Further information

Solar Keymark Web Site:
www.solarkeymark.org

European Solar Thermal Industry Federation:
www.estif.org

CEN Keymark:
www.cenorm.be/conf_assess/keymark/keymarktext.htm

To apply for a Solar Keymark license please contact one of the certification bodies listed at:

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**The Keymark**

The CEN/CENELEC European Mark - The Keymark - is a general voluntary mark, developed by the European Committee for Standardisation (CEN). The clear and simple message of The Keymark is that the product complies with the European Standard(s) covering the product. The basic elements in the certification scheme are:

- Type testing of products according to the EN standards.
- Factory production control (ISO9000 level).

For the time being the Keymark is licensed for use in combination with a national mark.

**The Solar Keymark**

The Solar Keymark is the result of a voluntary certification scheme supported by the European Solar Industry Federation (ESTIF) and the European Commission.

This Keymark for solar thermal products will assist users to select quality solar collectors and systems conforming to the European standards.

Solar Keymark certification will be available in the beginning of 2003.

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**Benefits to the user**

To the user/buyer of solar thermal products the Solar Keymark states: This product fulfils the European Standards which means:

- Reliable quality.
- Reliable performance information.
- Requirements¹ for obtaining subsidy fulfilled in most cases.

**Benefits to the manufacturer**

To the manufacturer the Solar Keymark gives the following added values:

- Open market: The Solar Keymark works all over Europe: No need for doing the same tests in the different countries.
- Fulfils in most cases the requirements for obtaining national/regional subsidy. The Solar Keymark will normally act as the requirement for obtaining subsidies from public authorities and for entering into regional, national and/or European public (and private) projects.

¹The mission of the Solar Keymark is to be generally accepted as the required European quality level for solar thermal products.