

INSTA-CERT news

New structure of INSTA-CERT

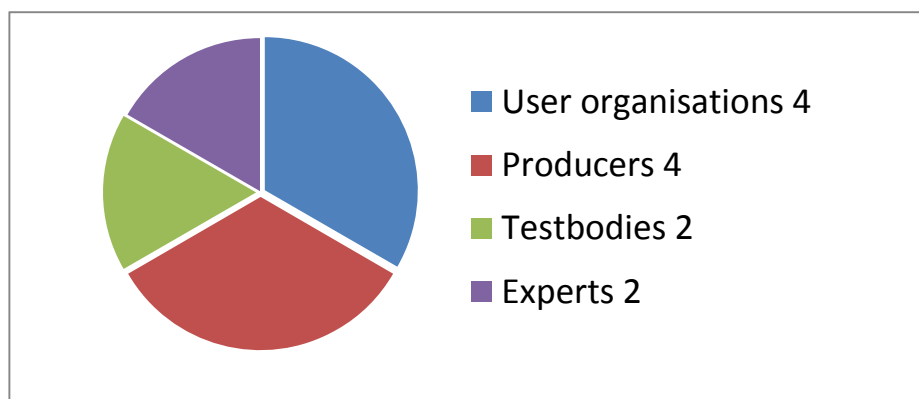
Constitution of INSTA-CERT working group (WG1) has been modified for to give possibility to user organisations to participate.

Since 2004 INSTA-CERT has certified products according to common Nordic certification rules. Rules are established on the basis of European standards and specified according to Nordic requirements with the aim to keep the quality level we are used to in Scandinavia. Users must be confident about suitability of products in Nordic circumstances. It has been important for INSTA-CERT to work together with user organizations in the Nordic countries as well as producers to ensure that our Nordic quality level in NPM –marked products will be fulfilled.

Together with the organizations INSTA-CERT in 2016 started improving the structure for INSTA-CERT, which was accepted in the end of 2017.

Changes have been made in configuration of working group (WG1) whose task is to draw up proposals for certification rules. INSTA-CERT has invited representatives from user organizations beside producers, test bodies and expert organizations to participate in this working group (WG1). This configuration ensures that needs and expectations of all parties will be heard.

The Figure below shows the composition of WG1 with totally 12 members.



Some statistics proving the quality from the Years 2016 and 2017:

INSTA-CERT is working according to the standard ISO/IEC17065 and has since 2016 collected data at regularly basis in order to improve the quality of certification system.

The amount of nonconformities noticed in 2017 and 2016

Amount of nonconformities found during inspection visits or in annual tests	Year	
	2016	2017
minor	49	29
bigger than minor, but smaller than major	-	15
major*	7	6
totally	56	50
Claims received from the market	0	0

*Major nonconformities mean that the certificate or part of it will be withdrawn and use of the certification mark is not allowed before corrective actions have been accepted. Depending on the nature of the nonconformity, it can mean that products produced during the same period are required to be called back from market and of course products in own stock shall inspect.

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Proposals for new and updated certification rules (SBCs) are available and comments leaved on http://www.insta-cert.net/sc_hf.php?meny_id=8&id=1.

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