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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

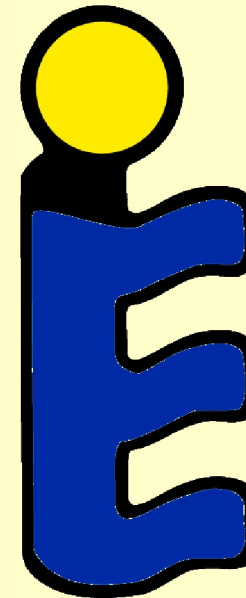
To apply for a Solar Keymark license please
contact one of the certification bodies listed at:
www.cenorm.be/conf_assess/keymark/subpages/ecbs.htm

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SOLAR KEYMARK



**THE QUALITY LABEL FOR
SOLAR THERMAL PRODUCTS
BASED ON EUROPEAN STANDARDS**



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.



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:

- Marketing: The Solar Keymark states to the buyer: Reliable quality, reliable performance information.
- 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 requirements¹ 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 general accepted as the required European quality level for solar thermal products.