DEMONSTRATE MORE THAN JUST THE SAFETY OF YOUR PRODUCT

‘Geprüfte Sicherheit’ (tested safety) is the only voluntary statutorily regulated certification mark. This means that the GS mark is an excellent starting point for retail businesses and a valuable aid for quality conscious consumers making purchasing decisions.

The GS mark demonstrates that:

- A representative sample of the product has been evaluated, tested and approved as safe on the basis of Germany’s Product Safety Act, which is more stringent than the EN standard
- The production line is inspected annually
- You are voluntarily certifying your product and manufacturing process against the GS mark which goes above and beyond the EN standard

BENEFITS – BE ABOVE AVERAGE

The GS mark signifies that a product has had its safety tested by a third party accredited testing institute and that continuous production control is being maintained. GS bodies are authorised by the German authorities (ZLS) to grant the legally protected GS mark.

As it is a voluntary mark, GS provides you with a significant marketing advantage in the German market and throughout the EU. In addition, the GS mark exceeds the requirements of the mandatory CE marking.

INSPECTION – GUARANTEE MARKET SUCCESS

Depending on the standards and directives applicable to your product, a production site inspection must be carried out at least once a year.
SGS GS MARK VS. CE MARKING

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<td>A symbol indicating approval for the safety and health of the user</td>
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<td>A symbol of mandatory self-declaration of compliance by the supplier</td>
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<td>Tested and certified by an independent laboratory</td>
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<td>Product tested by an impartial organisation</td>
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<td>Comprehensive approval to legal requirements for safety and health</td>
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<td>Continuous production inspection by an independent third party for the entire duration of the certification</td>
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**TESTED PRODUCTS**

Various ready-for-use products can be tested. In the field of electrical and electronics for example, we can test:
- Household appliances
- Luminaries and lamps
- IT equipment
- Audio/Video equipment
- Power supplies, power tools
- Garden tools
- Lab equipment
- Batteries and battery packs
- Etc.

**WHY CHOOSE SGS?**

SGS is the world’s leading inspection, verification, testing and certification company. We are recognized as the global benchmark for quality and integrity. With more than 90,000 employees, we operate a network of more than 2,000 offices and laboratories around the world.

Independent and innovative, our Electrical & Electronics experts use state-of-the-art facilities and technology to deliver tailor made added value services that support improve your business.

We strive to deliver outstanding value at every step in your project by providing:
- Rapid turnaround
- Value-based pricing
- Technical assistance
- Key account management

Our expertise in compliance management will support you make the right choices for different national markets, while carrying out the necessary testing and certification quickly and professionally.

**GLOBAL REACH WITH A LOCAL TOUCH**

With a presence in nearly every single region around the globe, our experts speak the local language, understand the culture of the local market and operate globally in a consistent, reliable and cost effective manner.

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WHEN YOU NEED TO BE SURE

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