

A-Professional Certification Services Limited Use of APC Certification Marks

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Introduction

All certificates issued by **A-Professional Certification Services Limited** (hereinafter called as "**APC**") remain the property of APC and must be returned when requested.

Certificate holders must ensure that no incorrect references to APC certification system or misleading use of certificates or marks occur.

The APC Certification Mark is granted to those client companies who have obtained certification of their Quality, Environmental and/or Occupational Health & Safety Management Systems by APC after successful assessment to the applicable standard of ISO 9001, ISO14001 and ISO 45001 series.

Use of APC Certification Marks

APC Certification Marks can be applied to stationery and publicity material that relates to the company's scope of Certification. This can include brochures, correspondence, printed promotion material, advertisements etc. The mark shall not be used on a product nor packaging nor in any other way that may be interpreted as denoting product conformity. APC's certification mark may be printed in either standard color or black and grey as below.



ISO 9001:2015 Cert No.: APC/Q/2xx



ISO 14001:2015 Cert No.: APC/E/2xx



ISO 45001:2018 Cert No.: APC/S/2xx



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The Certified client shall

- 1. use the certification mark in conjunction with client's name, the Client's certificate number and applicable part of ISO9001, ISO14001 or ISO 45001.
- 2. ensure there shall be no ambiguity, in the mark or accompanying text, as to what management system has been certified and which certification body (i.e. APC) has granted the certification.
- 3. comply with that the certification mark may be reproduced in any size but the minimum height of the mark shall be 15 mm. A small size is acceptable if the certification mark is to be displayed on an item having a small size, e.g. name cards. Irrespective of its size, the features of the accreditation symbol, the identification code and the serial number shall be clearly discernible.
- 4. shall not use the certification mark to laboratory test, calibration or inspection report or certificates
- 5. not use the certification mark in such a manner as to bring APC into disrepute,
- 6. not make or permit any misleading statement regarding its certification
- 7. use certification mark only to indicate that the Management System certified is in conformity with specified standards or other normative documents, and does not use the certification mark to imply that a product or services is approved by APC.

Note:

- 1. The colour of the APC Certification Mark shall refer to colour artwork as provided by APC.
- 2. The Certification Mark cannot be used by a certified organization's any mother companies, subsidiaries or sister companies
- Where the APC Certificate has been issued under HKCAS accreditation, HKCAS
 Accreditation Mark is to be used in combination with the APC Certification Mark, as
 applicable. (Details about use of HKCAS Accreditation Symbol –"APC-WG-04")
- 4. APC's certification mark is with the client's certificate number and with APC's name and the management system certified embedded inside. This provide the traceability to the certificate and to certification body (i.e. APC).

Suspension or Withdrawal

If an accredited certificate holder fails to comply with these regulations or uses the Certification Marks in any misleading manner, APC reserves the right to withdraw or cancel its certificate upon which action, the certificate holder shall immediately cease to use the Certification Marks and withdraw the all advertising matter containing certification mark. Such action could include requests for correction and corrective action, suspension, withdrawal of certification, publication of the transgression and, if necessary, legal action.

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