

**The BETA Certification Scheme for High-Visibility Garments
used by horse riders and drivers and those working with horses**

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**To be known as the 'BETA High Visibility Certification' Scheme &
Mark**



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The BETA High-Visibility Certification Mark for horse riders and drivers and those working with horses.

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1. Introduction

This Scheme is intended to help all consumers of High-Visibility garments intended for equestrian use, (whether this be retailers or end users), be able to identify those garments and accessories that have successfully been tested by an appropriate test house. Members of the scheme will have proven their compliance to BETA in order to gain the right to utilise the BETA certification mark and their eligibility to continue to use this mark will be checked annually.

The BETA Certification scheme for equestrian High-Visibility equipment operated by the British Equestrian Trade Association Limited will require garments to have labelling on garment to make confirmation of their membership of the scheme more easily identifiable. Addition labelling on packaging will be voluntary.

The details of the operation of the scheme are given in informative Annex B which will be re-issued periodically by BETA.

2. Scope

This certification mark covers garments made to EN 471 (For professional use), EN1150 (Leisure wear) and EN13356 (accessories):by Normative Reference. It also contains details of the British Equestrian Trade Association Certification scheme's additional requirements on members of the scheme.

The standards for high visibility clothing are designed to ensure that the wearer is clearly visible to motorists against the background in all weather and lighting conditions whether daylight, rain, mist, dusk or night time. Clothing must have a combination of fluorescent material for daytime visibility and reflective material for low light and night-time conditions.

3. Implementation dates

- The BETA High-Visibility Certification Mark Scheme shall be implemented from 20.02.2010.

4. Normative References

This Scheme incorporates by dated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and are listed hereafter. For a dated reference, subsequent amendments to or revisions of it, apply to this Scheme only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision.

EN 471:2003 Professional Work Wear

EN 1150:1999 Leisure Wear

EN13356:2001 Accessories

5. Requirements

Products for certification under the British Equestrian Trade Association Limited scheme shall meet all the requirements of EN 471, 1150 & 13356, as appropriate for the garment or accessory concerned. Refer Appendix B for full details of the obligations placed on members of the BETA scheme.

6. Labelling

Products shall be labelled as required according to the standard that the products meet: EN471, 1150 or 13356)

7. Marking

In addition to the requirements contained within EN471, 1150 or 13356, products shall be permanently marked with the appropriate Official BETA Certification Label according to the standard that the products meet. Refer to Annex B for full marking options and requirements.

Labels can be obtained only from the British Equestrian Trade Association Limited.

All BETA Certification labels will be coded according to the standard the garments have shown compliance with:

EN471 (Professional Wear)

Aqua on white, Label.

EN1150 (Leisure Wear)

Royal blue on white, Label.

EN13356 (Accessories)

Navy on white, Label

Please note that labels will bear issue numbers that will change periodically in order that BETA can monitor the use of labels.

8. Information for Users

High-Visibility garments conforming to this BETA Certification Mark and claiming such conformity with permission from the British Equestrian Trade Association Limited shall have an option to also attach an authorised swing ticket, the text of which is given in **Annex A**.

The standards that the garments are made to, interpret the purpose of such clothing as being to achieve conspicuity against most background conditions and specify optical performance in daylight condition and when illuminated by vehicle headlights or searchlights at night.

ANNEX A

Swing Tag Wording

The BETA Certification Scheme for equestrian use High-Visibility garments and accessories

This garment has been registered to the BETA High-Visibility certification scheme. Items certified under this scheme meet all the requirements of the appropriate European standard for that garment or accessory and are marked according to the standard met. Manufacturers certified for the BETA High-Visibility Scheme are also required to submit an annual declaration of compliance and BETA conduct a rolling programme of random market checks on all scheme members.

THE BETA MARK IS NOT A GUARANTEE OF SAFETY. Any alteration to the garment may mean that it no longer conforms to the appropriate EN Standard and thus will no longer be entitled to bear the BETA Certification Mark.

By certification and classification of this product, BETA does not guarantee that High-Visibility garments will prevent road accidents and/or serious injury.

Three marks are specified.

EN471: For professional wear -

Aqua This is the relevant EU standard applicable to visibility clothing for professional use. The manufacturers label should show the size, EN471 certification, CE mark, measurements, washing instructions and fibre composition.

EN1150: For Leisure Wear -

Royal Blue This is the relevant EU standard applicable to visibility clothing for non – professional use (leisure riders). The manufacturers label should show the size, EN1150 certification, CE mark, measurements, washing instructions and fibre composition.

EN13356: For Accessories -

Navy This is the relevant EU standard applicable to visibility accessories such as arm and hat bands, detachable belts and half chaps. These are not a substitute for high-visibility clothing made to EN471 or 1150 but are a useful addition, especially when worn on the extremities not covered by a high-visibility garment. Accessories should be permanently marked to show compliance, and should be accompanied by user information.

ANNEX B

The BETA Certification Scheme for equestrian use High-Visibility garments and accessories

B1 Introduction

These Instructions form part of the terms of participation in the BETA High-Visibility Certification Scheme.

They may be amended by the BETA or the High-Visibility Committee from time to time as it sees fit.

B2 Testing and Registration procedure

The scheme is not restricted to members of BETA. Companies may use the scheme on payment of the license fees, subject to acceptance by BETA into the scheme. If the company applying is not the manufacturer and/or brand owner, this must be stated on the application form and details of the supplier, manufacturer or brand owner provided. Only the Certification scheme member is permitted to apply labels to the garments.

New Members

Companies wishing to join the scheme for the first time should contact BETA for an application form to indicate their intent to join the scheme.

The garment or accessory (hereafter referred to as garment) must have been tested at an appropriately qualified test house to one of the three relevant EU standards.

When a garment has been shown to conform to the EN471, 1150 or 13356 the applicant company should ensure that they send BETA the test examination results in full, this will include a copy of the EC type examination and a certificate of conformity. These shall include full numerical details of all calculated requirements, measurements and tests on all sizes of the product tested according to EN 417, 1150 or 13356.

All High Visibility garments produced by a scheme member must conform to the appropriate EU high visibility Standard but need not necessarily be entered into the certification mark.

Production not entering the equestrian sector need also not be labelled to the mark, but details should be provided of destination market sector if this is the case.

The applicant company must inform BETA of all brands marketed where a certified garment is sold under more than one brand name.

One sample of each item (by style, not by size) for which certification is being sought should be sent in their original packaging ensuring that all user guidelines and documentation is included.

The applicant company shall send BETA the signed form of Indemnity.

The application will be processed and if accepted an invoice will be raised for the License fee.

Once the license fee is paid in full the manufacturer may order their first delivery of Sew In Labels (compulsory) and Swing Tickets and / or stickers for bags (optional).

If required by the scheme member, BETA will issue confirmation of membership to the scheme.

Membership to the scheme is annual and renewal of membership will be dependant on the submission of an annual declaration and successfully passing random annual checks. Any amendments made to member garments/accessories must be supported by submission of new testing documentation and certification as detailed above.

BETA reserves the right to decline applications to join the scheme. In joining the scheme companies agree not to bring disrepute to the BETA Certification standard through their deeds or actions. To do so will risk having their license terminated.

Existing members:

Companies who are already a part of the scheme should inform BETA of their intention to produce new models by completing the same form with the additional items added to Section B.

They are bound by the same conditions applying to companies joining the scheme as a new member.

B3 Indemnity

All companies participating in the scheme will be required to sign a form to indemnify BETA in the event of any legal action or claims against them.

Where the company is not a member of BETA or at BETA's discretion the company is also required pass a credit check to ensure the company is able to support any claims made on them. The applicant company will be invoiced for the fee for the credit check.

B4 Renewal of registration and annual declaration

The renewal date will fall one year after a garment first joins the scheme.

- BETA must be informed of all brands that the garment may be marketed under on an on-going basis.
- If any alteration is made to the design or construction of a garment during its period of Certification, BETA must be informed and provided with revised test results and EC type examination certificates.
- Should a garment not pass following an alteration, (ie no current test document or supporting certification can be provided on request) no further labels will be provided to the scheme member until the results showing a pass have been received by BETA. BETA may, if felt necessary, publicise the non-certification of a garment in the case of the scheme member not being able to provide current valid test results or an EC Type examination certificate.
- Every year prior to the anniversary date the Scheme member must provide to BETA a declaration showing a list of products currently included in the Certification scheme and giving confirmation that no amendments have been made to it without affecting the standard. Where amendments affect the certification, new test results must be provided before the anniversary of the item joining the scheme. The scheme member must inform BETA of all brands marketed where a certified garment is sold under more than one brand name. This information must be updated as part of the annual declaration. The names of certified models and of the scheme member may be published in Equestrian Trade News or other publications as BETA sees fit.

B5 Retesting

Retesting is required when any component used in the manufacture of a certified garment is changed or after 5 years, if the garment remains unchanged for this period of time.

BETA will send reminders to companies of retesting requirements 6 months prior to the 5 year deadline and results must be received by the given date.

B6 Fees

The BETA license fee for companies joining the Certification Scheme is as follows:

BETA Member companies is £500 in the first year and £200 thereafter, plus VAT.
Non-Member companies will be charged £1500 in the first year and £400 thereafter, plus VAT.
Over and above this license fee, each garment or accessory model will incur an annual registration charge of £10.

BETA will issue an invoice for the License and annual registration fees when the declaration has been received.

The annual license fee is due payable in the month the anniversary of joining the scheme falls.

Payment shall be made by either cheque, credit card or by transfer to:
National Westminster Bank plc, PO Box 7628, 119 High Street,
Hungerford, Berkshire RG17 0FW. Account: BETA Ltd No 79243932
Sort Code: 60-11-28

B7 Labels and swing tickets

It is a requirement of the BETA Certification Standard that all garments who join the scheme carry an official BETA label, obtainable only from the British Equestrian Trade Association Limited.

All High Visibility garments produced by a scheme member must conform to the appropriate EU high visibility Standard but need not necessarily be entered into the certification mark.

Production not entering the equestrian sector need also not be labelled to the mark, but details should be provided of destination market sector if this is the case.

Sew in labels

The BETA Certification sew-in label shall be permanently affixed to the garment in such a way as the entire label can be seen but so as to not effect the visibility of the outer of the garment.

EN471 (Professional Wear)

Aqua on white, Label.

EN1150 (Leisure Wear)

Royal blue on white, Label.

EN13356 (Accessories)

Navy on white, Label

Sew in labels are woven colour on white taffeta, cut and end fused, sized 33 x 79mm

Additional labelling

Swing tags and bag stickers are also available in matching colours and are optional. Swing tags are sized 70 x 120mm and will have a hole but do not include string or elastic. Stickers are sized 60 x 40mm and are provided in rolls.

Pricing and delivery

Pricing for labelling is as follows:

	£Price/000 Members	£Price/000 Non-Members
Sew in labels	£50	£60
Swing Tags	available from BETA office	
Stickers	£25	£30

Order quantity is a minimum of 1000/standard/ type of label.

Carriage is charged in addition and all orders are subject to VAT at the current rate. All orders must be prepaid.

Please allow 4 weeks for delivery.

Please note that labels, swing tags and stickers may bear issue numbers that will change periodically in order that BETA can monitor the use of labels.

B8 Complaints

A complaint is constituted by receipt of written information that leads BETA to believe that a garment or garments may not comply with the requirements under the standard for elements of design and non-conformity.

Any garment carrying the BETA label and suspected of being in breach of the Standard may be reported to BETA. BETA will notify the High-Visibility Committee of each case reported and will warn the Certification scheme member concerned of possible further action.

BETA will write to the Certification scheme member to indicate that a complaint has been received and that it is believed that the complaint may be valid leading to action being taken under section B9 of the BETA High-Visibility certification scheme.

An example of the offending garment will be purchased, examined and if necessary submitted to an appropriately certified test house (not necessarily to be the same as the test house that originally approved the garment to the standard) for testing.

A copy of the report will be sent to the Certification scheme member once received.

The complainant will bear the cost if the results do not bear out the complaint, the Certification scheme member will bear the costs if found to fail the standard in the results.

BETA is to inform the Certification scheme member of the complaint and testing process and of the results and ask for comments in writing within one calendar month. If no response is received then it will be assumed that the Certification scheme member has accepted the results.

Following the one month and in the case of negative reports, the High-Visibility committee will be called to discuss the complaint and the results and actions and any additional implications. A decision will then be made by the High-Visibility committee as to action to be taken under the standard which may include withdrawal of certification to that garment and notification through a press statement that the garment no longer has BETA approval.

The Certification scheme member has a right of appeal which will be heard by BETA Council. Any appeal must be made within 14 days of receipt of the findings of the standards committee. The Council will be called to hear the appeal within 21 days of the letter of appeal. The High-Visibility committee will be represented at the meeting as will the manufacturer. The council's decision will be final.

B9 Sanctions

- Should at anytime the garments certified to the BETA Scheme be judged to no longer meet the relevant standard, all BETA marks are to be removed from product held in stock and customers holding stock will be informed accordingly.

- Should withdrawal of certification come as a result of upholding a complaint, the certification scheme member will be required to withdraw from the market current stock and remove the certification mark labelling from garments and packaging.

B10 The BETA High-Visibility Committee

The Committee shall consist of the following voting members:

All certification scheme members, whether they be manufacturer, brand owner or importer/distributor. A representative of the BETA Secretariat
 Chairman of BETA – (chair of committee)
 Two retail representatives
 Representative of the BETA Secretariat

Non voting members may be co-opted as required and may include representatives from riding organisations and representatives from Testing houses and Trading Standards.

The Committee shall meet as required but at least once every two years.

Any scheme member has the right to submit his own point of view to the committee in writing and may request the committee to discuss any relevant topic

B 11 BETA Certification Committee

A Certification Committee can be convened on the initiative of the Chairman in order to resolve a dispute in the General Committee. The Certification Committee shall consist of :

The BETA Chairman
 The Executive Director of BETA or representative
 Two representatives of recognised riding organisations.
 A riders representative.
 A medical representative.
 A scheme member representative (in addition to the chairman should the chairman of committee be a manufacturer.
 A technical representative who will be advisory non voting.
 A retail representative

B12 Terms of reference of the BETA High-Visibility Certification Scheme Committee

The terms of reference of the committee are that it should monitor the performance of the Certification scheme and advise BETA on changes that should be made to it to bring any other relevant matters to the attention of the BETA Council..

The committee reports to the BETA Council.