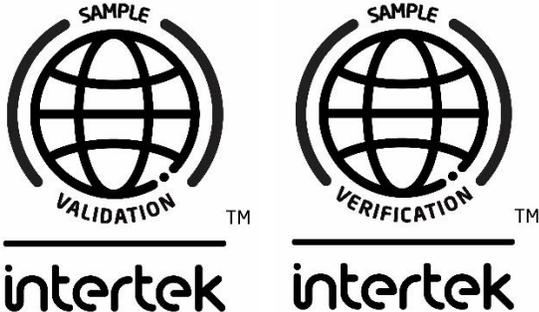


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Purpose

The purpose of this document is to ensure proper use by clients that have received from Intertek a satisfactory Verification/Validation (VV) opinion of:

- Intertek VV Opinions and VV marks;
- Statements in relation to VV services provided by Intertek

Definition

- Logo: A symbol used to represent Intertek, or a seal indicating compliance with validation or verification requirements.
- VV marks: Logos and marks provided by Intertek, in relation to Intertek's VV services.

Scope

- This document provides the rules governing the use of all satisfactory VV opinions issued and VV marks provided by Intertek.
- The referenced documents provide the rules governing the use of accreditation body marks (see section 3 below).
- The referenced documents provide rules governing the use of any statement related to the VV services provided by Intertek on any ESG disclosure, product packaging, website, brochures, promotional material or any accompanying information indicating that the client whose claim has been verified/validated, has been issued any satisfactory VV opinion or any VV-related deliverable.
- Customers who have not received a satisfactory VV opinion are not authorized to make use of VV marks related to this procedure.





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Responsibility

- Clients shall comply with the rules provided in this document.
- Clients shall not use the ESG statement, opinion, report, marks, logos or labels in a manner that could mislead intended users or impair the reputation of Intertek or the Accreditation Body.

Process

1. Use of Intertek VV Opinions and VV marks

Note: Clients can create logos referring to their verified/validated own activities. Nevertheless, it is also recommended to the client to provide a copy of the logo to Intertek prior to its use to ensure it does not infringe on any rules. Please see section 1.13 below for the rules pertaining to the use of such logos.

Intertek will provide its clients with the relevant Intertek VV mark(s).

- 1.1. Clients that have received from Intertek a satisfactory VV Opinion, may utilize the VV mark(s) in communication media such as the internet, brochures, letter paper, envelopes and business cards.
- 1.2. When permitted, the Intertek VV mark(s) can be used in conjunction with the relevant accreditation mark (see Section 3 below for references to the additional rules on the use of accreditation body marks). The accreditation mark may not be used by itself or with a mark/logo/label that was not provided by Intertek.
- 1.3. Intertek's VV mark(s) may be reproduced in black, white, Intertek Cerello (Hex #FFC700), or in accordance with the client's brand identity.
- 1.4. Clients shall always use VV marks accompanied by a statement that clearly references the specific VV Opinion issued by Intertek.
Providing a link to the VV Opinion is the most common way to prevent misleading intended users about the scope and applicability of Intertek's VV services.
- 1.5. If the scope of VV services does not include all processes and/or products and/or services provided by the client, and/or all sites/locations/facilities of the client's organization, the material bearing the VV mark shall not suggest that all processes / products / services / sites / locations / facilities of the client's organization are covered by the scope of VV services provided by Intertek.
- 1.6. The material bearing the mark shall not suggest that the satisfactory VV Opinion issued by Intertek applies to any other time period than the one explicitly stated in the VV Opinion.
- 1.7. The VV mark(s) cannot be altered or modified. However, it may be resized, provided the proportions of the entire mark are maintained and all features of the mark are clearly distinguishable. When the mark as provided includes an accreditation number, the number is part of the mark and cannot be removed from the mark.



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- 1.8. The client shall not use the VV Opinion and/or the VV mark(s) provided by Intertek in such a manner that would bring Intertek, and/or the Accreditation Body, into disrepute and lose public trust, and shall not make any statement that Intertek may consider to be misleading or unauthorized.
- 1.9. Under no conditions shall any VV mark be affixed to a product or a product packaging or a product-related document (such as instructions, manuals) or used in any other misleading manner that might suggest product or service compliance with any eco-labelling or social labelling or any ESG product declaration. (For further details see Table 1 below).
- 1.10. Under no conditions shall any VV mark be affixed to business cards, or equivalent, of the client's personnel, as this may be misleading as to the nature of the VV services provided by Intertek and may be misinterpreted as a kind of person certification (For further details see Table 1 below).
- 1.11. Photocopies or electronic copies of original "paper" versions of the VV Opinions may be in full color and need to be watermarked or otherwise marked as being a copy of the original.
- 1.12. Electronic versions of the VV Opinions provided by Intertek, and identified as such, can be used by the client for publicity/promotional and/or printing purposes without being watermarked or otherwise marked as being a copy of the original. The VV Opinion can be used "as provided" by Intertek and cannot be altered or modified.
- 1.13. If the client provides copies of the VV documents to others, the documents shall be reproduced in their entirety or as specified in the VV program.
- 1.14. The right to use the VV mark by the client cannot be assigned to or acquired by any other person, entity, or corporation (including through a change of ownership of the client's organization) without Intertek's prior written consent.
- 1.15. A client may also use a statement of VV services provided by Intertek without a mark, or a logo, or a label of its own referring to its VV services provided that it meets the following requirements. The statement shall include reference to:
 - Identification (e.g. brand or name) of the client that has received from Intertek a satisfactory VV Opinion
 - The type of service provided (e.g. organizational-level verification, project-level validation) and the applicable standard/program (e.g. ISO 14064-1)
 - The scope of the service provided (Calendar year, facilities, etc.)
 - Identification of the VV body issuing the VV Opinion.
- 1.16. Contractual obligation: Correct use of the VV Opinion, VV mark or accreditation mark and VV statement(s) is a contractual obligation. Any misuse of the VV Opinion, VV statements, VV mark or accreditation by the client shall be reported as a non-conformity and consequently may result in the



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issuance of an Opinion with comments or in the issuance of an unsatisfactory Opinion. Intertek's considerations with respect to issuing an unsatisfactory Opinion will be as follows:

- 1.16.1. Inadvertent misuse: with this activity, the client will be required to immediately withdraw the offending materials.
- 1.16.2. Fraud: with an activity considered premeditated on the part of the client, Intertek will publish notices to that effect.

Table 1: Guidance table for proper use of VV marks (Note 1)

	On product / product packaging or accompanying information	On business cards	On letterhead, pamphlets, etc. for advertisement
Mark without a Statement	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
Mark with a statement	Not allowed	Not allowed	Allowed
A statement without a Mark	Not allowed	Not allowed	Allowed

2. Additional information

- 2.1. If you have any questions as to whether your proposed use of the VV marks on an advertisement, brochure or other promotional material is in compliance with these guidelines, please send a sample to Intertek for review.
- 2.2. For the use of VV marks on electronic documentation (i.e. websites), the same rules as stated in these guidelines apply.

3. Use of accreditation body marks

- 3.1. The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) does not permit anyone to use the ISO logo. The ISO logo is a registered trademark and cannot be used by anyone outside of ISO, unless authorized. As ISO does not perform verification services or validation services or accreditation services it would be misleading to allow its logo to be used in any way. Further details regarding the rules related to the use of the ISO mark are available at: <https://www.iso.org/iso-name-and-logo.html>
- 3.2. When permitted, the client is only authorized to use the accreditation marks provided by Intertek and appearing on the VV Opinion issued to the client by Intertek.



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- 3.3. The rules pertaining to the use of the accreditation body marks by clients to which a satisfactory VV Opinion has been issued by Intertek are available at: <http://www.intertek.com/auditing/management-systems/policy/>
- 3.4. If the accreditation mark is used in breach of the rules set out in the F205-1-VV series, Intertek shall require correction and inform the Accreditation Body of the situation.

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