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1. INTRODUCTION

The present document defines the policy of the PRS as regards management of the identification number of a notified body (1463) and use of certificates.

The policy has been developed on the basis of:

- Council Directive 2014/90/EU of 23 July 2014 on marine equipment and repealing Council Directive 96/98/EC,
- Directive 2013/53/EU of the European Parliament and the Council of 20 November 2013 on recreational craft and personal watercraft and repealing Directive 94/25/EC,
- Regulation (EU) 2016/425 of the European Parliament and of Council of 9 March 2016 on personal protective equipment and repealing Council Directive 89/686/EEC,
- Directive 2014/68/UE of the European Parliament and the Council of 15.05.2014 on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of pressure equipment,
- Directive 2014/29/EU of the European Parliament and the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of simple pressure vessels,
- Directive 2014/30/EU of the European Parliament and the Council of 26 February 2014 on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to electromagnetic compatibility,
- Regulation 305/2011 of the European Parliament and the Council of 9 March 2011 laying down harmonized conditions for the marketing of construction products and repealing Council Directive 89/106/EEC,
- Requirements of the Decision no. 768/2008/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of 9 July 2008 on a common framework for the marketing of products,
- Guidelines EA-2/17 INF:2014 - Document EA concerning accreditation for notification purposes.

PRS S.A. is a notified body in the European Commission with assigned No. 1463, having competences and longstanding experience in carrying out assessment of conformity with the above directives.

2. PROVISIONS ON THE USE OF CERTIFICATES

The certificate holder has the right to make public the information on granted certificate in the form of descriptive reference or by publication of the certificate copy in its advertising materials or on the website.

The method of referring to possessed certificate should not misguide as to its scope and should refer:

- exclusively to the products it covers;
- only to the products complying with the reference documents.

The certificate holder shall in each case exercise due care in publishing and advertising to avoid certified and non-certified products being confused.

3. PROVISIONS ON THE USE OF CERTIFICATION MARKS

The PRS logo (Fig. 1) is not a confirming the conformity assessment mark and cannot be used in any form. It may be used only as a proof of that the Organization's management system conforms to reference



document which is indicated below the logo and as a confirmation that the Organization is granted PRS certificate. That is detailed in the *Principles of use of management systems certification marks*, issued by the Management Systems Certification Bureau.



Fig. 1: Certification mark – PRS logo

4. PROVISIONS ON THE USE OF CONFORMITY MARKS AND OF IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF NOTIFIED BODY

A manufacturer refers to the identification number of a notified body if the body participates in production control. The identification number is intended to be used in combination with a conformity mark and on the conformity declarations prepared by the manufacturer.

The conformity mark shall be at least 5 mm high and it may be scaled, provided that:

- ✓ particular components of the mark remain legible,
- ✓ proportions are maintained,
- ✓ graphical form is not distorted.

The conformity marks in the wmf format (*Windows Metafile Format* – vector graphics format) are made available at a customer's request.



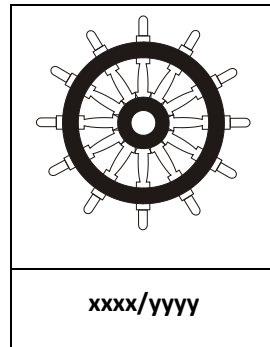
a. certification of marine equipment – Directive 2014/90/EU

Fig. 2: conformity mark, so called „wheelmark”

where: **xxxx** Identification number of the notified body supervising production (1463 for PRS)
yyyy the digits of the year when the mark was affixed

A conformity mark (wheel mark) may be affixed to the approved product and a declaration of conformity may be issued only when a conformity assessment according a module D, E or F, as defined in Annex B to the above directive, is performed in combination with EC type examination under supervision of a notified body or the conformity assessment is carried out according to a module G.

b. certification of recreational craft – Directive 2013/53/EU

A conformity mark may be affixed to a recognized recreational craft or its component and the declaration of conformity may be issued only under the condition that the product fulfills basic requirements of the directive. The minimum height of letters - 5 mm. Next to CE mark the identification number of a notified body shall be placed (e.g. 1463 for PRS), however, only when the conformity assessment modules D, F, G, H or E have been applied.

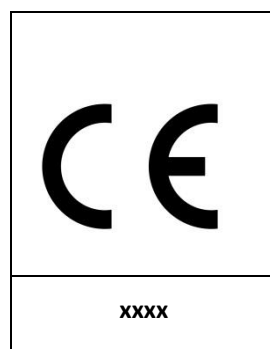


Fig. 3: conformity mark, so called „CE" mark

where: **xxxx** Identification number of a notified body supervising production

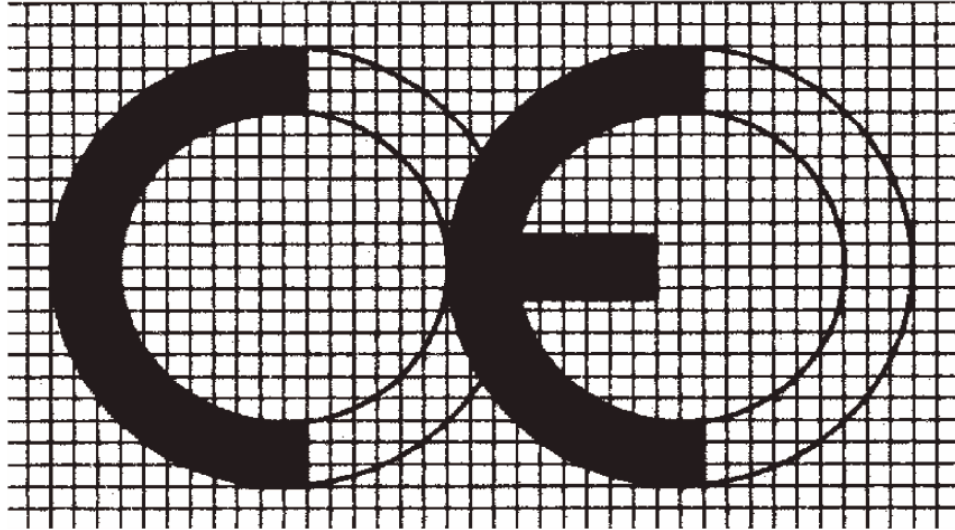


Fig. 4: a minimum size and proportions of the pattern of „CE" mark

c. certification of personal protective equipment – Regulation (EU) 2016/425

A conformity mark may be affixed to a recognized product and a declaration of conformity may be issued only when the conformity assessment of production is performed under supervision of a notified body in combination with EC type assessment, in accordance with par. 17 of the above Regulation.

CE marking (Fig. 3) shall be affixed to the product. The minimum height of a letter is 5 mm. If the appropriate modules of assessment require to indicate a notification body, its identification number (1463 for PRS) shall be put next to CE mark. CE marking shall be placed on each personal protective equipment item so that to be visible, legible and non-removable for the whole expected operation life of the item. However, where it is not possible due to the nature of a product, the CE marking may be affixed to its packaging.

d. certification of pressure equipment - Directive 2014/68/EU

After the conformity assessment process the products shall be marked with CE marking (Fig. 3), which is affixed, so that to be visible, easily legible and non-removable, to a vessel or its data plate attached durably to the vessel. The marking consists of letters CE and the identification number of a notified body responsible for EC verification or EC examination (for PRS – 1463). It is forbidden to simultaneously use other markings, which due to their nature and form may mislead third parties. Any other markings may be placed, provided they do not impair visibility and legibility of CE marking.

e. certification of simple pressure vessels - Directive 2014/29/EU

After performance of the conformity assessment, CE marking shall be affixed to the products (Fig. 3). The markings shall be affixed to a vessel or a data plate affixed to the vessel so that to be visible, easily legible and non-removable.

f. certification of electromagnetic compatibility - Directive 2014/30/EU

After conformity assessment carried out in accordance with Annex II or III to the directive, the products shall be affixed with CE marking (Fig. 3). The CE marking shall be affixed to the product or its data plate. Where



this is not possible or justified by the nature of the apparatus, the CE marking must be affixed to the packaging, if any, and to the accompanying documents.

Any other markings (to indicate type, batch, serial number or any other information enabling the apparatus identification) may be affixed to the apparatus, its packaging or service manuals, provided that they do not impair visibility nor legibility of CE marking.

g. certification of Factory Production Control (FPC)

The Organization granted valid FPC Certificate places CE marking (Fig. 3), together with a notified body identification number, on the product label (or on the product itself) and in the declaration of performance.

The identification number of a notified body engaged in production control, in accordance with Annex V to Construction Products Regulation (CPR), is applicable for systems 1, 1+ and 2+ and shall be affixed as shown in Fig. 3.

A manufacturer may give the identification number of a notified body only:

- for products which have the certificate of constancy of performance for the product (or conformity certificate issued before 1 July 2013) or the certificate of conformity of Factory Production Control (or Certificate of Factory Production Control issued before 1 July 2013), respectively to the system of assessment and verification of constancy of product's performance,
- within the period of the certificate validity.

h. certification of unmanned aircraft systems – Regulation (EU) 2019/945

The CE marking shall be affixed visibly, legibly and indelibly to the product or to the data plate attached to it. Where that is not possible or not warranted on account of the size of the product, it shall be affixed to the packaging.

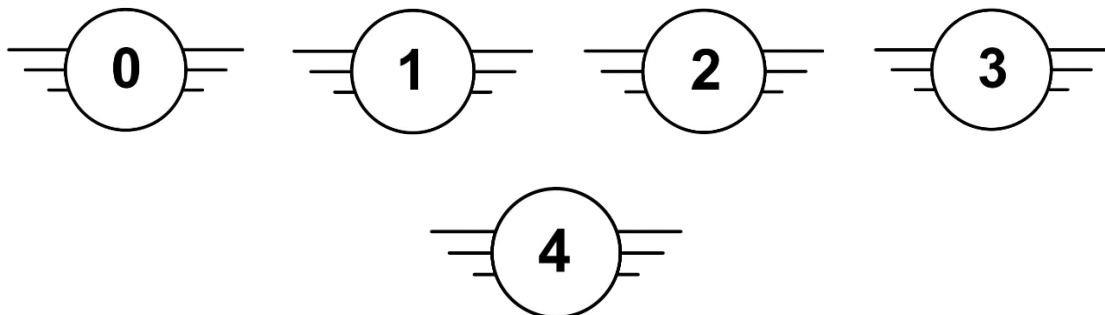


Table 5 The UA class identification label

Additionally the UA class identification label (table 5) shall be affixed visibly, legibly and indelibly to the UA and its packaging and shall be at least 5 mm high. The affixing to a product of markings, signs or inscriptions which are likely to mislead third parties regarding the meaning or form of the class identification label shall be prohibited.

The marking should also consist of information about the indication of the guaranteed sound power level, which must consist of the single number of the guaranteed sound power in dB, the sign LWA and a pictogram taking the following form:

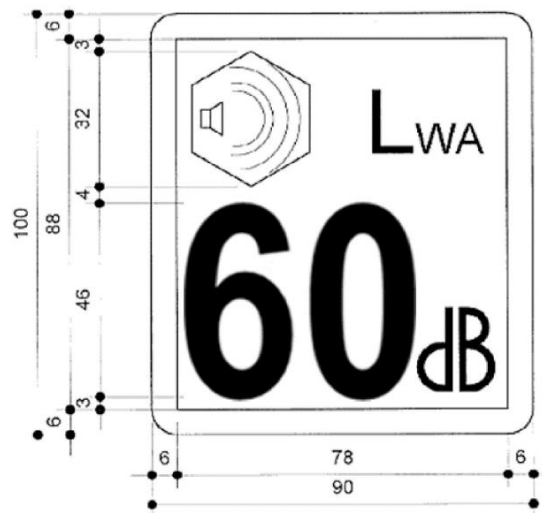


Fig. 5 Indication of the guaranteed sound power level

If the indication is reduced according to the size of the equipment the proportions given in the above drawing must be respected. However, the vertical dimension of the indication should, if possible, not be less than 20 mm.

i. certification of machinery – Directive 2006/42/EC

After the conformity assessment process the products shall be marked with CE marking (Fig. 3), which is affixed, so that to be visible, easily legible and non-removable, to a machine or its data plate attached durably to the machine.

The marking consists of letters CE, which may not be less than 5 mm. The minimum dimension may be waived for small-scale machinery. The CE marking must be affixed in the immediate vicinity of the name of the manufacturer or his authorised representative, using the same technique. Where the full quality assurance procedure referred to in Article 12(3)(c) and 12(4)(b) has been applied, the CE marking must be followed by the identification number of the notified body responsible for EC verification. It is forbidden to simultaneously use other markings, which due to their nature and form may mislead third parties. Any other markings may be placed, provided they do not impair visibility and legibility of CE marking.

5. PROCEEDINGS IN CASE OF IMPROPER USE OF A CERTIFICATE OR CONFORMITY MARKING

If the certificate has been withdrawn or suspended, the Organization is obliged to immediately cease the use of the certificate and a conformity mark.

In case of disclosing the misleading use of the certificate or a conformity mark in advertising materials, catalogues, etc., PRS shall take respective actions, as far as the certification withdrawal.

The certified Organization is obliged to stop the use of conformity mark which is considered unacceptable by PRS.





Reference to the certificate and/or marking the product with conformity mark without having the certificate shall result in notifying appropriate market supervision bodies.

6. FINAL PROVISIONS

PRS reserves the right to control the use of certificates and conformity marks in any circumstances.

In case of any doubts, the Organization is obliged to agree the use of certificates and conformity marks with the notified body.

Approved

The Manager of PRS Products and Persons
Certification Bureau

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