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STATUS & MARK USAGE RULES

Corporate Recognised claims, accurate scope, verification,
mark licensing and correction of misuse.

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Document control

Item	Controlled value
Programme	IAF Product & System Supplier Recognition Programme (IAF PSR)
Document	Status & Mark Usage Rules
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Status	Prepared for IAF adoption. Effective operation requires recorded adoption, validated pilots and an operational verification route.
Owner	International Automotive Federation
Master language	English
Public recognition wording	IAF Corporate Recognised - bounded to the approved legal entity, sites and activities.
Hierarchy	Standard including internal directives and normative annexes; adopted implementation notice within those rules; Status and Mark Rules; Audit and Implementation Manuals; Applicant Guide; controlled forms.
Authority boundary	Corporate implementation assurance. Separate product approvals, market permissions and other IAF programme decisions remain distinct.
Control	Retain exact scope and criterion versions. Protect completed records, personal information and industrial evidence.

Purpose and use

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Shall denotes a requirement; should guidance; may permission. Examples are illustrative unless a normative provision expressly establishes a rule. No checklist score can compensate for failed safety, integrity, competence or an unsupported scope.

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TR01 Meaning and limits of Corporate Recognised

The authorized conclusion

IAF Corporate Recognised identifies a corporate quality implementation conclusion for named legal entities, sites and activities under the adopted programme. It is based on original evidence, physical audit, verified closure and an independent decision. The recognition schedule is an essential part of the claim.

The conclusion does not certify each product, replace market permissions, guarantee solvency or eliminate defects. Separate product tests, ratings, registrations and approvals retain their own criteria and decisions. A user should verify both current status and applicability to the actual transaction.

TR02 Permitted wording and scope identification

Full and short forms

Full wording: [Legal entity] is IAF Corporate Recognised for [bounded activities] at the sites listed in recognition schedule [ID/version], valid from [date] to [date], subject to current status verification. Use placeholders only in unissued templates; actual public wording must match the authorized record.

Short wording may be IAF Corporate Recognised - [recognition ID], provided the same display gives a clear scope and verification route. A parent-group website must distinguish recognised entities and operational sites from those not covered. Do not make a whole-group claim from one plant decision.

Every public recognition record shall identify the Product & System Supplier Recognition Programme and PSR edition alongside Corporate Recognised. The same status wording used by another IAF programme does not transfer its scope or decision to PSR.

TR03 Prohibited and misleading representations

Claims that exceed the evidence

Do not say that all products are IAF approved, all suppliers are accredited, every country accepts the record, or customers face no risk. Do not describe application, membership, readiness review or a draft implementation plan as completed recognition. Do not use the status as a financial rating, investment endorsement or guarantee of contract performance.

No wording may imply certification to an unnamed external standard or another IAF programme without its own completed assessment. A reference to an additional IAF quality text must identify the actual verified edition, scope and decision; PSR recognition does not silently certify the entire IAF portfolio.

TR04 Artwork, licence and placement

Controlled corporate use

Only IAF-approved artwork and a recorded licence may be used. The licence identifies the legal user, active recognition scope, permitted media and correction/stop-use duties. Preserve the approved proportions, colours and legibility; do not invent a grade, star, safety score or enhanced status.

Permitted corporate uses may include an appropriate website page, corporate presentation, facility display and stationery with visible scope linkage. Product labels, product packaging, inspection reports and product conformity documents shall not carry the mark in a way that implies product certification. A separate product programme needs its own authorization.

TR05 Recognition record and public verification

Minimum public fields

The minimum record contains recognition ID, legal name and jurisdiction, included sites, activity profiles, product/service family scope, relevant technology boundaries, criterion edition, scope version, effective/expiry dates and current status. Include restrictions, suspension/withdrawal events and the verification retrieval time.

Keep personal signatures, private contact data, trade secrets and detailed confidential findings outside the public record unless lawful, necessary and authorized. Provide an official contact route for interpretation and manual verification. Public availability of a record is not proof that a particular product was inspected.

TR06 Authenticity, applicability and reliance

Five separate checks

First verify the issuer and record identity; second check that the document has not been altered; third match the legal entity and site; fourth check scope, dates and current/historical status; fifth determine whether the actual product, service or transaction falls within the relevant boundary. A successful identity check cannot replace the other four.

A hash, signature or QR link can support authenticity and linkage but does not itself prove that underlying evidence was truthful, all products conform or a customer use is suitable. Users should retain the retrieved record and timestamp and resolve ambiguous scope before relying on it.

TR07 Status changes and historical records

Active and inactive scope

Use the controlled states Applicant, Under assessment, Corporate Recognised, Restricted, Suspended, Expired and Withdrawn. Applicant and Under assessment are administrative states with no public recognition rights. Restricted means only explicitly retained scope is active; Suspended has no active claim for affected scope.

Publish protective changes normally within two business days and preserve the actual effective time, reasons suitable for public release and affected identifiers. Never erase an adverse event by

issuing a new ID. Restoration is a recorded decision and cannot backdate uninterrupted status or extend the original maximum term.

TR08 Misuse response and correction

Proportionate enforcement

IAF shall record the misleading claim, location, responsible party, evidence and likely user impact. Require prompt correction and preservation of relevant records. Where misuse creates immediate material harm, apply urgent protective restrictions rather than waiting for routine correspondence. Verify removal or correction across known websites, distributors, documents and copied certificates. Require notification to materially affected recipients when appropriate. Repeated, deliberate or unresolved misuse can lead to restriction, suspension or withdrawal, with reasons and an independent appeal route.

TR09 Registry service and privacy controls

Reliable verification operation

Before any live recognition is issued, validate the public lookup and controlled manual alternative using synthetic cases for active, partial, expired, suspended and corrected records. Test unauthorized edits, identity confusion, effective dates, outage handling, backup restoration and synchronization of the published schedule.

During an outage, return unavailable or unresolved with a retrieval time, not a stale claim presented as current. An authorized manual reply should identify the evidence source, exact scope and time checked. Limit access, data exports and retention according to legitimate purpose, confidentiality and programme record duties.

TR10 Acceptance and public confidence

Evidence before reach claims

Build acceptance with users through transparent criteria, competent audits, demonstrated remedies and consistent oversight. Record each actual acceptance arrangement with its parties, purpose, geography, scope and limitations. Do not advertise global legal equivalence or universal customer acceptance from programme ambition alone.

Publish useful aggregate information on audit coverage, overdue surveillance, upheld complaints, status actions and programme improvement while protecting confidential cases. Review whether the programme detects weak controls and changes outcomes; the number of recognised companies alone is not evidence of effectiveness.