



TestService

Testing and Certification Regulations for DLG Quality Mark Tests DLG TestService GmbH - Groß-Umstadt

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1 Definition

- 1.1 A DLG quality mark test (quality mark „DLG Approved“) is a practical product test which can include both examinations on test benches or analysis facilities and a proof on an agricultural farm. It can be complete or limited to individual aspects.
- 1.2 The scope of the test will be fixed by mutual agreement between the contract parties in the test order placed to DLG.
- 1.3 Scope of the test in terms of these testing and certification regulations (TaC) can be the following machinery and products:
- All technical products like machinery, installations, equipment and devices or parts of them,
 - All building installations, components, construction materials, housing and management systems,
 - Other products and materials,

which are mainly provided for use in agriculture and forestry, in horticulture, orchards and viticulture as well as in landscape and municipal maintenance.

2 Execution of the tests

- 2.1 Test contents and test processes are regulated in the individual product specific test specifications or test frames. For a partial test the test scope is agreed mutually between the contract parties. The tests will be executed by processes which allow an utmost objective evaluation due to reproducible values. The processes will be adapted regularly to generally accepted technology standards as well as to scientific and agricultural knowledge and requirements. The test scope and the requirements of the individual test specification or the test frame will be announced to the client before the start of the test.
- 2.2 DLG tests can be executed on the grounds of the DLG test center, at the client's site, in agricultural farms, on public roads and paths as well as on the grounds of a third-party assigned for execution. DLG fixes the test site respectively test sites under consideration of the agreed contents of the order.
- 2.3 Any results of DLG quality mark tests remain confidential until the completion of the test. Any information on running tests are only allowed with written consent of the contract parties. As soon as DLG awards the quality mark “DLG Approved” to the test item, the results will be published by DLG.

2.4 The client has the right

- (1) To ask DLG for information on the status of the test,
- (2) To inspect the test item in the presence of a nominated person of the DLG test center after timely prior notification at the DLG and the test company respectively test institute. The inspection of currently tested products of other clients is not allowed

2.5 The client is obliged

- (1) To both deliver the test item ready for operation to a place specified by the DLG test center at his/her own cost and to eventually install it as well as to collect or remove it after the completed test or withdrawal of the test item. The transports are carried out on the client's own risk. This is also valid for the installation and removal of stationary test items. Stationary test items can also be tested at a suitable location upon request of the client.
- (2) To give sufficient instructions on settings, handling and use of the test item at the beginning of the test. At the first presentation the test item can be demonstrated by a representative of the client.
- (3) To conduct changes at the test item during the test only after prior agreement of the DLG test center.
- (4) To both prove executed changes by detailed description or drawings and confirm in writing that the products manufactured in series are in compliance with the tested version.
- (5) To take over the procurement of operating material specifically mandatory for the registered test item (fuel, lubricants, etc.) and to carry the costs; and in addition to notify the DLG test center of their origin
- (6) To delegate a competent person upon request.
- (7) Not to influence in any way the test companies' evaluation of the test item.

3 Test companies

Test companies are companies

- (1) Which obtain test items for practical use in order to evaluate them or
- (2) Which provide areas, facilities or venues for test use.

Companies can only be considered as test companies when they can guarantee a controlled use of the test item. The test companies are obliged to maintain confidentiality with regards to running tests.

4 Award of the Quality mark

4.1 A DLG quality mark test is passed when the results comply with the individual requirements of the test specification or the test frame.

4.2 Test items which have successfully completed a partial test according to the test frame or the test specification will be awarded with the quality mark for partial tests if the results comply with the defined minimum standard respectively the standard of the evaluation scale defined in the test frame or the test specification.

The quality mark bears in the medal the lettering „DLG APPROVED“, the year of test completion and the website WWW.DLG.ORG as well as in the flag the name of the manufacturer and product as well as the approved test criteria and the hereto related test report number.

- 4.3 Test items which have successfully completed a comprehensive test with a number of partial tests according to the test frame determined by a test commission will be awarded with the quality mark „DLG APPROVED“ for full tests. This quality mark bears in the medal the lettering „DLG APPROVED“, the year of test completion and the website www.dlg.org as well as in the flag the name of the manufacturer and product, the indication “Full test” and the hereto related test report number. Information on individual test criteria are omitted.
- 4.4 With the awarding of the quality mark and the handover of the final test report the client is allowed to use the quality mark described in the test report.
- 4.5 For each test item which has received a DLG quality mark a statement (certificate) will be awarded.

5 Test report

- 5.1 For each test a test report will be established and transmitted to the client.
- (1) If the test is completed with the awarding of one of the quality labels „DLG APPROVED“, the test report will be published by DLG.
- (2) If the test is completed without awarding any quality label, the test ends with the transmission of a confidential report to the client. This test is exclusively assigned for internal use of the client. The client is not allowed to publish this report in full or only parts of it, especially for promotional purposes.
- 5.2 In general the test report includes specifications of the test item, a description of the executed measurements and examinations, the test results, the DLG test number and the test report number.

6 Validity

- 6.1 Test results, test report and DLG quality marks are only valid for the tested criteria and the tested version of the test item, not for other sizes or similar designs, unless the test report states any other information.
- 6.2 The passed test allows the client to bear the DLG quality mark for a period of 5 years; this period can be renewed for further 5 years by the DLG if the client confirms with a written renewal request to DLG that the test item is still produced without any modifications. A renewal of the validity period must be requested three months before end of the period at the latest.
- 6.3 DLG reserves the right to record essential modifications at the test item which might result in a deviating evaluation of the test item and to withdraw the quality mark from the quality mark holder, if necessary.
- 6.4 If just the model designation is changed after publishing of the test report, the test result is only valid if a relevant client request is made to the DLG and a test report with the amended designation is published.
- 6.5. Should the production of the test item be assigned to a license holder or legal successor, the test result can be transferred on request, if DLG has been convinced that the result complies with the tested version.

6.6 The client bears the costs for publishing an amended report.

7 Advertising with the results

7.1 Upon receipt of a DLG quality mark, the test report and quality mark can be used for advertising, but only for the item tested and specified in the test report. Each reference to the quality mark „DLG APPROVED“ must contain the model designation stated in the test report and – where available – the specification of the test criteria.

7.2 The quality mark holder has the right to use the certificate, the published test report and the quality mark in unchanged format for promotional purposes. Furthermore the section “Summary of evaluation“ of the test report can be published in full and without modifications.

7.3 The use of translations of the test report into other languages is only allowed after DLG's approval.

8 Violation against the test and certification regulations

8.1 In case of any culpable violation against these regulations (PuZ) DLG can impose the following measures against the client:

(1) Warning

(2) Cancellation of running tests

(3) The quality mark will be withdrawn without further notice respectively upon serious violation without prior notice from quality mark holders who breach continuously or repeatedly the regulations after a warning or who breach them seriously. Upon the withdrawal announcement the quality mark must not be used any more, the certificate has to be returned.

8.2 Before any measure comes into effect, the affected client gets the opportunity to make a statement