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# Announcement dated 9 November 2022 on New versions of IQNET logo and certified system mark -Information for certified Organizations

Dear All,

In 2022, IQNET released new versions of IQNET logo and IQNET certified system mark.

The main factors that initiated the development of the new version of the mark were:

- Refreshing of IQNET image
- Adaptation to current trends
- Needs expressed by IQNET members in this regard.

IQNET certified system mark is property of IQNET Association.

IQNET certificate and IQNET certified system mark, as globally recognized brands, together with original mark of the certified management system of the Polish Centre for Testing and Certification support certified Organizations in business development on a par with other brands of international players, opening up greater commercial opportunities, building a presence on the international market along with sustained systematic development.

IQNET members performing certification of approved products and services can be proud to use IQNET certified system mark.

IQNET Certificate, including IQNET certified system mark, as a marketing tool to be used by Organizations certified by the Polish Centre for Testing and Certification

IQNET certified system mark can be used by certified Organizations only in accordance with the rules established in the current version of the document:

DBC 13 "Rules for the use of PCBC CERTIFIED SYSTEM MARK and IQNET CERTIFIED SYSTEM MARK" (document attached).

#### <u>Certified Organizations - transition arrangements</u>

Polish Centre for Testing and Certification establishes a transitional period until the end of 2023 for using, both IQNET "old and new "certified system mark by certified Organizations.

From 1 January 2024, only new version of IQNET certified system mark shall be used, both in paper and electronic materials, websites, signboards, banners, etc.

If an Organization has received a new version of IQNET certified system mark together with PCBC and IQNET certificate, within completed audit, it is recommended to use the new version of IQNET certified system mark.

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Organizations that have received new PCBC and IQNET certificate but have not received the new version of IQNET certified system mark, within the audit carried out in 2022 will be provided with IQNET certified system mark by the end of 2022.

These Organizations within the transition period until 31 December 2023 can use the "old" IQNET certification mark or, if possible, the "new" IQNET certified system mark (after receiving it). The correctness of the use of marks shall be a part of assessment during audits in certification processes.

#### PCBC certificates - transition period arrangements

As part of the arrangements with IQNET, PCBC - from July 2022, issue management system certificates and apply and provide organizations with new version of IQNET certified system mark.

Certificates issued according to the old rules ("the old template of PCBC and IQNET certificate and old IQNET certified system mark") will remain valid until the end of the validity period indicated in the certificate. Certificates will be exchanged if the data on the certificate changes (e.g. address, scope).

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### Annex:

1. DBC 13 "Rules for the use of: PCBC CERTIFIED SYSTEM MARK and IQNET CERTIFIED SYSTEMMARK", Issue 3, dated 25 July 2022.