

Guidelines MPS-Group Label

Definition of the MPS-Group Label:

An MPS-Group Label may be used by a group of companies if all individual companies of the group individually meet the requirements of the relevant certificate/label. As such, the group as such meets all requirements of the relevant certificate/label. The group will receive a unique MPS number. The MPS-Group Label will be (automatically) issued by MPS. If one of the companies in the group does not have a valid (individual) certificate/label or if the points from the agreement are not met, the MPS-Group Label will be withdrawn.

Checks:

MPS will carry out checks on the correct use of the MPS-Group Label.

Application for the MPS-Group Label:

When applying for the MPS-Group Label, an agreement will be signed between MPS and the Group. The following note is made here:

1. The group owner is responsible for the contractual obligations and the executive matters regarding the relevant MPS Group Label.
2. The group owner is responsible for communication to the group members.
3. Mutations in the composition of the group will be communicated by the group owner to MPS no later than the day on which the mutation takes effect.
4. New group members will have a valid certificate/label upon joining the group.
5. The costs of the MPS-Group Label, stated in the MPS-ABC cost overview (the group label for the other standards/labels are included at no extra cost) will be paid by the group owner.
6. All members belonging to the group must participate in the MPS-Group Label. Participation with only part of the group is not possible.

Agreement:

A signed copy of the agreement for participation in the MPS-Group Label must be in the possession of MPS.

Number of participants per group

Minimum number of participants in a group is 2. Maximum number of participants in a group is 100.

MPS-Group Label assessment:

The allocation of the MPS-ABC group label coincides with the assessment moments of MPS-ABC, once per quarter. One week prior to the assessment moment of the MPS-ABC certificate, the group owner will be informed of the certification status of the individual participants. The group owner is responsible for addressing the individual participants. If an individual participant needs help with the MPS-ABC record-keeping, MPS can offer support.

At all MPS-Group Labels, MPS checks daily whether all individual members of the group have the relevant MPS certificate. If one individual member does not have a certificate, use of the label by the group is not allowed.

Use of the uniform vignette:

The uniform vignette with group number may be used for all MPS group labels. The same requirements apply as described in the relevant certification standards.

Sell products:

The products of the individual companies can be sold under the group qualification or under their own individual qualification.

Additional requirements MPS-ABC group label:

Since MPS-ABC is a usage record-keeping with four assessment moments, we describe below a number of additional requirements with regard to the group label MPS-ABC.

1. Record-keeping: each individual company records according to the MPS-ABC guidelines.
2. Standardisation: per individual company.
3. Qualification: each individual company is qualified according to the MPS-ABC system. The following system is used for the allocation of the MPS-ABC group label: The group receives the ABC score of the lowest scoring individual member. If all members have the same ABC score, this score is assigned to the entire group.*

Example 1: All members score MPS-A+. MPS awards MPS-A+ to the group.

Example 2: All members score MPS-A, one member scores MPS-B. MPS assigns MPS-B to the group.

Example 3: All members score MPS-A+, one member scores MPS-C. MPS assigns MPS-C to the group.

*To be eligible for the MPS-ABC group label, no member of the group may be Non Qualified.

Costs:

The costs for the group label are determined annually by MPS. The costs are € 50,- per individual participant per year. The group label for the other standards/labels will be included at no extra cost.