



IAAF Certification System

Procedures

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INTRODUCTION

Following the decisions taken by the IAAF Council in November 1996 and the amendments to the IAAF Competition Rules 140 and 187.1, IAAF introduced compulsory testing and registering of competition implements, equipment, synthetic surface products and athletics facilities eligible for use in IAAF competitions.

The system is administered by the IAAF Competition and Events Department. The IAAF shall decide on all test and tests procedures, continuously monitor compliance of certified products with the IAAF Competition Rules and Regulations.

The IAAF Certification System has been developed in response to the need for better quality products in top level competitions and the rapid developments in athletics equipment. It also recognises the growing trend towards international standardisation of product specifications, as well as the need to prevent unauthorised usage of the IAAF name. The IAAF has a world-wide responsibility to guarantee validity and accuracy of performances and to support any initiative to improve athletics goods. Not only will the Certification System serve and protect athletics manufacturers around the world, but the innovation will also give vital support to IAAF's mission in helping and protecting athletes at the top levels of the sport worldwide. This will encourage a higher standard of improving technique through using better-quality equipment and implements in international and other competitions.

Incorrect designations have been used to advertise products which may or may not have been submitted for testing by IAAF. Despite ongoing checks at competitions, many products still appear on the market which do not meet the precise requirements laid down by the International Association of Athletics Federations.

The IAAF has introduced a certification programme based upon the goal that all synthetic surface products, facilities, implements and equipment marketed for use in athletics competitions conform to IAAF specifications which includes:

- the specific definition of testing requirements;
- tighter controls on the use of the designation "IAAF Certified" (or similar designations);
- limiting the duration of agreements for the use of such IAAF designations.

Certificates issued for products affected by changes to IAAF Competition Rules will only continue to be acceptable until the date when the changes come into effect.

For the purpose of this system, the Rules and Regulations of the IAAF shall be those contained in the current edition of the IAAF Competition Rules and IAAF Track and Field Facilities Manual. These documents are accessible at

<https://www.iaaf.org/about-iaaf/documents/technical> and
<https://www.iaaf.org/about-iaaf/documents/rules-regulations>.

In the case of a dispute, refusal to grant certification or withdrawal or suspension of a current certificate, the applicant may only appeal in accordance with IAAF Rules and Regulations.

Certified Products

The manufacturer or supplier holding a valid IAAF Product Certificate may use the below IAAF Certification Logo and market an IAAF Certified Product as “Certified by IAAF - Certification Number...” The certification number must be quoted. Guidelines on the use of the logo are available from the Competition and Events Department. **Important note:** applicants must only use this logo and no other logo, emblem or mark belonging to the IAAF.



Certified Facilities

Certified facilities can use the logo below. Guidelines on the use of the logo are available from the Competition and Events Department. **Important note:** applicants must only use this logo and no other logo, emblem or mark belonging to the IAAF.



Accredited Laboratories

Accredited Laboratories for the testing of synthetic track and runway surfaces can use the logo below. Guidelines on the use of the logo are available from the Competition and Events Department. **Important note:** applicants must only use this logo and no other logo, emblem or mark belonging to the IAAF.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

The purpose of the IAAF Certification and Accreditation System is to ensure compliance with IAAF requirements:

- a. for competition surfaces to guarantee the integrity of the performances in so far as it is related to the track and runway surface. The IAAF Product Certificate is not intended as a product endorsement beyond one of suitability and acceptability for competitions under IAAF Rules.
- b. for implements and competition equipment to guarantee the integrity of the performances. The IAAF Product Certificate is not intended as an implement endorsement beyond one of suitability and acceptability for competitions under IAAF Rules.

IAAF accepts no responsibility or liability for any damage or injuries caused or alleged to have been caused in any manner by any synthetic surface product (including but not limited to those resulting from improper installation of the product or issues related to the base on which the product was installed), implement / equipment for which an IAAF Product Certificate has been issued. The IAAF Product Certificate; Facility Certificate or Laboratory Accreditation are not health and safety tests or other international, regional or national regulatory test.

CHAPTER 1

CERTIFICATION OF SYNTHETIC TRACK AND RUNWAY SURFACING PRODUCTS ("SYNTHETIC SURFACE PRODUCTS")

1.1 SCOPE OF THE SCHEME

- 1.1.1 IAAF may, on application by any manufacturer or supplier, and, subject to such tests and certification which IAAF at its discretion require, grant a Product Certificate in the terms described in these procedures and with such conditions or time limitations as considered by IAAF to be appropriate.
- 1.1.2 All costs associated with the product approval including but not limited to costs of transport of samples, laboratory tests fees, cost of processing of applications together with a fee to be set by IAAF shall be met by the manufacturer or supplier.
- 1.1.3 Manufacturers or suppliers shall inform IAAF of any proposed change of formulation or of raw materials which may affect the performance standard of any certified product and shall supply such information as considered necessary to the IAAF. In the case of synthetic track and runway surfaces, provide this information to any Accredited Laboratory nominated by IAAF for the purpose of ensuring that the product still complies with IAAF Track and Runway Synthetic Surface Testing Specifications. The IAAF shall also be advised of any changes in the product name or catalogue number.

1.2 MANUFACTURERS AND SUPPLIERS STATUS AND USE

- 1.2.1 If a manufacturer [or supplier] merges with, is taken-over or bought out by another organisation, the IAAF Competition and Events Department must be notified in writing by the manufacturer or supplier that holds the Product Certificate. When notifying, the manufacturer [or supplier] must confirm that the Product Certificate can be transferred to the new owner, when the transfer is to take place, and provide the contact details of that new organisation. If the transfer requires a new certificate to be issued, then the new organisation must apply in accordance with the procedures set out in paragraph 1.3. (The certification number may have a distinctive additional character.)
- 1.2.2 Where a supplier wishes to use in their catalogue and marketing materials a marketed product which is from another manufacturer then the supplier must clearly identify the manufacturer. The supplier can display in their catalogue or marketing materials the Product Certificate issued to that manufacturer.
- 1.2.3 Where a manufacturer or supplier is part of a group of companies or organisations, only the organisation to whom the certificate has been granted can use the Product Certificate. If other companies or organisations in the group wish to have the Product Certificate, they must either apply for a separate certificate individually or the holding or parent company or organisation must apply on their behalf and any other member of the group of companies or organisations. (The certification number may have a distinctive additional character.)
- 1.2.4 Where a manufacturer has a Product Certificate and a third-party supplier wishes to market the product which is subject to the Product Certificate under any other trade name or description, then the supplier must apply for a separate Product Certificate ("Private Label"). The supplier with their application must submit the written consent of the manufacturer referring to their Product Certificate. (The parties may request the laboratory for a copy of the original product test report - referred to in 1.4.1 - issued to the holder of the Private Label Certificate.) If approved, the Private Label will have the original certificate number and be valid for the same period of time. (The certification number may have a distinctive additional character.)

1.3 METHOD OF APPLICATION

- 1.3.1 All applications shall be on an IAAF Application Form and shall give full details of the product including materials specifications for tracks cast on site. Where considered necessary for evaluation of materials the details of suppliers must be supplied. For the purpose of a full technical evaluation, applicants shall provide, at their cost, all additional product and/or information requested by IAAF or any person or body designated by IAAF. Applications must be accompanied by the fees as set out in paragraph 1.7.
- 1.3.2 Before each application, sample pieces of the product (number and size to be determined by the chosen laboratory), shall be sent by the applicant directly to the IAAF accredited test institute / laboratory (“Laboratory”). After testing, a sample piece shall be retained by the Laboratory. In the event of a subsequent dispute over any matter concerning a product alleged to be covered by an IAAF Product Certificate, this sample will be the reference sample.

1.4 APPROVAL PROCEDURE

- 1.4.1 The Laboratory will assess and test a sample (see paragraph 1.3.2) in accordance with the IAAF Track and Runway Synthetic Surface Testing Specifications. The Laboratory shall report directly to IAAF. An IAAF standard report form (Report of Synthetic Surface Product Test) should be used to ensure that all relevant measurements are made and data collected. One small reference piece of 10cm x 10cm from the tested sample shall be enclosed with the report sent to IAAF.
Based on the results of the testing, the laboratory may provide the manufacturer with recommendations regarding the performance properties and durability of the product.
- 1.4.2 The list of IAAF Accredited Laboratories for Synthetic Surface Testing can be found in a separate document.
The laboratory accreditation criteria are listed in the document IAAF Accredited Laboratories for Testing Track and Runway Synthetic Surfaces. Both documents are accessible at
<https://www.iaaf.org/about-iaaf/documents/technical#collapsecertification-system>
- 1.4.3 The thickness listed in the Product Certificate will be the absolute thickness (as determined by the Laboratory) of the sample on which, at laboratory temperature of 23°C, complying shock absorption and vertical deformation values have been measured during the product test by the Laboratory.
- 1.4.4 In the event of any product failing to meet the required standards, the applicant will be given the opportunity of further tests. All the costs of the further tests will be met by the applicant.
- 1.4.5 Any changes or proposed changes in the IAAF Track and Runway Synthetic Surface Testing Specifications will be notified to all participating parties and shall only be effective ninety (90) days after the date of issue of such notification by IAAF.
- 1.4.6 Each item approved will be allocated an IAAF certification number, which should be used in all materials relating to that item and to that item only. (For “Private Label” see 1.2.4.)
- 1.4.7 IAAF will send the certificate to the applicant in pdf format by email and two hard copies by mail.

1.5 QUALITY CONTROL

- 1.5.1 IAAF will monitor all facilities for which compliance with the IAAF Track and Runway Synthetic Surface Testing Specifications is obligatory (IAAF Competition Rule 140) and will ensure that any Product Certificate issued for the synthetic surface used is consistent with the in-situ test results.
- 1.5.2 From time to time, IAAF may require the applicant to supply samples from facilities under construction for the purpose of monitoring the continuing conformity with the approvals granted.
- 1.5.3 Any holder of a Product Certificate may be required to supply samples for the purpose of round robin test of Laboratories at no cost to IAAF.
- 1.5.4 To achieve compliance at facilities, the product should have been installed generally to at least the absolute thickness nominated for the product in the Product Certificate. For a Class 1 facility, a product meets the technical requirements for use in all international athletics competitions if the surface installed using this product passes the in-situ Field Test and tension test. (The Field Test report allows up to 10% of the thicknesses to be less 90% of the Product Certificate thickness.)
- 1.5.5 If a product is supplied for an outdoor facility at a lesser absolute thickness than the Product Certificate absolute thickness, then the purchaser must be advised in writing by the supplier that the thickness will not meet IAAF certification requirements and the purchaser cannot claim that the facility has been surfaced with an IAAF Certified Product.
- 1.5.6 Any test results submitted to IAAF in support of any facility certification will be compared with Product Certificate issued to ensure continuing conformity with that product certification. If the test results indicate that the particular facility does not comply with the IAAF Track and Runway Synthetic Surface Testing Specifications, the IAAF may indicate the action to be taken to bring the facility into compliance or request the testing Laboratory and/or the holder of the Product Certificate to propose remedial action. If no action is taken, then a Certified Facility certification either may not be issued or, if already issued, withdrawn. Further, the associated Product Certificate may be withdrawn too.
- 1.5.7 In any case where the monitoring procedures indicate that a product no longer matches the Product Certificate, description and/or the properties, the holder of the Product Certificate will be notified and will have the opportunity within thirty (30) days of the date of the notification to show reason why the certificate should not be withdrawn by IAAF.

1.6 VALIDITY AND RENEWAL

- 1.6.1 No Product Certificate will be valid for more than four years from the date of issue. Certificates may be limited to shorter periods.
- 1.6.2 Product Certificates may be renewed, if applied for on the IAAF Certification Renewal Form and on payment of the appropriate fee, in any case where the applicant certifies that the product is unchanged and where this is confirmed by monitoring during the four previous years. A less than one-year old full laboratory test report and a list of facilities using the product in the previous four years shall be attached to the application.
- 1.6.3 The Product Certificate may be renewed for an improved / modified version of the original product if the original product is confirmed to be discontinued but, in this case, a new certification number will be issued.

- 1.6.4 IAAF will regularly publish an updated list of all certified synthetic surface products. This list will be available on the IAAF website and, on request, from IAAF.
- 1.6.5 All products with an expired certificate will be removed from the list without notice, thirty (30) days after the expiry date of the respective certificate.

1.7 FEES

- 1.7.1 The cost of certification for a synthetic surface product has been set at USD 30,000 for each of the first three products of the same company, the next three products are charged at USD 25,000 and then USD 20,000 thereafter.
- 1.7.2 If a renewal is applied for by the manufacturer, a fee of USD 7,500 for the renewal of the IAAF Product Certificate will be charged every four years.
- 1.7.3 For the “Private Label” Product Certificate described in paragraph 1.2.4, a fee of USD 7,500 is charged.
- 1.7.4 If the certificate was issued in conformity with the application, each change request requiring a new certificate as well as issuing a certificate under paragraphs 1.2.1 and 1.2.3 will incur only the USD 50 administration fee.

1.8 CERTIFICATION PROCESS SUMMARY

To facilitate the process of the application, here below is a summary of the steps required.

- 1.8.1 All documents related to the certification process are available for download on the IAAF website in the Technical / Certification System area at <https://www.iaaf.org/about-iaaf/documents/technical#collapsecertification-system>
- 1.8.2 Please provide the following:
- Application Form or Renewal Application Form (see paragraphs 1.3.1, 1.6.2) – by email
 - Report of Synthetic Surface Product Test by an IAAF Accredited Laboratory (see paragraph 1.4.1) – by email
 - For Private Label Certificate – a copy of the original product test report (see paragraph 1.4.1) issued to the holder of the Certificate (if requested by the parties) – by email
 - Pictures of the sample – by email
 - One small reference piece of 10cm x 10cm from the tested sample sent with the report (see paragraph 1.4.1) – by mail
 - Fee – preferably by bank transfer. (Once the application is received, an invoice is issued and sent to the applicant.)
- 1.8.3 The timeline may be influenced by the following:
- The availability of the Laboratory to do the test;
 - The results of the test;
 - The payment by bank transfer can take more than a week to be confirmed.

CHAPTER 2

CERTIFICATION OF TRACK AND FIELD FACILITIES

2.1 SCOPE OF THE SCHEME

- 2.1.1 IAAF Competition Rule 140 requires that the surface of competition facilities intended for use for competitions under IAAF Competition Rule 1.1(a) conform to the specifications in the IAAF Track and Field Facilities Manual and the facility hold an IAAF Class 1 Athletics Facility Certificate.
- 2.1.2 It is also recommended that when such facilities are available, competitions under IAAF Competition Rule 1.1(b) to (j) should also be held on facilities described in paragraph 2.1.1.
- 2.1.3 IAAF Competition Rule 140 also imposes that all facilities intended for use for competition under IAAF Competition Rule 1.1(b) to (j) must conform to the stringent requirements for accurate measurement contained in IAAF Competition Rules and, more specifically, in the IAAF Track and Field Facilities Manual, and must hold an IAAF Class 2 Facility Certificate.
- 2.1.4 All removable competition equipment such as hurdles, steeplechase barriers, landing mats, stop boards, throwing cages must be inspected before a competition and are not part of the Certification.
- 2.1.5 Some IAAF Member Federations have already put technical certification procedures in place that regulate and certify facilities in their own countries. Where these procedures are considered adequate, IAAF may recognise certificates issued by these Member Federations as adequate for issue of certificates, but IAAF reserves the right to re-evaluate such facilities.

2.2 APPROVALS AND METHOD OF APPLICATION

- 2.2.1 IAAF will issue the following types of Approvals. Applications must be submitted on IAAF Application Forms and accompanied by the relevant IAAF report forms:
- **IAAF Class 1 Athletics Facility Certificate**
For competition facilities conforming in all respects with the requirements of IAAF Competition Rule 140. It is a full certificate covering all technical aspects of the facility.
 - Track and Field Facilities Measurement Report Outdoor,
 - Report of Synthetic Surface Field Test (in-situ test) by an IAAF Accredited Laboratory required.
 - **IAAF Class 2 Athletics Facility Certificate**
For competition facilities in which the in-situ tests for compliance with the IAAF Track and Runway Synthetic Surface Testing Specifications have not been performed but where the synthetic surface has a valid IAAF Product Certificate and where the facility conforms to the stringent requirements for accurate measurement contained in IAAF Competition Rules.
 - Track and Field Facilities Measurement Report Outdoor required.
 - **IAAF Indoor Athletics Facility Certificate**
For competition facilities conforming in all respects with the requirements of IAAF Competition Rule 211. The make of synthetic surface installed should have an IAAF Product Certificate and be installed preferably to the thickness stated in that certificate.
 - Track and Field Facilities Measurement Report Indoor required.

Certificates are issued only for full facilities complete with all athletics event sites as indicated in the IAAF Track and Field Facilities Manual for the particular Construction Category. (See also below Confirmation of Compliance.)

In each certificate, among others, reference to the synthetic surface product and measurement report will be listed.

– **IAAF Confirmation of Compliance**

For competition facilities which are

- incomplete
- not up to international standards in all respects (“substandard facilities”)

IAAF may issue a Confirmation of Compliance with the IAAF technical requirements, so that the validity of performances could be recognised.

- The relevant part of the Track and Field Facilities Measurement Report required.

In each case, the synthetic surface must hold a current valid Product Certificate the IAAF certification number of which must be quoted in the documents submitted.

2.2.2 Each measurement report shall be on the IAAF Track and Field Facilities Measurement Report form. The measuring apparatus used shall be stated and current, valid certificates as to its accuracy shall be provided. To be valid, these certificates must have been obtained in one year before the actual measurement.

2.2.3 For the purpose of certification, the minimum kerb radius for an 400m standard track oval is 33.50m and the maximum is 41.26m (8-lane track). (Double bend tracks excepted.)

2.2.4 Application for all classifications may be made by an agent on behalf of the facility owner but should be signed by the facility owner as IAAF will require an undertaking that any changes, (relining, repairs, etc.) will be immediately notified to IAAF.

2.2.5 The full names, addresses and qualifications of all persons signing the form shall be provided.

2.2.6 The IAAF Member Federation in the country in which the facilities are located (and if required, the Area Association) will be notified of the application and will be supplied with a copy of the Certificate.

2.2.7 Applications must be followed by the payment of fees as set out in paragraph 2.5.

2.2.8 IAAF will send the certificate to the applicant in pdf format by email and three hard copies by mail.

2.3 QUALITY CONTROL

2.3.1 IAAF will monitor all facilities for which compliance with the IAAF Track and Runway Synthetic Surface Testing Specifications is obligatory (IAAF Competition Rule 140) and will ensure that any Product Certificate issued for the synthetic surface used is consistent with the in-situ test results.

2.3.2 Any test results submitted to IAAF in support of any facility certification will be compared with Product Certificate issued to ensure continuing conformity with that product certification. If the test results indicate that the particular facility does not comply with the IAAF Track and Runway Synthetic Surface Testing Specifications, the IAAF may indicate the action to be taken to bring the facility into compliance or request the testing Laboratory and/or the holder of the Product Certificate to propose remedial action. If no action is taken, then a Certified Facility certification either may not be issued or, if already issued, withdrawn. Further, the associated Product Certificate may be withdrawn too.

- 2.3.3 In the event of full or partial resurfacing and/or remarking, IAAF shall be notified, and new testing and measuring must be undertaken.
- 2.3.4 Approvals may be withdrawn, revoked or suspended by the IAAF if
- there is reasonable doubt as to the accuracy of any application (e.g. there is evidence that some or all of the report were falsified),
 - the facility is altered in any way which materially affects the accuracy of the facility, or
 - the facility is severely damaged such that the earlier reports (measurement and/or in-situ field test) are open to question.
- 2.3.5 In the transition period in paragraph 2.4.2, facility owners will be given the opportunity to schedule a partial and/or full renovation in case the certification is to be renewed. In conjunction with the Member Federations, IAAF will review the certification status of facilities with a certificate of already more than five years old on 1 January 2019. In order to assess if a facility can still remain on the certified list, IAAF may carry out a check of the facility.

2.4 VALIDITY AND RENEWAL

- 2.4.1 In order to ensure that IAAF Approvals guarantee a good quality surface for athletics competition, starting January 2019, all certificates under this scheme are issued with a 5-year validity. Approvals may be limited to shorter periods at the discretion of the IAAF. (E.g. if a synthetic surface has been laid, marked and measured more than 12 months before the date of application, the certificate may have a validity period less than 5 years.) If the quality of the surface allows it, and this is confirmed by a control check, there is a possibility for up to a 3-year extension of the certificate.
- 2.4.2 Under the current scheme, all facility certificates already existing at 1 January 2019 will be considered expired on 31 December 2023.
- 2.4.3 Approvals issued under these procedures shall apply only to the technical suitability of the track and field competition. The requirements of specific Technical Regulations, where appropriate, must be met for those competitions.
- 2.4.4 The IAAF recognises that renovation of facilities may, in appropriate circumstances, involve re-topping of the existing synthetic surface if sound with the same product or a different IAAF approved product. Normally, the product used for the re-topping will then be shown in the new certificate. The advice of a testing Laboratory might be necessary to determine the appropriate additional thickness of synthetic and compatibility of the products in order to still meet the IAAF Track and Runway Synthetic Surface Testing Specifications. The approval of IAAF should not be assumed and, if in doubt, IAAF should be consulted before renovation is undertaken.
Further advice on renovating synthetic surfaces is contained at paragraphs 3.1.4 and 7.2.1.9 of the IAAF Track and Facilities Manual.
- 2.4.5 IAAF will regularly publish an updated list of all certified athletics facilities. This list will be available on the IAAF website and, on request, from IAAF.
- 2.4.6 All facilities with an expired certificate will be removed from the list without notice, thirty (30) days after the expiry date of the respective certificate.

2.5 FEES

- 2.5.1 The cost of certification for an athletics facility has been set as follows:

From 1 April 2019 (changes are in bold):

	1st Certification	Extension for 3 years
Class 1	USD 10,000	USD 1000
Class 2	USD 2,000	USD 1000
Indoor	USD 2,000	USD 1000

2.5.2 The cost of a Confirmation of Compliance has been set as follows:

	1st Certification	Extension for 3 years
Incomplete / Substandard Facility:	*USD 1000	*USD 500

2.5.3 If the certificate was issued in conformity with the application, each change request requiring a new certificate will incur a USD 50 administration fee.

2.6 CERTIFICATION PROCESS SUMMARY

To facilitate the process of the application for a Product Certificate, here below is a summary of the steps required.

2.6.1 All documents related to the certification process are available for download on the IAAF website in the Technical / Certification System area at <https://www.iaaf.org/about-iaaf/documents/technical#collapsecertification-system>

2.6.2 Please provide the following:

- Application Form (see paragraph 2.2.1) – by email.
- Track and Field Facilities Measurement Report by a surveyor (see paragraph 2.2.2) – by email
- Pictures of the facility – by email
- Report of Synthetic Surface Field Test (in-situ test) by an IAAF Accredited Laboratory (for Class 1 only) (see paragraph 2.2.1) – by mail
- Fee – preferably by bank transfer. (Once the application is received, an invoice is issued and sent to the applicant.)

2.6.3 The timeline may be influenced by the following:

- The findings of the review of the Measurement Report;
- The findings of the review of the Synthetic Surface Field Test Report (for Class 1 only); The timeline for receiving an acceptable report varies considerably. It depends on the quality of the report, issues to be dealt with, corrections to be made, additional information to be provided, etc.
- The payment by bank transfer can take more than a week to be confirmed.

CHAPTER 3**CERTIFICATION OF COMPETITION THROWING IMPLEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT****3.1 SCOPE OF THE SCHEME**

- 3.1.1 IAAF Competition Rule 187.1 requires that only certified implements be used at all international competitions. For identification as an IAAF certified implement, each piece must be marked with the product name and/or catalogue number and/or, preferably, IAAF certification number.
- 3.1.2 In accordance with IAAF Competition Rule 187.2 Note: “IAAF certified” implements may include older models that previously held a certificate but are not in production any longer. During competitions, all implements are checked by the Technical Manager to confirm that they comply with the IAAF Competition Rules in force at the time.
- 3.1.3 The temporary facility structures referred to in IAAF Competition Rule 149.2 are subject to product certification in accordance with the specification determined by IAAF.
- 3.1.4 IAAF may, on application by any manufacturer or supplier, and, subject to such tests and certification which IAAF at its discretion require, grant a Product Certificate in the terms hereinafter described and with such conditions or time limitations as are deemed by IAAF to be appropriate.
- 3.1.5 All costs associated with the approval including but not limited to costs of transport of samples, laboratory tests fees, cost of processing of applications together with a fee to be set by IAAF shall be met by the manufacturer or supplier.
- 3.1.6 Manufacturers or suppliers shall inform IAAF of any proposed changes which may affect the approval of any certified product and shall supply such information as is deemed necessary by IAAF to IAAF or to any test institute(s) nominated by IAAF for the purpose of ensuring that the product still complies with the IAAF specifications. The IAAF shall also be advised of any changes in the product name or catalogue number.

3.2 MANUFACTURERS AND SUPPLIERS STATUS AND USE

- 3.2.1 If a manufacturer [or supplier] merges with, is taken-over or bought out by another organisation, the IAAF Competition and Events Department must be notified in writing by the manufacturer or supplier that holds the Product Certificate. When notifying, the manufacturer [or supplier] must confirm that the Product Certificate can be transferred to the new owner, when the transfer is to take place, and provide the contact details of that new organisation. If the transfer requires a new certificate to be issued, then the new organisation must apply in accordance with the procedures set out in paragraph 3.3. (The certification number may have a distinctive additional character.)
- 3.2.2 Where a supplier wishes to use in their catalogue and marketing materials a marketed product which is from another manufacturer then the supplier must clearly identify the manufacturer. The supplier can display in their catalogue or marketing materials the Product Certificate issued to that manufacturer.
- 3.2.3 Where a manufacturer or supplier is part of a group of companies or organisations, only the organisation to whom the certificate has been granted can use the Product Certificate. If other companies or organisations in the group wish to have the Product Certificate, they must either apply individually or the holding or parent company or organisation must apply on their behalf and any other member of the group of companies or organisations.
- 3.2.4 Where a manufacturer has a Product Certificate and a third-party supplier wishes to market the product which is subject to the Product Certificate under any other trade name

or description, then the supplier must apply for a separate Product Certificate (“Private Label”). The supplier with their application must submit the written consent of the manufacturer referring to their Product Certificate. If approved, the Private Label will have the original certificate number and be valid for the same period of time. (The certification number may have a distinctive additional character.)

3.3 METHOD OF APPLICATION

3.3.1 All applications shall be on IAAF Application Forms and shall give full details of the product including materials and technical drawings. For the purpose of a full technical evaluation, applicants shall provide, at their cost, all additional product and/or information requested by IAAF or any person or body designated by IAAF.

Applications must be accompanied by fees as set out in paragraph 3.7.

3.3.2 Each application for implement approval shall be accompanied by one sample of the implement.

Hammer handles are not certified separately but need a separate approval. A minimum of four samples shall be sent for testing to the IAAF accredited test institute accompanied by a Hammer Handle Product Test Data Sheet.

Each application for competition equipment approval shall be accompanied by a detailed technical description and full technical scale drawings. IAAF may, at its discretion, require samples of certain pieces of equipment as well (see paragraph 3.7.2).

Throwing cages require an in-situ inspection by an IAAF nominated inspector whose reasonable expenses shall be paid for by the applicant for the certification.

In the event of a subsequent dispute over any matter concerning implements or equipment alleged to be covered by an IAAF Product Certificate, the mentioned samples and/or drawings will be reference material.

3.4 APPROVAL PROCEDURE

3.4.1 IAAF will assess and test products according to the IAAF Competition Rules and Regulations in force.

3.4.2 IAAF could, at the applicant’s cost, arrange inspection of equipment and/or implements at the manufacturer’s premises bearing in mind, of course, that reference samples of implements must be transported to IAAF.

3.4.3 In the event of any product failing to meet the required standard, the applicant will be afforded the opportunity of further tests. All costs will be discharged by the applicant.

3.4.4 From time to time IAAF may require the applicant to supply additional samples for the purpose of monitoring the continuing conformity with the approvals granted.

3.4.5 Each item approved will be allocated an IAAF certification number, which should be used in all materials relating to that item and to that item only. (For “Private Label” see paragraph 3.2.4.)

3.4.6 IAAF will send the certificate to the applicant in pdf format by email and two hard copies by mail.

3.5 VALIDITY AND RENEWAL

3.5.1 No Product Certificate will be valid for more than four years from the date of issue. Certificates may be limited to shorter periods.

3.5.2 Product Certificates may be renewed if applied for on the IAAF Certification Renewal Application Form, with appropriate new technical documentation attached, and on

payment of the appropriate fee in any case where the applicant certifies that the product is unchanged and where this is confirmed by monitoring during the four previous years. The Product Certificate may be renewed for an improved / modified version of the original product if the original product is confirmed to be discontinued but, in this case, a new certification number will be issued.

3.5.3 IAAF will regularly publish an updated list of all certified competition implements and equipment. This list will be available on the IAAF website and, on request, from IAAF.

3.5.4 All products with an expired certificate will be removed from the list without notice, thirty (30) days after the expiry date of the respective certificate.

3.6 QUALITY CONTROL

3.6.1 Competition implements, and equipment will be subject to periodic testing and monitoring by Federation, Area and IAAF Technical Delegates to verify weights, accuracy, etc. Implements and equipment supplied should be checked for compliance with the IAAF Competition Rules before being accepted from the supplier. It is for the purchaser to determine the item's fitness for the purpose based on his knowledge of the local conditions and use.

3.6.2 In any case where the monitoring procedures indicate that a product no longer matches the Product Certificate, description and/or the properties, the holder of the Product Certificate will be notified and will have the opportunity within thirty (30) days of the date of the notification to show reason why the certificate should not be withdrawn by IAAF.

3.6.3 Any holder of a Product Certificate may be required to supply samples for the purpose of verifying continuing conformity with IAAF Competition Rules and Regulations.

3.7 FEES

3.7.1 The cost of certification for competition implements and equipment has been set as follows:

From 1 April 2019 (changes are in bold):

Implements:

	1st Certification	Renewal & Private Label
Implements per type	USD 700	USD 350

Equipment:

	1st Certification	Renewal & Private Label
Landing area	USD 2,800	USD 1,400
Throwing cage	USD 2,000	USD 1,000
Uprights	USD 1,400	USD 700
Hurdles	USD 1,400	USD 700
Steeple barriers	USD 700	USD 350
Starting block	USD 700	USD 350
Fixed equipment	USD 350	USD 175
Crossbar	USD 140	USD 70
Other Equipment (e.g. relay baton)	USD 100	USD 50
Temporary facility structures	USD 1,000	USD 500

3.7.2 Fixed equipment comprises the take-off board, Pole Vault box, Shot Put stop board, throwing circle, conversion circle and track inside kerb.

3.7.3 The fee covers one model of implement or equipment only.

Different weights, sizes*, material or names of implements / equipment are considered as different types, therefore will require another certificate.

Different colours of the same implement / equipment will obviously be identical, and no fee will be charged. The IAAF shall be advised also of colour changes to any approved implement / equipment.

*Vertical jump landing areas, if they are only different size versions of the same model, may be issued a separate certificate at no additional fee, with only the USD 50 administration fee charged.

3.7.4 For the “Private Label” Product Certificate described in paragraph 3.2.4, the fee charged will be equivalent to the renewal fee.

3.7.5 If the certificate was issued in conformity with the application, each change request requiring a new certificate as well as issuing a certificate under paragraphs 3.2.1 and 3.2.3 will incur a USD 50 administration fee.

3.8 CERTIFICATION PROCESS SUMMARY

To facilitate the process of the application, here below is a summary of the steps required.

3.8.1 All documents related to the certification process are available for download on the IAAF website in the Technical / Certification System area at <https://www.iaaf.org/about-iaaf/documents/technical#collapsecertification-system>

3.8.2 Please provide the following:

- Application or Renewal Application Form (see paragraphs 3.3.1, 3.5.2) – by email
- Technical drawings – by email
- Technical description – by email
- Picture – by email
- One sample can be requested to be sent by mail for the following products:
 - Implements: shot, discus, hammer, javelin
 - Equipment: hurdle top bar, crossbar (ca.30cm) with end piece, relay baton
- For a hammer certification:
 - the handle shall be tested separately – four samples to be mailed to the test institute
 - Hammer Handle Product Test Data Sheet – by mail to IAAF and the test institute
- For a throwing cage certification:
 - In addition to the IAAF Competition Rule requirements, special requirements are detailed at paragraph 6.3.2 in the Track and Field Facilities Manual
 - Fully dimensioned drawings of the cage and its footings;
 - Wind load calculations for the structure and its footings for various soil conditions to prove that the posts have adequate strength and there is a minimum factor of safety of 2 against overturning for footings in the ground and of 4 for free-standing cages relying on counterweights for stability at the design wind speed;
 - Detailed instructions for setting out and installing the footings, gate fixing anchors (hammer cage), cage structure and the netting;
 - Detailed instructions for gate operation and anchoring (hammer cage), and netting tensioning and anchoring;
 - Details of the netting dimensions and strength.
 - Detailed instructions for the periodic safety inspections of the cage and its fittings.
 - In-situ inspection of the erected cage should be organised.
- Fee – preferably by bank transfer. (Once the application is received, an invoice is issued and sent to the applicant.)

3.8.3 The timeline may be influenced by the following:

- The findings of the review of the technical documentation
The timeline for receiving an acceptable documentation varies considerably. It depends on the issues to be dealt with, corrections to be made, additional information to be provided, etc.;
- Problem with the of compliance of the item;
- The availability of the test institute to do the hammer handle test and the results of the test;
- The organisation of the cage inspection;
- The payment by bank transfer can take more than a week to be confirmed.