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Types of Markings and References:

General

CE Marking:

REQUIRED for a wide variety of products sold in the EU.

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/single-market-goods/regulatory-policies-common-rules-for-products/new-legislative-framework/ce-marking/index_en.htm

DIN Certification:

OPTIONAL industry norms for many different products and services in Germany.

<http://www.din.de/cmd;jsessionid=E246EB0CE39557845F6F8DB83E47E844.3?lang=en&level=tpl-home&languageid=en>

RAL Seals of Quality (German only):

OPTIONAL seal of quality for a broad spectrum of goods and services in Germany.

<http://www.ral-guete.de/index.php?id=44>

Safety Marking

TÜV:

Issuer of various OPTIONAL safety markings (i.e. German "GS")

<http://www.tuv.com/en/index.html>

VDE:

Issuer of various OPTIONAL safety markings (i.e. German "GS") in the electrical sector.

<http://www.vde.com/en/institute/Pages/Homepage.aspx>

Europe Safe – ENEC Marks:

OPTIONAL safety marking assuring electrical products comply with European norms.

<http://www.enec.com/>

EMC Mark – Electromagnetic Compatibility in the EU:

OPTIONAL marking stating a product's compatibility with EU harmonized standards for electromagnetic interference.

<http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/electrical/emc/>

Ökotex label - Confidence in Textiles:

OPTIONAL label for textiles containing a minimum of harmful substances.

http://www.oeko-tex.com/OekoTex100_PUBLIC/content4.asp?area=hauptmenue&site=zertifizierung&cls=02

LGA-schadstoffgeprüft (German only):

OPTIONAL label for products containing a minimum of harmful substances and causing a low environmental impact.

http://lga.de/tuv/de/pdb/index_pdb.shtml



Environmental and Organic Labels

Blauer Engel Environmental Label:

OPTIONAL label used in Germany declaring a product's especially environmentally friendly status.

<http://www.blauer-engel.de/en/index.php>

EU Ecolabel:

OPTIONAL label used in the EU declaring a product's especially environmentally friendly status.

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/ecolabel/index_en.htm

The EU Organic Logo:

Label for organic products in the EU which is REQUIRED for products from within the EU and OPTIONAL for products imported from elsewhere.

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/organic/consumer-confidence/logo-labelling_en

The German 'Bio-Siegel' for Organic Foods:

OPTIONAL label for organic products in Germany.

<http://www.biosiegel.de/english/basics/the-national-bio-siegel/>

Naturland Label:

OPTIONAL label for organic products certified by the Naturland Association.

<http://www.naturland.de/>

Bioland Label:

OPTIONAL label for organic products certified by the Bioland Association.

<http://www.bioland.de/bioland/startseite.html>

BDIH Certified Natural Cosmetics Seal:

OPTIONAL seal for natural cosmetics in Germany.

http://www.kontrollierte-naturkosmetik.de/e/index_e.htm

Fair Trade Labeling

Fairtrade Label:

OPTIONAL label for fair trade products, issued around the world.

<http://www.fairtrade.net/>