



Andhra Pradesh MedTech Zone Ltd (AMTZ)

**Healthcare Textiles Processing Facility
Certification (HEALTEXPROF) Scheme
(Rules for Use of Scheme Mark)**



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1.0 Introduction:

This Scheme applies to multiple-use healthcare textile processing services of health care facilities, contracted processors, repacking operations, and/ or sterile pack lease/rental operations servicing health care facilities. Once the compliance to the Scheme is assessed and approved by the AMTZ (Scheme owner), the Certification body (CB) shall be allowed to use Scheme mark/logo through a legally enforceable agreement.

2.0 Scope:

This document defines the rules for use of HEALTEXPROF Scheme logo or mark. The CB shall define its rule for use of CB mark. The requirements for use of Scheme logo/mark through an enforceable agreement between AMTZ and CB is also defined in this document along with the obligation of CB.

3.0 Requirements for Use of Scheme Mark:

3.1 The CB approved by AMTZ under this Scheme shall enter into a written contract with Scheme Owner, are eligible to use the Scheme approved Mark as per the provisions mentioned in this document.

3.2 The Scheme approved mark is a protected mark owned by AMTZ, being the Scheme owner of the **HEALTEXPROF** Scheme, indicating that the processing of multiple-use healthcare textile processes of the relevant service provider (Laundry operator, Hospitals, clinics etc) are in conformity with specified criteria under the Scheme. The “Mark” is also commonly known as a “Logo”, however for the sake of aligning it with the international requirements the same will henceforth be referred to as the “Mark”.

3.3 The Scheme owner is responsible to establish, implement, and amend this procedure in consultation with the Certification Committee (CC). The approved Certification bodies (CBs) are responsible to comply with the procedure at all times.

3.4 Any infringement may lead to the suspension or cancellation of the certificate. The colour combinations of the mark as specified in this document shall be followed.

3.5 The certified Organization shall not make any misleading claims with respect to the Scheme Mark.

3.6 CB shall not use the Scheme Mark in such a manner as to bring the Scheme Owner (AMTZ) into disrepute.



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3.7 The certified organization, upon suspension or withdrawal of its certification, shall discontinue use of the Scheme mark, in any form. In such situation, CB shall discontinue use of all advertising matter that contains any reference to its certification status.

3.9 In case of violation, the Scheme owner is entitled to take appropriate action legally or otherwise to prohibit the use of mark, and any other action as deemed appropriate.

3.10 In case the certified organization does not take suitable action to address the wrong use of the Scheme mark, the certification body may suspend/withdraw the certification.

3.11 If a certified organization's certification is suspended; its certificate cancelled, withdrawn or discontinued, it is the certified organization's responsibility to discontinue the use of the Scheme mark from the date from which the certificate stands suspended, cancelled, and withdrawn or discontinuation comes into force. The certification bodies that have certified the organization, needs to ensure compliance as stated above.

3.12 The Scheme logo must always be used in its original, designed proportions. The Scheme logo is available electronically from the Scheme owner.

4.0 Scheme Approved mark

4.1 The mark shall be reduced or enlarged proportionately however shall not be less than 5 mm in size.

4.2 Scheme Mark (Logo)

The scheme logo is as per Annexure I of this document.

5.0 Obligation of the Approved Certification Body

5.1 The relevant CB shall forward the details of the certified organization, covering as a minimum the following information on a quarterly basis:

5.1.1 Name and address of the certified organization

5.1.2 Legal entity Status (with evidence)

5.1.3 Names of the top management/ownership details

5.1.4 Details of the Certification granted – level, number, validity, etc.

5.1.5 Any other significant detail as considered relevant.



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5.2 The CB shall also forward the copy of the draft Certification document with Scheme logo it intends to issue to the certified organization.

5.3 Upon receiving the signed agreement form from Scheme owner, the certification body shall issue the certificate, inform the certified organization regarding permission to use the Scheme mark(s) and also forward the signed contract form to them. The certification validity shall commence from the day the contract with AMTZ is signed.

5.4 The CB shall use the Scheme Mark if approved by Scheme owner in case of unaccredited CBs for an initial one year, but within that one year, CB has to get accreditation from IAF MLA signatory AB.

5.5 Only after the certification body obtains AB accreditation from IAF MLA, the certification body shall use the AB Accreditation Mark.

6. Process for Use of Scheme Mark

6.1 A certified organization may apply for use of Scheme mark under the Scheme.

6.2 Any other requirement stated in scheme documentation for use of Scheme mark to be considered along with above requirements.

6.3 This process shall be facilitated by the AMTZ approved certification body.

7.0 Use of Mark

7.1 Mark shall be issued under the Scheme – Healthcare Textiles Processing Facility Certification (HEALTEXPROF) Scheme.

7.2 While the clients certified as per the Scheme, are allowed to place their marks on packaging of the product and off-product for marketing and promotional purposes. They are not allowed to place the Mark on the product.

Note 1: Product packaging is considered as that which can be removed without the product disintegrating or being damaged.

Note 2: Accompanying information is considered as separately available or easily detachable.

7.3 The off-product use means that the certified clients can use the Mark to which they are certified in publicity material, pamphlet, letterheads, other similar stationary, media for exchange of any communication, for promoting the awareness of the Scheme, the Scheme mark, etc.



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7.4 The organization may also use the Scheme Certificate issued by the CB as part of publicity material.

7.5 The organization may use a removable label sticker as statement of conformity on the product packaging as “process is certified as per HEALTEXPROF Scheme” without using the Scheme logo.

7.6 The various components of the Scheme marking must have substantially the same vertical dimension, which may not be less than 5 mm. This minimum dimension may be waived for small-scale product. The height of the Scheme Mark shall be 5 mm minimum, and the size of inscriptions Scheme name shall be properly visible.

7.7 The height to width ratio shall be maintained as per the logo packs as provided by AMTZ.

7.8 The Scheme owner logo shall be used on certificates issued by CB with prior approval of AMTZ.

8.0 Fee

8.1 The certified organization shall pay an annual fee to AMTZ, for the use of Scheme Mark as prescribed from time to time. This payment shall be made to its certification body for onward submission to AMTZ.



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Annexure I:
Scheme Logo





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