

## Solar thermal Quality factsheets

# Getting a solar thermal product certified

#### Why is certification required?

Product certification assists users to select quality products, as attest that a given product complies with the relevant European Standards.

The certification may be:

- voluntary (SK) or compulsory (ex: some CE marks);
- third-party (SK) or self-certification (CE marking);
- European (SK) or national on its scope and recognition.

Product certification, when required by a support scheme set up by a public body, assures that a proper use of public funds is done.

#### What are the advantages for the consumer?

- high quality products
- guarantee that the product sold is identical to the tested product
- confirmation that products are FULLY tested according to the relevant standards
- · eligibility for subsidies

#### What are the advantages for the manufacturer?

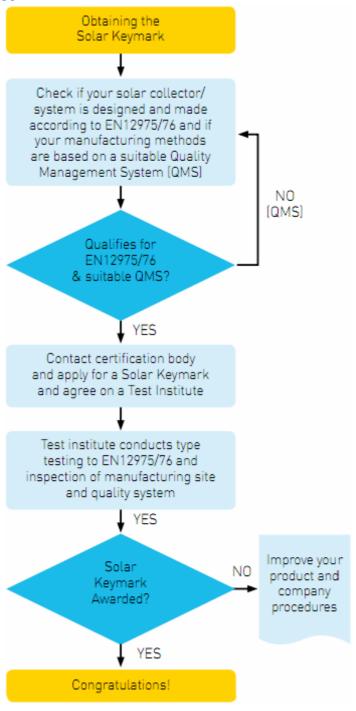
- simpler testing procedure
- one test valid for all European countries
- freedom of choice amongst the accredited test labs
- easier introduction of new products in different European countries
- simplified procedures for replacing components in certified products







### How does the Solar Keymark certification process work?



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