

IMPROVED WATERMARK CERTIFICATION SCHEME TRANSITION TIMELINE FOLLOWING LAUNCH ON 1 JULY 2016

1 January 2017

• FEE STRUCTURE IMPLEMENTED

 New fee structure implemented and due payable from first anniversary of Approved User or Approved Certifier Agreements

10 July 2017

• FINAL SCHEME RULES PUBLISHED

• Manual for the WaterMark Certification Scheme published. The Manual includes the Rules, the Approved Certifier and Approved User Agreements and the operating requirements for evaluation, certification, risk assessment and developing product specifications

1 August 2017

• IMPLEMENTATION COMMENCES (refer Notice of Direction 2017/3.1)

- •Manual for the WaterMark Certification Scheme takes effect
- WaterMark Schedule of Products and WaterMark Schedule of Excluded Products replace the WaterMark Schedule of Specifications and WaterMark List of Exempt Materials and Products
- •New Certifier applicants to enter into a new Approved Certifier Agreement
- New Approved Certifiers to operate in accordance with the requirements of the improved Scheme, including issuing certification to the improved Scheme
- •Existing Approved Certifiers, whilst transitioning their accreditation, to operate in accordance with the requirements of the old Scheme for a maximum period of 12 months:
- applications for re-certification to be granted a 12 month maximum extension of existing certification and
- Approved User Agreements to be issued for 12 months maximum, then replaced with new Approved User Agreements upon transition of certification to the requirements of the improved Scheme
- Existing Approved Certifiers, after transitioning their accreditation, to
- enter into a new Approved Certifier Agreement and
- operate in accordance with the requirements of the improved Scheme, including issuing certification to the improved Scheme
- All existing applications for certification to be assessed in accordance with the requirements of the old Scheme
- •All new risk assessments to be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the improved Scheme
- All applications for a new, amended or revised specifications will be assessed in accordance with the requirements of the improved Scheme
- Products will retain their existing status in the old Scheme until their status in the improved Scheme has been confirmed
- Products confirmed on the WaterMark Schedule of Products require certification to the improved Scheme. Existing products will transition on or before the date certification falls due
- Products confirmed on the WaterMark Schedule of Excluded Products will not be permitted to obtain or renew certification in the improved Scheme. Existing certification may be retained until the date of expiry provided the requirements of the Approved User Agreement are met, including payment of all fees due



- •All existing Approved Certifiers to transition their scope of accreditation with the Accreditation Body to the improved Scheme
- All existing Approved Certifiers to enter into a new Approved Certifier Agreement

Within 3 years of

- All Level 2 products to be re-certified in accordance with the requirements of the improved Scheme
- •All exisiting Level 2 Approved Users to enter into a new Approved User Agreement

Within 5 years of

- All Level 1 products to be re-certified in accordance with the requirements of the improved Scheme
- All existing Level 1 Approved Users to enter into a new Approved User Agreement