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Rules of Using the Mark of the Admittance Body (CNBOP-PIB)

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The rules of using the admittance body mark are regulated by Section 17(1) and (2) of the regulation of the Minister of Interior and Administration dated 20 June 2007 on the list of products used for providing public safety or protection of health, life or property, as well as the rules of issuing certificates of admittance for such products (Dz.U. no. 143, item 1002, as amended), which define how a certification body mark should be placed on a product.

The present document developed by CNBOP-PIB defines detailed rules of using the mark of the admittance body.

1. The mark of the admittance body is CNBOP-PIB logo, as shown in Appendix no. 1.
2. The right to use the CNBOP-PIB admittance body mark in relation to the accepted product is issued to the product Manufacturer or the Applicant (authorized representative of the manufacturer), hereinafter referred to as the Owner, to whom CNBOP-PIB **has issued the product certificate of admittance**, hereinafter referred to as the admittance.
3. The CNBOP-PIB admittance mark is under legal protection and thus, in addition to the rules specified herein, the Owner should comply with the general principles of using a registered trade mark.
4. Pursuant to provisions of the agreement on control and supervision of granted admittance, concluded between CNBOP-PIB and the Owner, the Owner is obliged to mark the product covered by the product certificate of admittance with the number of the admittance body and the number of product admittance, throughout the period in which the admittance is valid.
5. The mark of the admittance body cannot be used with reference to a product which is subject to the procedure of issuing or modifying the scope (extension) of product admittance.
6. CNBOP-PIB shall provide the Owner with CNBOP-PIB admittance body mark in bitmap (white background) or PNG format (transparent background) and upon request from the Owner – in vector format.
7. The Owner shall be obliged to use the mark in form, proportions and colour as specified in Appendix no. 1 hereto.
8. The Owner may use CNBOP-PIB admittance mark in the form of an embossement.
9. It is permitted to scale the CNBOP-PIB admittance mark, if:
 - the ratio of width to height is maintained,
 - the graphic form is not distorted,
 - letters are legible.
10. In reasonable cases, when it is technically unfeasible to apply CNBOP-PIB admittance mark in colours as shown in Appendix no. 1 hereto, the colours may be changed, if a single colour is used for the entire mark.

11. CNBOP-PIB admittance mark shall be placed directly on the admitted product, or on a label fixed to the product in a visible, legible and non-removable way, in compliance with specifications of the product technical documentation
12. If it is technically not possible to label the product as defined in point 11, the mark should be placed on a unit package or bulk container of the product, or on trade documents attached to the product.
13. If the product under the certificate of admittance is manufactured in several plants, then the admittance body mark may be used only by those plants which are listed in the product certificate of admittance.
14. The mark of the admittance body may be used on accepted products and/or on documents connected with the Owner's activity, such as:
 - company documents,
 - business documents,
 - promotion and advertising documents and materials.
15. CNBOP-PIB admittance mark can be placed on documents listed in clause 14 under the condition that it is placed in an equivalent form to the Owner's logo.
16. Business documents, such as offers and letters printed on letterhead bearing CNBOP-PIB admittance mark, related to products of which only some are covered by the product admittance, should contain clear and unequivocal specification of the products which have been admitted for use.
17. Letters and documents regarding products not covered by product admittance (offers, company letters), printed on letterhead bearing CNBOP-PIB admittance mark, should include a legible explanation clearly stating that "CNBOP-PIB product certificate of admittance have not been issued for these products".
18. CNBOP-PIB admittance mark cannot be used on business cards and/or stamps of the Owner or the Owner's personnel.
19. An Owner, whose admittance for a given product was revoked, cannot mark the product with the mark of the admittance body as of the day of which the admittance is revoked. The Owner cannot mark unit packages or bulk containers of the product with the mark of the admittance body, either. The Owner cannot place the mark of the admittance body on business documents attached to that product. Furthermore, the Owner shall be obliged to remove the mark of the admittance body from all documents attached to a product that does not have a valid product admittance. If, for any reason whatsoever, the product admittance has become invalid, the Owner shall be obliged to forthwith cease labeling the product with the mark of the admittance body. The Owner cannot mark unit packages or bulk containers of the product with the mark of the admittance body, either.

The Owner cannot place the mark of the admittance body on business documents attached to that product.

20. The Owner shall be obliged to cease using CNBOP-PIB admittance mark in a way that CNBOP-PIB deems inadmissible.
21. In the event of abuse, forgery or misleading reference to CNBOP-PIB admittance mark, the Scientific and Research Centre for Fire Protection – National Research Institute reserves the right to undertake relevant actions, i.e.:
 - demand performance of relevant corrective actions,
 - publish information concerning illegal or false use of CNBOP-PIB admittance mark on the Institute's website www.cnbop.pl,
 - resolve the matter in court.
22. Any use of CNBOP-PIB admittance mark in a way violating the terms specified herein should be reported to CNBOP-PIB.
23. The Owner cannot assign its right to use the CNBOP-PIB certification mark on any entities (e.g. on subcontractors), and with reference to a product other than that which has product admittance.

In all cases other than those described herein, use of CNBOP-PIB admittance mark shall require a written consent from CNBOP-PIB.