration, to any third party, universal, special successor, partner or affiliated Organization, a successor or any other organizational and operational structure or unit, installation or operation without the prior written approval of VALIDX GROUP. If necessary, a re-inspection may be carried out at the premises of the structure or plant to which the license will be transferred, and the certificate and certification logo may be revoked at any time in accordance with the terms of this Regulation.

## Control of certification references

VALIDX GROUP shall control the ownership, use and display of licenses, certificates, marks of conformity and any other mechanism indicating certification in accordance with each applicable certification scheme. This includes certification statements, labels and electronic references. Before authorizing use, the personnel responsible for the scheme shall identify and record the applicable rules, the rights owner and VALIDX GROUP' s authority, and communicate the condition to the customer through the certification agreement, this Regulation or scheme-specific instructions. Scheme requirements shall govern any scheme-specific permissions or restrictions.

## Authorization and permitted use

Use is permitted only after certification has been granted and only for the products or processes and scope covered by valid certification. VALIDX GROUP shall provide or approve the applicable certificate, license and mark artwork, together with the permitted wording, format, placement and reproduction conditions. Other proposed certification mechanisms, and changes to approved users, shall be submitted for written approval before use.

References shall clearly identify the certified scope and shall not imply certification of other products, processes or the customer's entire organization.

Certificates shall be reproduced only in full, unless otherwise permitted by the scheme and authorized by VALIDX GROUP.

## Monitoring and records

The personnel responsible for the scheme shall arrange checks of use and display at the stages and frequency required by the scheme. These checks shall be include in surveillance where applicable and shall also follow complaints or indications of misuse. Checks shall sample relevant product labels or packaging where authorized, certificates, websites and promotional materials. Where the scheme sets no frequency, the personnel responsible shall document the frequency and method of checks based on the nature of use and risk of misleading claims. The certification file shall retain the applicable rules, authorizations, samples or other evidence reviewed, findings and follow-up actions.

## Misuse and changes in certification status

Incorrect or misleading references, unauthorized use or display, and infringement of ownership conditions shall be recorded and addressed by suitable action under the scheme. VALIDX GROUP shall notify the customer in writing of the required correction and deadline, verify effective correction and retain the evidence. Depending on the case and scheme requirements, action may include removal or correction of claims, suspension or withdrawal of certification and further measures against unauthorized users. Upon suspension, withdrawal, expiry or reduction of scope, VALIDX GROUP shall communicate which uses must cease or be amended and any requirements for return or disposal of certification documents, marks or labels, and verify implementation within the applicable deadline.

For more clarifications regarding the use of the logo, please contact the company VALIDX GROUP, telephone 2110011679.

### Note to Users

This Regulation applies exclusively to the ownership, use and display of licenses, certificates, marks of conformity and any other mechanisms indicating certification, including the use of the VALIDX GROUP logo and certification mark in relation to product and process certification activities performed under VALIDX GROUP’s accreditation to ISO/IEC 17065.

For inspection services, SERMI authorizations, and the use of accreditation marks related to ISO/IEC 17020 and ACCREDIA, please refer to VALIDX GROUP Regulation **GOR.05 – Use of Logos and Accreditation Marks (Inspection & Authorization – ISO 17020 / ACCREDIA / SERMI)**.

## Amendments

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