

The affixing of marine markings

Marine equipment the compliance of which with the requirements laid down in this Directive has been demonstrated in accordance with the relevant conformity assessment procedures shall have the wheel mark affixed to it.

The manufacturer must affix a specific marking to all marine equipment for which approval has been granted by a Notified Body before the products are marketed. If desired, the manufacturer may also affix the marking on the packaging or in the manual.

Use of the wheel mark shall be subject to the general principles set out in paragraphs 1 and 3 to 6 of Article 30 of Regulation (EC) No 765/2008, where any reference to the CE marking shall be construed as a reference to the wheel mark.

The wheel mark shall not be affixed to any other product.

The wheel mark shall be affixed at the end of the production phase.

The Notified Body nr shall be affixed after positive final checks (system in place to avoid that failed products will not be released. In case the marking is affixed during production the Notified Body should be aware of it).

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The marine marking which must be affixed to marine equipment consists of a symbol in the form of a wheel followed by the identification number of the approving Notified Body and by the last two digits of the number of the year in which the mark is affixed. The approving Notified Body is that Notified Body who issues Module-D, E, F or G.

It is illegal to affix any marks or inscriptions which can be confused with the marine marking.



Figure 1: Marking for marine equipment approved by Kiwa and manufactured in 2025.

When Kiwa is the approving Notified Body, the marking for marine equipment¹ must satisfy the following criteria:

- the marking consists of a wheel symbol followed by the identification number of Kiwa and the last two digits of the number of the year in which the mark is affixed;
 - the identification number of Kiwa is **0063**;
 - if the marking is enlarged or reduced, the proportions shown in figure 1 should remain the same;
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- the different parts of the marking must all be approximately the same height, which must be at least 5 mm. These minimum dimensions may be waived for small devices;
- the marking shall be affixed to the equipment or to its data plate so as to be visible, legible and indelible throughout the anticipated useful life of the equipment. However, where that is not possible or not warranted on account of the nature of the equipment, it shall be affixed to the packaging of the product, to a label or to a leaflet.

Electronic tag:

In order to facilitate market surveillance and prevent the counterfeiting of specific items of marine equipment is defined in article 11 of the Directive 2014/90/EU. In paragraph 3 of article 11 is e.g. defined that manufacturers may use an appropriate and reliable form of electronic tag instead of, or in addition to, the wheel mark. In such a case, Articles 9 and 10 of the Directive 2014/90/EU shall apply, as appropriate, mutatis mutandis.