Agreement on the issuance and use of the certificate and logo of GreenSign Standard GmbH
Scope of the right to use certificates and symbols

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GreenSign Standard GmbH, as the program owner of the conformity assessment programs GreenSign Hotel, GreenSign Gastro and GreenSign Office, is the owner of all certification symbols, certificates, and labels that confirm a company´s conformity with the standards of GreenSign Standard GmbH. GreenSign Standard GmbH reserves all rights regarding the issuance and use of these certificates and symbols. GreenSign Standard GmbH grants the rights to issue and use these certificates and symbols to the certification bodies authorized by GreenSign Standard GmbH under the following conditions:

1. Once the agreed certification process has been successfully completed by the authorized certification body, the client will receive the corresponding certificate from GreenSign Standard GmbH by the certification body. The certificate is valid for the period specified by GreenSign Standard GmbH and in the contract or the individual contractual terms.
2. Upon issuance of the certificate in accordance with clause 1, the client is granted a simple, non-transferable, and non-exclusive right to use the certification symbol during the specified validity period of the certificate. This also applies when the client refers to its certification in communication media such as documents, brochures, or promotional materials.
3. Authorization to use the certificates and certification symbol of GreenSign Standard GmbH issued by the certification bodies applies exclusively to those company divisions of the client specified within the scope of the certificate. Use for areas not specified is expressly prohibited.
4. The certification symbol for the certification of the company may only be used by the client and only in direct connection with the client's company name. It may not be affixed to or used in connection with any individual product of the client.
5. The client agrees to use the certificate and the certification symbol only in a manner that conveys a statement about the client's company or business division consistent with the certification. The client must also ensure that no impression is created that the certification constitutes an official inspection. Furthermore, it must be ensured that the use of the certification symbol does not result in any misleading statements regarding the scope, nature, or significance of the certification.
6. Neither the client nor the certification body is authorized to make any changes to the certificate or the certification symbol. The certification symbol may only be used in the form provided by GreenSign Standard GmbH. Changes to the color, proportions, or design are not permitted. A minimum distance of 30% of the logo's height must be maintained from other elements. The minimum height of the certification mark is 15 mm. The certification symbol must be placed on a white background. In exceptional cases, placement on a high-contrast background is permitted.
7. The client is obligated to clearly state through the visual presentation in its advertising and similar materials that this is a voluntary certification conducted on the basis of a private-law agreement.
8. The right of use expires if there is no valid certificate, in particular upon expiration of the certificate's validity period or failure to conduct required surveillance audits.
9. The client's right to use the certificate or the certification symbol terminates with immediate effect, without the need for notice of termination, if the client uses the certificate and/or the certification symbol in a manner that violates the provisions of clauses 1 through 8 or otherwise breaches the contract.
10. The client's right to use the certificate or the certification symbol also ends upon expiry of the agreed period in the event of a valid ordinary termination, or with immediate effect in the event of a justified extraordinary termination for good cause.
11. Furthermore, the right of use automatically expires if the maintenance of the certificate is prohibited by regulatory or judicial order.
12. Upon termination of the right of use, the client is obligated to return the certificate to the certification body.
13. In the event of a breach of contractual provisions, GreenSign Standard GmbH reserves the right to assert any claims for damages.
14. The certification must not result in GreenSign Standard GmbH being brought into disrepute.
15. The client is not authorized to make any statements regarding its certification that GreenSign Standard GmbH may deem misleading or unauthorized.
16. The client is required to maintain records documenting the use of the certificate during business. It shall be noted that GreenSign Standard GmbH is required to conduct random checks to monitor correct use. Reports from third parties will be reviewed by GreenSign Standard GmbH.
17. The client and the certification bodies shall immediately notify GreenSign Standard GmbH if they become aware that third parties are misusing the issued certificates.
18. The client shall provide certification documents to third parties only in their entirety.