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EUROPEAN WATER LABEL AUDIT TESTING

There are various existing options to qualify for audit as follows:-

- The audit testing will be conducted by an independent and competent accredited (ISO 17025) test house, which is ILAC registered and listed on the European Water Label.
- The audit testing will be verified by auditors affiliated with accredited ISO 17025 test laboratories based in overseas offices and must be registered either independently or listed under an existing registered test laboratory on the European Water Label.
- The audit testing will be conducted by Scheme member's test laboratories accredited to ISO 17025, must be registered on the European Water Label and comply with the test scope on www.europeanwaterlabel.eu/testhouses.asp see Test House Requirements document.
- The audit testing will be witnessed by the European Water Label representative. The site test equipment must be calibrated to National Standards.

Auditing and witness testing must be undertaken by representatives who hold a suitable e.g. BSI or equivalent auditor qualification to ISO 9001.

Products registered to the Scheme, for which the manufacturer is able to prove and provide certificate documentation that a third party flow-rate testing has already been carried out by an independent and competent accredited (ISO 17025) test house listed on the European Water Label and attests the conformity of the product to the Scheme criteria, can be exempted from the audit. All new registered products will not be liable for product auditing during the first 12 months. Any products subsequently called for audit and successfully passed after 12 months will then not be liable for product auditing for a further 3 years. All product auditing must be undertaken within 9 months of notification.

In the event of failure to comply with the Scheme's requirements, the Scheme administrator will launch actions aiming at restoring compliance. The signatory shall be liable for all the costs relating to the test and re-testing.