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### Policy on Use of Marks

The Top Management of Rwanda Standards Board (RSB) has set this Policy to monitor proper use of its Certification Marks as follows:

The use of Licence and Certification Mark is restricted to the scope of certification and the period of validity of the certification granted. The Licencee is not permitted to make any misleading statement regarding certification.

The Licencee may photocopy or scan their current Product or System Licence as evidence of their certification. Photocopies or electronic copies may be in full colour, and do not need to be watermarked or otherwise marked as being a copy of the original.

The Licence and Certification Mark with all copies thereof remain at all times the property of RSB, and upon termination or annulment of certification, the Licensee shall discontinue their use and immediately surrender them to RSB.

The Licencee shall not redesign the Certification Mark and the only editing allowed is to proportionately enlarge or reduce the size of its original design.

RSB requires the Licencee to discontinue use of all advertising matter that contains reference to certification upon suspension, withdrawal or termination of certification.

The Licencee shall amend all advertising matter when the scope of certification has been modified.

The Licencee is required not to use the Certification Mark or Licence in a manner that would bring RSB or its certification activities into loss of public trust.

RSB takes action necessary to deal with incorrect reference to certification status or misleading use of Certification Marks and Licence.

The Licencee displays the Product Standardization Mark on certified products and the number of applicable standard is printed in close proximity. However, the Mark is not applied to laboratory test, calibration or inspection reports/certificates.

The Licensee shall not use the management system Certification Mark in a way that may be interpreted as denoting product conformity; however the Mark can be used for advertising purposes.

Upon reduction of the scope of certification, the client will stop the display of the Certification Mark on products that are not covered by the certification.

The Licence to use the Mark and the Contract are specific to the scope covered under certification of product or system. The Licencee shall not transfer any right nor give permission to a third party to use the Licence or Certification Mark without prior written consent from RSB.

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In respect for use of accreditation marks,

Certified clients can use the accreditation mark concerned in combination with the certification mark on letters and on other documents relating to activities for which these certified clients have been certified under RvA accreditation.

Excluded is the use of the accreditation mark by the certified client:

- a. on reports and certificates of certified calibration-, testing- and inspection bodies;
- b. on products or packaging of products or on related products

If the certified client uses the accreditation mark it shall be used immediately next to, above or below the certification mark and shall not in any case be shown more prominently than the certification mark. In no way the suggestion shall be created that the certified client has been accredited by the RvA.

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