

**Indian Register Quality Systems**  
**(A Division of IRCLASS Systems and Solutions Limited)**  
**(formerly known as IRCLASS Systems and Solutions Private Limited)**  
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**Issue No. 2**

**USAGE OF MARK / LOGO**

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**A. Purpose :**

The purpose of these rules is to ensure proper usage of logo(s) of IAF, Accreditation Bodies' & IRQS for the clients certified by IRQS.

**B. Scope :** These rules applies to the use of all certificates issued and certification logo provided by IRQS

**C. Cross Reference :** Accreditation bodies Guiding Documents

**D. Process Owner :** Head-Operations / Nominated representative

**E. Responsibilities :**

- IRQS and its certified clients shall conform with the rules provided
- IRQS auditors are responsible for verifying, at each visit, that IRQS certified clients use certificates and certification logos as per the rules provided in this document. If found not fulfilling the requirement an NC to be raised.

**F. Process Measurement :** Number of organization(s) misused the logo(s)

**G. Process Description :**

**1. Use of IRQS Certificate and Certification Logos**

- 1.1. IRQS Certification Logo(s) shall be provided to clients whose Management System(s) has been certified by IRQS. The artwork of the appropriate certification logo will be provided.
- 1.2. IRQS Certified clients have the right to utilize the IRQS Certification Logo, in accordance with the guidelines and rules provided in this document, on letterhead, brochures and for publicity activity relating to such Management System.
- 1.3. The relevant Accreditation Logo from RvA or NABCB or ANAB or FSSC shall only be used in combination with IRQS logo and not as a standalone.
- 1.4. IRQS logo can only be used as a standalone in unaccredited certificates. Nevertheless, IRQS logo is not allowed to be used on Laboratory Test Reports, Calibration Reports, Inspection Reports, Certificate of Product / Training.
- 1.5. IRQS certified clients for IATF 16949 shall not use IATF logo.
- 1.6. If the scope of certification does not include all products and/or services provided by the organization, and/or all locations/facilities of the organization, the material bearing the logo shall not suggest that all products/services/sites/locations of the organization are covered by the scope of certification.
- 1.7. When displayed in combination with the accreditation logo(s), IRQS's logo(s) may only be reproduced in black or in specified color (PANTONE 626C).
- 1.8. IRQS client shall not use the certificate and/or the Certification Logo(s) provided by IRQS in such a manner that would bring IRQS, and/or the Accreditation Body and/or the certification system into disrepute and lose public trust.
- 1.9. Under no conditions shall the logo be affixed to a product or used in any way that might suggest product certification. The logo applies only to System certification.
- 1.10. IRQS certified client may photocopy or scan their current Certificate of Registration for publicity purposes and as evidence of their certification. Photocopies or electronic copies may be in full color and need to be marked as

being a copy of the original.

- 1.11. The right to use the certification logo by the Organization cannot be transferred to any other person, entity, or corporation (including through a change of ownership of the Organization) without IRQS's prior written consent.
- 1.12. On reduction of the scope of certification, the client shall amend all advertising material referring to its certification to properly reflect the reduced scope.
- 1.13. On suspension or withdrawal of its certification, IRQS client shall immediately discontinue its use till the period under suspension.

## 2. Additional Information

- 2.1 For clarification as to whether the proposed use of the Certification Logos on certified organization's advertisement, brochure or other promotional material is in compliance with these guidelines/rules, the client may send a sample to IRQS for review.
- 2.2 For the use of the certification logo on electronic documentation (i.e. websites), the same rules as stated in these guidelines/rules shall apply.

## 3. Use of Accreditation Body Logos

### 3.1 Use of RvA accreditation marks and logo's

The regulation is available on the website of the RvA ([www.rva.nl](http://www.rva.nl))  
<https://www.rva.nl/en/documenten/regulation-for-the-use-of-accreditation-marks-and-logos/>  
'VR003 - Regulation for the use of Accreditation marks and logo's'

#### 3.1.1 For IRQS & IRQS clients:

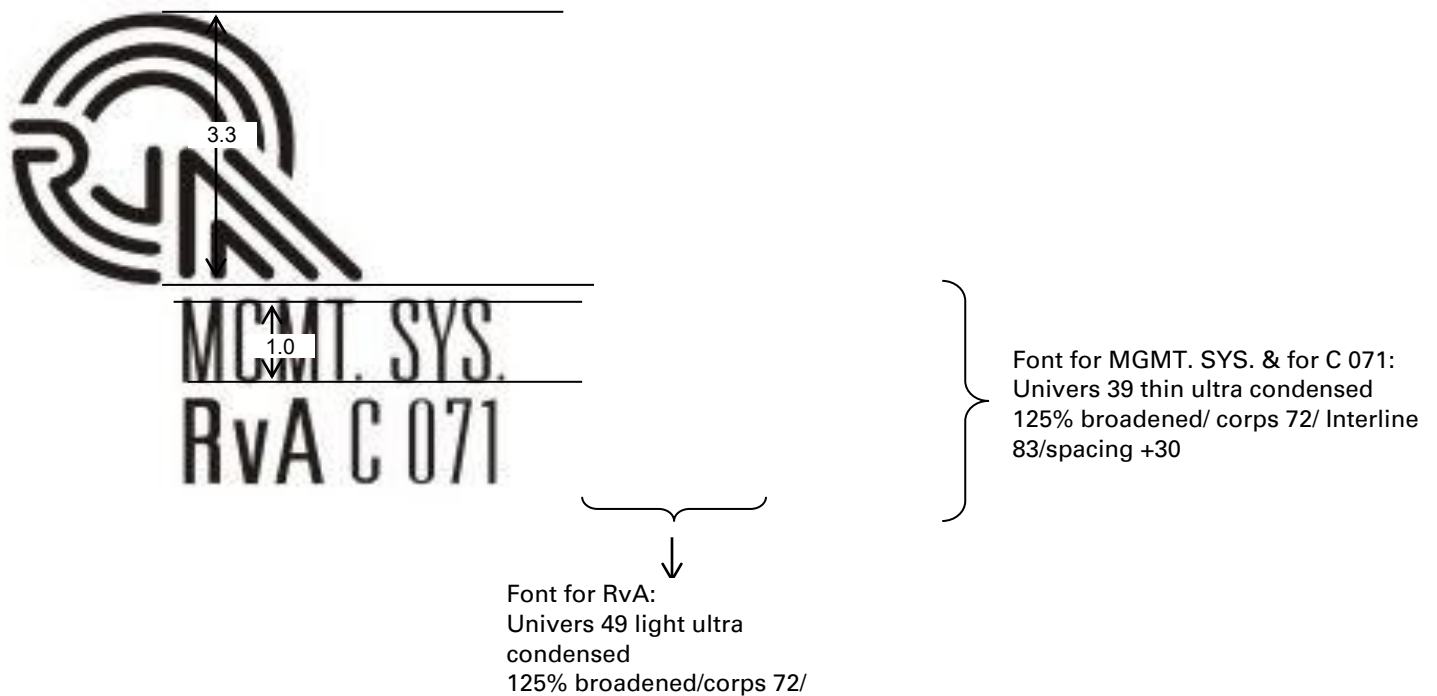
Use of the Accreditation Body Logos is permitted in accordance with the rules specified above and the extra requirements identified in the following sections:

- 3.1.1.1 In no case will the RvA logo be used on a stand-alone basis. A client certified by IRQS may use the RvA accreditation logo only in combination with the IRQS Logo on client's stationery and literature, subject to the conditions below and as specified earlier in this document.
  - a. A body accredited for product certification may authorize a certified client to apply the accreditation mark, in combination with the certification mark, to the product or to the packaging of the product if these products have been certified on the basis of the applicable accredited certification scheme.
  - b. The accredited certification body may authorize certified clients to use the accreditation mark in combination with the certification mark on letters and on other documents relating to activities for which these producers have been certified under RvA accreditation.
  - c. Excluded is the use of the accreditation mark:
    - on reports and certificates of certified calibration, testing and medical laboratories and inspection bodies;
    - on business cards of the certified client's personnel.
  - d. 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 organization has been accredited by the RvA.
- 3.1.1.2 Use of logos, logos or names of other organizations on the same document that the RvA/IRQS logos are used, shall in no way give the impression that these organizations have been either accredited by the RvA or have been certified by IRQS.
- 3.1.1.3 The RvA accreditation logo shall be reproduced:
  - 3.1.1.3.1 Either as appearing in the artwork supplied by IRQS
  - 3.1.1.3.2 Or as specified below, and meeting the specified color requirements (or in black)
  - 3.1.1.3.3 Not exceeding 45mm.



The complete accreditation logo may be printed as per the color scheme above or entirely in black. The text (MGMT SYS RvA C071) used within the accreditation logo below the logo (as seen in the example below) is also printed in blue (PMS 296) or in black. The details on lay-out of an accreditation logo are provided below. The proportion between the height of the logo and the height of the two lines of text shall be approximately 3:2.

The maximum height of the complete accreditation logos on documents shall not exceed 45 mm. The RvA logo may not be larger and never more conspicuous than the logo of IRQS.



### 3.2 Use of NABCB accreditation mark for CB and VVB

The regulation is available on the website of the **New NABCB accreditation mark** ([www.qcin.org/nabcb](http://www.qcin.org/nabcb)).  
<https://nabcb.qci.org.in/Documents/BCB%202022%20-%20Conditions%20for%20Use%20of%20NABCB%20Accreditation%20Mark-%20Feb%202023-Final.pdf>

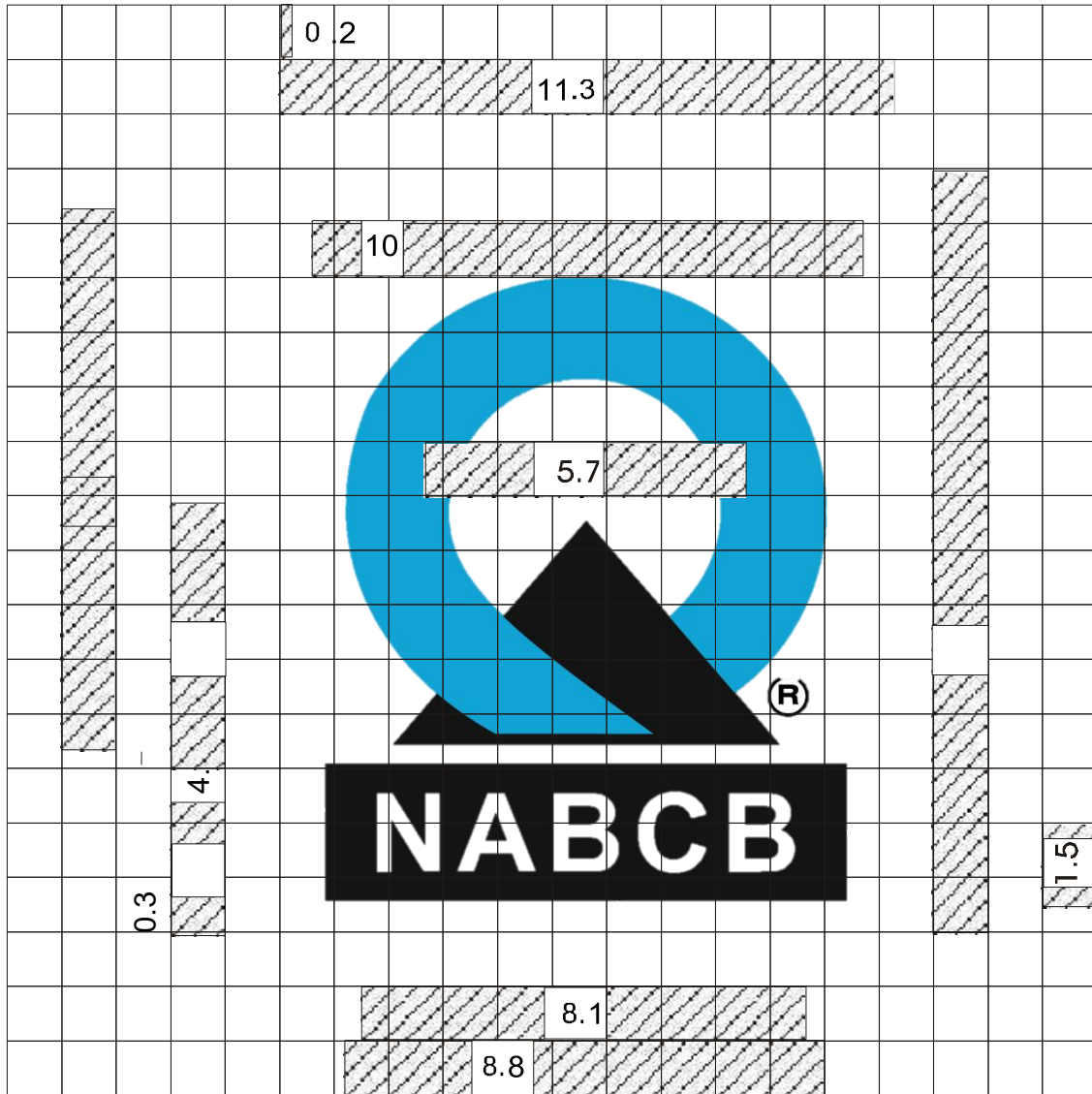
Note : for each type of 'Claim' (Short or long form reference), refer Annexure A

#### 3.2.1 For IRQS & IRQS clients :

Use of the Accreditation Body Logos is permitted in accordance with the rules specified above and the extra requirements identified in the following sections:

- 3.2.1.1 A certified client may use the NABCB accreditation Symbol only in combination with the IRQS's logo on the client's stationery and literature, subject to the conditions below and to the IRQS's conditions for use of the registration logo.
- 3.2.1.2 The use of this logo by the certified organizations will be under the control and supervision of IRQS.
- 3.2.1.3 The NABCB accreditation Symbol shall be reproduced in the proportions and the colors indicated in the appendix 'A' below.
- 3.2.1.4 The size of the logo shall not normally be reduced below the size 15x12mm. In the event of reproduction in smaller size owing to limitation of space, the logo shall be legible with no infilling of space and letters. The logo shall be reproduced based on the artwork supplied by IRQS.
- 3.2.1.5 A registered client may not place the NABCB accreditation Symbol in isolation from the IRQS registration logo.
- 3.2.1.6 The logo shall only be printed in the color combination or in the grey-black combination as specified in the appendix below.
- 3.2.1.7 Neither the IRQS's Logo nor the NABCB's Symbol shall be used on the packaging of a product, labels, publicity material, written announcements etc. that in any way suggests that the IRQS or NABCB have certified or approved any product, process or services of the registered client
- 3.2.1.8 The logo shall not be displayed on buildings and flags.
- 3.2.1.9 The logo shall not be displayed on vehicles except in publicity material like part of a large advertisement.
- 3.2.1.10 The logo shall not be used on the visiting cards.
- 3.2.1.11 Use of logo not permitted on laboratory test, calibration or inspection reports, as such reports are deemed to be products in this context.
- 3.2.1.12 In case the logo is being used by a registered client contrary to the conditions specified, then IRQS shall take reasonable action and advise the registered client organization for corrective action. In situations of repeated contraventions, IRQS may withdraw the certification.

### Appendix 'A'



Font: Arial True type (bold)

Colour: Circle - Cyan 80% Magenta 30% Triangle and Outline - Black 100%.

Black & White: Circle - Black 40%

Triangle and Outline Black 100%

### 3.3 Use of ANAB accreditation mark

The regulation is available on ANAB website under Accreditation Rule 2 (PR 1018)  
<https://anab.qualtraxcloud.com/showdocument.aspx?ID=12436>

#### 3.3.1 For IRQS:

IRQS shall not use ANAB accreditation in such a manner as to bring ANAB into disrepute and shall not make any statement regarding its accreditation that ANAB may consider inaccurate, misleading or unauthorized.

IRQS may use ANAB accreditation symbol only in conjunction with its own symbol on its certificates, advertising, stationery, and literature (in any medium including electronic media and websites) associated with its accredited certification subject to the conditions stated in ANAB Accreditation Rule.

IRQS shall not use ANAB accreditation symbol on any document unless the document relates in whole or in part to certification activities of the IRQS. This would not preclude IRQS from including the accreditation symbol on its pre-printed Letterhead paper.

#### 3.3.2 For IRQS clients:

- 3.3.2.1 A certified organization may use the ANSI-NAB accreditation symbol only in conjunction with the IRQS logo symbol on the organization’s stationery and literature, and in its advertising, subject to the conditions as per ANSI-NAB Accreditation Rule 2 (PR 1018) and to the IRQS conditions for use of its symbol.
- 3.3.2.2 The ANAB accreditation symbol shall be reproduced on a background that will not impede readability:
  - a. In black or in blue (PMS 286 or equivalent) and red (PMS 485 or equivalent) on a white or light-colored background;
  - b. In a size that makes all features of the symbol clearly distinguishable; and
  - c. Without distortion of its dimensions.
- 3.3.2.3 When using the ANAB accreditation symbol, its size must not exceed the size of the IRQS symbol.
- 3.3.2.4 The organization may not place the ANAB accreditation symbol in isolation from the IRQS symbol.
- 3.3.2.5 ANAB’s accreditation symbol shall not be used on a product or in such a way as to suggest that the IRQS and/or ANAB have certified or approved any product, process, or service of a certified organization, or in any other misleading manner.  
The ANAB accreditation symbol has been revised, please refer below:



- 3.3.2.6 If packaging, etc., used for transportation includes the symbol, a clear statement must be included to the effect that the product contained therein was manufactured in a facility with [specify] management systems certified as being in conformity with [specific standard]”.

- 3.3.2.7 Upon voluntary or otherwise withdrawal of the IRQS ANAB-accredited certification, the organization shall immediately discontinue use of both IRQS & ANAB's accreditation symbol, IRQS & ANAB's name, and claims of accredited certification in any medium, including letterhead, electronic media, etc., and return back to IRQS or submit the proof destruction.
- 3.3.2.8 If an organization continues to use the IRQS / ANAB accreditation symbol or reference to IRQS / ANAB, IRQS / ANAB will publish a notice on its website indicating that the organization is making a false claim of ANAB-accredited certification, and IRQS / ANAB may take legal action
- 3.3.2.9 For any New Accreditation for any new scheme, the respective Accreditation Bodies Rules for Usage of logo shall be followed.

#### 4. Use of IAF MLA Mark as per Agreements with NABCB/RvA:

NOTE: For additional information for 'Conditions for use of NABCB Accreditation Mark & IAF MLA Mark', refer BCB 202 which is made available on <https://nabcb.qci.org.in/Documents/BCB%20202%20-%20Conditions%20for%20Use%20of%20NABCB%20Accreditation%20Mark-%20Feb%202023-Final.pdf>

##### 4.1 For IRQS:

- 4.1.1 The IAF MLA mark shall be used only for ISO 9001 (QMS) / ISO 14001 (EMS) / ISO 45001 (OHSMS) / ISO 22000 (FSMS) / ISO 27001 (ISMS) / ISO 50001 (EnMS) / FSSC 22000 / ISO 13485 (MDQMS) schemes for which the IRQS is holding the valid accreditation from NABCB.

The IAF MLA mark shall be used only for ISO 9001 (QMS) / ISO 14001 (EMS) / ISO 45001 (OHSMS) / ISO 22000 (FSMS) / ISO 27001 (ISMS) the accredited schemes for which the IRQS is holding the valid accreditation from RvA.

- 4.1.2 The IRQS shall only use the IAF MLA Mark in the manner set out in IAF ML 2 General Principles on Use of the IAF MLA Mark (as updated / modified from time to time).

- 4.1.3 The IAF MLA Mark shall be reproduced using an authorized copy from NABCB and shall be reprinted according to the following specifications:

in black and white or in the colours Pantone 2747 (dark blue) and Pantone 299 (light blue)

ii) on a clearly contrasting background

iii) in a size which makes all the words of the IAF MLA Mark clearly distinguishable, with the width of the IAF MLA Mark no less than 20 milli meters

- 4.1.4 The right of the IRQS to use the said IAF MLA Mark is non-transferable.

- 4.1.5 The IRQS may use IAF MLA Mark on its pre-printed letter head, accredited certificates, quotations for work, advertisements, websites and other documents.

Note: The depiction of the "combined mark" given below showing the IAF MLA Mark, the NABCB/RvA logo and IRQS own logo next to each other is only an example and is not intended to specify how they are to appear on the certificate. The intent is that the IAF MLA Mark is to be used "in conjunction" with the NABCB/RvA logo and the IRQS logo and may be positioned under the IRQS logo or elsewhere on the certificate to suit the IRQS.

- 4.1.6 IRQS shall not use the IAF MLA Mark on any other documentation unless:

IRQS's name or logo is included on the same sheet of paper and both are of approximately the same size,

ii) it is clearly indicated that the reference is only to the schemes for which NABCB/RvA is the IAF MLA Member and,

iii) the documentation relates entirely to the certification activities of the IRQS for which it holds valid accreditation from NABCB/RvA

Note: The documentation can be in any form or type of medium.

- 4.1.7 IRQS undertakes to use the IAF MLA Mark in strict accordance with the instructions, conditions, standards of quality and IAF MLA Mark specifications supplied by NABCB/RvA at anytime and from time to time.
- 4.1.8 IRQS shall supply to NABCB/RvA, specimens of its usage of the IAF MLA Mark; IRQS shall supply these specimens during any NABCB/RvA assessment or at another time, if requested by NABCB/RvA / IAF.
- 4.1.9 The Combined IAF MLA / ILAC MRA Mark when used under contract with NABCB shall be reproduced and used in accordance with the latest versions of IAF MLA Mark document (IAF ML 2) and the stipulations in the agreement signed with NABCB.
- 4.1.10 IRQS shall not allow the fact of its accreditation to be used to imply that a product, process, system or person is approved by NABCB.

#### 4.2 For IRQS Clients:

- 4.2.1 IRQS can permit use of the mark by their certified clients only when a NABCB accredited certificate is issued.
- 4.2.2 IRQS may authorize, in writing, a certified organization issued with NABCB accredited certificate, to use the NABCB logo with unique accreditation number as granted to IRQS prescribed below the NABCB logo in conjunction with the IRQS logo, on the certified organization's pre-printed letterhead, quotations for work, advertisements, websites and other documents subject to the certified organization entering into a written agreement with IRQS confirming compliance any rules established by IAF for the use of its MLA mark, rules of NABCB for use of its logo and IRQS rules for use of its mark.

#### 4.3 For IRQS and IRQS Clients:

- 4.3.1 IRQS or its certified organization shall not use the IAF MLA Mark on a product, or in a way that may be interpreted as denoting product conformity.
- 4.3.2 The IAF MLA Mark shall not be used by IRQS or its certified client in any way which implies that IAF has approved a certified or registered a product, service or system certified by IRQS.
- 4.3.3 The NABCB accreditation mark and combined IAF MLA mark cannot be printed on visiting cards.
- 4.3.4 The NABCB Accreditation Mark shall not be reproduced by a certified organization in isolation of IRQS mark.
- 4.3.5 The mark shall only be printed in the colour combination or in the grey-black combination as specified in the Appendix
- 4.3.6 The NABCB Accreditation Mark or the IAF MLA / ILAC MRA Mark as relevant shall be used to refer to the accredited status of IRQS, and where applicable in conjunction with mark of the IRQS to refer to the accredited certificates issued to the certified organization.
- 4.3.7 The NABCB Accreditation mark or the IAF MLA / ILAC MRA Mark as relevant shall not be used in any way that it misleads the reader about the accredited status of the IRQS or the certified client of IRQS.

- 4.3.8 For management system certification, neither the IRQS nor NABCB logo shall be used on the packaging of a product, labels, publicity material, written announcements etc. that in any way suggests that the IRQS or NABCB have certified or approved any product, process or service of the certified client of IRQS or in any other misleading manner.
- 4.3.9 The NABCB Accreditation Mark or the IAF MLA Mark shall not be displayed on vehicles except in publicity material like part of a large advertisement.
- 4.3.10 The NABCB Accreditation Mark or the IAF MLA Mark shall not be displayed on buildings and flags.
- 4.3.11 All quotations and contracts by IRQS having the NABCB Accreditation Mark or the IAF MLA Mark shall clearly indicate the portion of activities that are not accredited by NABCB.
- 4.3.12 IRQS upon suspension or withdrawal of its accreditation (however determined), shall discontinue use of NABCB Accreditation Mark or the IAF MLA Mark and all advertising matter that contains any reference to an accredited status.

#### 4.4 Contravention of the conditions for IRQS & IRQS Clients:

- 4.4.1 In case the NABCB Accreditation Mark or the IAF MLA Mark as relevant is being used by IRQS or by certified client of IRQS contrary to the conditions specified, then the concerned IRQS shall take reasonable action and where relevant advise the concerned organization for corrective action. In situations of repeated contraventions by certified organization, IRQS may withdraw the certification.

In case, if IRQS does not take suitable action against the improper use of the NABCB Accreditation Mark or the IAF MLA Mark as relevant, NABCB may suspend / withdraw the accreditation of IRQS.

- 4.4.2 In case the NABCB Accreditation mark or the IAF MLA Mark as relevant is being used contrary to the conditions by IRQS, NABCB shall take reasonable action and advise IRQS for corrective action. In situations of repeated contraventions by IRQS, NABCB may withdraw the accreditation of the defaulting body.

#### 4.5 Action on Suspension and Termination for IRQS & IRQS clients:

- 4.5.1 Upon suspension of the accreditation by NABCB, IRQS shall immediately cease to use its stationery, certificates and other publicity material that has NABCB Accreditation Mark or the IAF MLA Mark on it. The use can be restarted only after the suspension is revoked by NABCB.
- 4.5.2 Upon termination of the accreditation on account of non-renewal / withdrawal of the accreditation IRQS shall immediately cease to use its stationery, certificates and other publicity material that has NABCB Accreditation Mark or the IAF MLA Mark on it.

#### 5. Use of the FSSC 22000 Logo:

- 5.1 FSSC 22000 certified organizations may use the FSSC 22000 logo, but only in conjunction with the mark of IRQS Logo.
- 5.2 The FSSC logo may be used on the organization's printed matter, literature, business cards, website and promotional material subject to the design specifications below.
- 5.3 The FSSC 22000 logo shall not be used either on a product, its labeling or its packaging, or in any other misleading manner, so as to suggest that the IRQS has certified or approved any product, process or service of a certified organization.
- 5.4 Mentioning possession of a FSSC 22000 certificate or making any reference such as "Produced in a FSSC 22000 certified company" on a product label is not allowed.
- 5.5 The IRQS will audit the use of the FSSC 22000 logo by certified organizations during every surveillance and re-certification audit. Any non-conformance associated with the use of the logo will require remedial action to correct the use of the logo as well as corrective action for future use.

## 5.6 Design

- The FSSC 22000 logo must be reproduced in the specified colors and in a size that makes all features of the logo clearly distinguishable.  
Color specifications: Light green: Pantone 375 C: CMYK = 41/0/78/0 en RGB = 172/202/87 Dark green: Pantone 361 C: CMYK = 69/0/100/0 en RGB = 91/172/381
- Use of the logo in black and white is permitted when all other text and images are in black and white.
- When used by the certified organization, the size of the FSSC 22000 logo must not differ from the size of the IRQS' mark and they must always appear together.

## 6. FAMI-QS :

### USE OF LOGO by Operators

The FAMI-QS name and logo may only be used by Operators that have obtained certification from IRQS recognized by FAMI-QS Asbl. The right to use the FAMI-QS logo and/or name is exclusively granted by FAMI-QS Asbl, and can be withdrawn at any moment in the event of non-compliance with certification requirements.

Certified Operators may display the FAMI-QS logo for the period of validity of their certificate. Use or display of the FAMI-QS logo does not constitute proof that the Operator is certified.

The FAMI-QS logo is available upon request made to FAMI-QS Asbl and/or to IRQS. It may be used only in its original colours and proportions.

The FAMI-QS name and logo shall not be used on products, packaging, labels, means of transport, but may be used on certificates, advertisements and brochures.

IRQS will verify during the on-site audit the appropriate use of the logo.

Source: FAMI-QS RULES FOR OPERATORS VERSION 8 / REV.3 — 2020-03-25

## 7. BRCGS – Food Safety Scheme

The BRCGS logo and references to certification status shall be used only in accordance with the conditions of use detailed in the audit protocol section (Part III, section 6.7) of the BRCGS Food Safety Issue 9 Standard

The BRCGS logo can only be used by sites that have no exclusions.

It should be noted that the BRCGS 'food' logo cannot be used for promoting traded products even when they form part of the certificated scope.

### BRCGS logos

Achieving BRCGS certification is something of which to be proud. Companies that achieve certification and have no exclusions from their scope (see section 1.6.2) are qualified to use the BRCGS food logo on site stationery and other marketing materials. Note that the food logo shall not be used in promoting products purchased for resale by a site (traded products). Information and conditions relating to the use of the BRCGS logo is available from [brcgs.com/resources/brcgs-brand-guidelines](https://www.brcgs.com/resources/brcgs-brand-guidelines).

If a site is no longer certificated because of certificate expiry, withdrawal or suspension, it shall no longer use the logo or certificate claiming certification.

The BRCGS logo is not a product certification mark and neither it nor any reference certification may be used on products or product packaging. Any certificated site found to be misusing the logo will be subject to the BRCGS complaints and referral process (see Part IV) and may risk suspension or removal of its certification.

The BRCGS logo may not be used by companies that do not include all products that are manufactured, processed, packed, or labelled on site within the audit scope.

(Source: Part III, section 6.7 - BRCGS Food Safety Issue 9 Standard)

BRCGS audited company who wish to receive logos for use on published collateral, may fill the form available at the link <https://www.brcgs.com/directory/access-and-logos/> on the BRCGS website

**8. For any New Accreditation the respective Accreditation Bodies Rules for Usage of logo shall be followed.**

**9. Under suspension/withdrawal :**

IRQS certified clients are required to refrain from using the Certificate and/or Logo from all points e.g. the packaging of a product, labels, publicity material, written announcements and other promotional material like letterheads, etc.

**10. Verification under suspension/withdrawal for misuse of certificate information, logo or mark :**

8.1 IRQS shall verify the certified client through visiting website of the clients under suspension or gathered information from the client's customer or interested parties or during the audit for misuse of the information.

8.2 Under suspension/withdrawal, if client is found to misuse Certificate information / logo / mark in contravention to condition specified in this procedure then the concerned organization would be requested to give the corrective action, in situations of repeated contraventions by the organization, IRQS may withdraw the certificate or may lead to legal action.

**11. Misuse:**

9.1 Misuse of the certification logo, the accreditation logo or certificate of registration by the client may result in suspension or withdrawal of the certification by IRQS. IRQS's considerations with respect to suspension or withdrawal will be as follows:

9.1.1 Inadvertent misuse: With this activity, the Organization will be required to immediately withdraw the offending materials or IRQS will suspend certification until the misuse is rectified. Repeated inadvertent misuse also will be cause for withdrawal of certification.

9.1.2 Fraud: with an activity considered premeditated on the part of the Organization, IRQS will withdraw certification and publish notices to that effect in the directory of certified companies.

9.1.3 IRQS logo is not allowed to be used on Laboratory Test Reports, Calibration Reports, Inspection Reports, Product Certification, Training.

9.1.4 IRQS certified clients are not allowed to use "Statement of fact" like ".....ISO ....Certified Co. or Company" on their products or primary packaging material used for their products.

- identification (e.g. brand or name) of the certified client;
- the type of management system (e.g. quality, environment) and the applicable standard;
- the certification body issuing the certificate.

9.1.5 Use the IAF MLA mark in public advertisements by IRQS when the accreditation is suspended or by the certified organization when the certification is suspended would constitute misuse. Use of the IAF MLA mark, in any manner, by IRQS or their certified organization when the accreditation is withdrawn would constitute misuse. Use of the IAF MLA mark, in any manner, by the certified organization when the certificate is withdrawn would constitute misuse.

9.1.6 IRQS shall monitor and take suitable action to control the use of the IAF MLA Mark, including withdrawal of authorization to use the IAF MLA Mark in case of misuse and to prevent any incorrect references or misleading use, by IRQS or IRQS certified organizations; In the event of any misuse by a certified organization, IRQS agrees to publicize the misuse suitably in local media and in the case of continued misuse initiate legal proceedings.

9.1.7 Misuse of certification information or logo / mark during the period client organization "certificate of approval" is under suspension.

9.1.8 Misuse of Logo / Mark :

- To raise Major NC : If found "Logo / Mark" on Laboratory Test Reports, Calibration Reports, Inspection Reports, Product Certification, Training.
- To raise Minor NC : If found "Misuse of Logo / Mark" on business cards of the certified client's personnel / Stationary etc.
- To raise Minor NC: If the usage of Marks / Logos on client's website is not appropriate.

**12.** For Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Scheme : please refer IV IRQS:FORM:138 - Order Acceptance, Agreement Including Terms & Conditions for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Scheme

**13.** This chapter is referred into the respective III IRQS System Protocol Manual.

**Annexure A : For each type of ‘Claim’ (Short or long form reference)**

**Directions on the use of IRQS logo or marks in respect of validation and verification of client environmental statements or other claims**

- 1) IRQS undertakes validation and verification services for environmental statements or similar claims made by its clients who have contracted its services for the same. Such claims undergo validation and/or verification by IRQS and corresponding validation / verification statements are issued to clients. The following guidelines are applicable for references to findings, conclusions, reports and opinions expressed by IRQS in respect of these statements or claims and also to the use of IRQS certification marks or its logo.
- 2) Any use of a short form reference will also include or make reference to a long form reference, e.g.

<b>When the subject matter of the claim is</b>	<b>A Short form reference like (below)</b>	<b>Would also be accompanied or made reference to a Long form reference such as (below)</b>
Historical in nature	“Verified at the reasonable level of assurance”	“In its opinion dated 20xx-xx-xx, IRQS concluded with reasonable assurance that the data and information in our statement were fairly stated.”
Historical in nature	“Verified at the limited level of assurance”	“In its opinion dated 20xx-xx-xx, IRQS found no evidence to indicate that the data and information in our statement were not fairly stated.”
Projected or forecast	“Validated”	“In its opinion dated 20xx-xx-xx, IRQS stated that it had not found any evidence to indicate that the assumptions, methods and limitations that we cited in our statement did not provide a reasonable basis for our projections or forecasts.”

- 3) IRQS rules regarding the use of its certification marks or logo require its client or responsible party for the environmental claim validated /verified, does not use the mark or logo in such a manner as to imply that the environmental statement not subjected to validation or verification appear as though it has been validated or verified. Such a use of the mark or logo would amount to misleading or false impression among the intended user of the statement and is to be strictly avoided. When in doubt, the client or responsible party is required to get in touch with IRQS as to what would be the acceptable or unacceptable use of the IRQS mark or logo and the onus of responsibility has been placed upon the client/responsible party.

- 4) For IRCLASS Systems And Solutions Pvt. Ltd. – Indian Register Quality Systems; verified and validated reports; the following logo to be used :



- 5) For IRCLASS Systems And Solutions Pvt. Ltd. – Indian Register Quality Systems with NABCB Accreditation for verified and validated reports; the following logo to be used in conjunction with NABCB Mark :



- 6) For Use of NABCB accreditation mark for VVB clause no. 3.2 of this III IRQS:OPM:19 is applicable.

Annexure B : Control of certified trademarks and IRQS logo claims as per MSC Certification Requirements for :

- 1) Fisheries certification
- 2) Chain of Custody certification

Reference : For latest updates refer MSC Ecolabel User Guide - [https://www.msc.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/for-business/use-the-msc-label/msc-ecolabel-user-guide.pdf?Status=Master&sfvrsn=9eb3c4bd\\_113](https://www.msc.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/for-business/use-the-msc-label/msc-ecolabel-user-guide.pdf?Status=Master&sfvrsn=9eb3c4bd_113)

- 1.1.1 The MSC ecolabel, the name “Marine Stewardship Council” and the acronym “MSC” are trademarks that are owned by the Marine Stewardship Council.
- 1.1.2 The ASC logo, the name “Aquaculture Stewardship Council” and the acronym “ASC” are trademarks that are owned the by Aquaculture Stewardship Council. This is provisional requirement made in SPM in view of scope extension in future.
- 1.1.3 Any party wishing to use any of these trademarks on any materials that will be seen by consumers (or business customers for promotional purposes) shall hold a licence to do so from MSCl.
  - 1.1.3.1 The acronyms “MSC” and “ASC” and names “Marine Stewardship Council” and “Aquaculture Stewardship Council” may be used without a licence from MSCl only in a business-to-business, non-consumer facing context (e.g. certified product production and storage) and only for product identification or employee training purposes.
  - 1.1.3.2 Applicants for certification may use the name “Marine Stewardship Council” or “Aquaculture Stewardship Council” and the acronym “MSC” or “ASC” to inform stakeholders about the assessment or audit process and invite participation, without having a licence agreement.
  - 1.1.3.3 If there is any doubt about whether a licence is required, IRQS shall refer to MSCl for advice.
- 1.1.4 Any party intending to handle ASC-MSC seaweed shall ensure a Seaweed Partnership Agreement is in place before any use of these trademarks, including for use in a business- to-business, non-consumer facing context. This is provisional requirement made in SPM in view of scope extension in future.
- 1.1.5 IRQS shall verify if an applicant has used the trademarks without a licence or sold products as certified prior to being certified.
  - 1.1.5.1 If the applicant has used the trademarks without a licence agreement or sold products as certified prior to being certified, IRQS shall raise a non-conformity, and instruct the applicant to immediately cease use of the trademarks and selling products as certified.
  - 1.1.5.2 A copy of the non-conformity shall be sent to MSCl within 7 days via [ecolabel@msc.org](mailto:ecolabel@msc.org)
- 1.1.6 IRQS has documented procedures for the issue and use of any logo or trademark of the IRQS (ISO 17065 4.1.3, 7.9.3 and 7.9.4) for the certification program, including procedures for pre-publication review and authorisation by IRQS of:
  - a. All uses of the IRQS's logo by certificate holders.
  - b. All public claims made by certificate holders referring to their certification.



Sample Logo

**Revision History:**

Rev. No.	Effective Date	Details
01	10.08.2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Amendment made at ANAB Accreditation Symbol</li> </ul>
02	17.04.2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deleted word “Note” at 1.3 (second para), Point at 4.1.1.4 – Added 3 bullet points, Added point at 7.3 – Word “May” replaced by “Shall”.</li> </ul>
03	26.10.2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Amendment made at 1.3., 1.5</li> <li>▪ Added requirements of NABCB &amp; IAF MLA Mark at point no. 4, 4.2.2, 4.3.3 to 4.3.12, 4.4,4.5 &amp; Introduced new point 7, Shifted ‘Misuse at point 8’ clause before Revision history</li> </ul>
04	15.03.2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Added 3.3.2.6</li> </ul>
05	23.05.2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Added Clause 9.1.8</li> </ul>
06	15.07.2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ At 3.3.2.5 : Deleted ANSI-NAB Accreditation Symbol for ISO 50001 – Energy Management System.</li> <li>▪ At 3.3.2.7: Upon voluntary or otherwise withdrawal of the IRQS ANAB-accredited certification, the organization shall immediately discontinue use of both IRQS &amp; ANAB’s accreditation symbol, IRQS &amp; ANAB’s name, and claims of accredited certification in any medium, including letterhead, electronic media, etc., and return or destroy any ANAB-accredited certification documents as required by the certification body or ANAB.</li> <li>▪ 3.3.2.8 : If an organization continues to use the IRQS / ANAB accreditation symbol or reference to IRQS / ANAB, IRQS / ANAB will publish a notice on its website indicating that the organization is making a false claim of ANAB accredited certification, and IRQS / ANAB may take legal action.</li> </ul>
07	24.11.2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Added the requirements of RPAS Certification Scheme of QCI at 10</li> </ul>
08	14.12.2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Updated the word NABCB Logo to NABCB Symbol at 3.2.1</li> </ul>
09	01.04.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Updated the ANAB Art logo for Supply Chain Security Management Systems (ISO 28000)</li> </ul>
10	17.06.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Updated the Revised ANAB accreditation symbol at section 3.3.2.5</li> </ul>
11	02.11.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Updated 4.1 &amp; Added Point No. 11</li> </ul>
12	09.02.2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Added point at 9.1.8</li> </ul>
13	02-11-2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Updated Section 4 and 4.2.2</li> </ul>
14	01-04-2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Updated New NABCB Logo incorporated at Appendix ‘A’ and updated Sr. No. 10</li> </ul>
15	26-06-2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Updated at 3.1 w.r.t. RvA</li> <li>▪ Updated at 3.3.2.5 w.r.t. Art Logo for ANAB-SRSMS</li> <li>▪ Added the requirements of FAMI-QS at 6 and BRCGS at 7</li> </ul>
16	28-09-2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Updated at 3.2 and added Annexure A</li> </ul>
17	17-02-2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Arranged Sr. No. at Annexure A and added Sr. No. 4,5 and 6 under Annexure A</li> </ul>
18	12-05-2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Added Annexure B for MSC Certification Requirements for Fisheries certification and Chain of Custody certification</li> </ul>
19	01-08-2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Updated 4.1.1</li> </ul>
20	20-04-2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Updated the company name “IRCLASS Systems and Solution Limited (formerly known as IRCLASS Systems and Solutions Private Limited)” and IRCLASS Logo</li> </ul>