

GSO- Rules for the Use of the GSO Conformity Tracking Symbol (GCTS)

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Definitions

- **GSO Conformity Tracking Symbol (GCTS):** – A symbol granted by GSO representing the Gulf Conformity Marking along with numerals annotated underneath, being a four digit Notified Body identification number and a QR code for traceability and tracking which is generated by the GSO certificate tracking system.
- **GSO Certificate Tracking System:** – An electronic system to register all products that hold the (GCTS) and are subject to the notified bodies conformity assessment procedures.

1 – Form and display of the GSO Conformity Tracking Symbol (GCTS):

1.1 The GSO Conformity Tracking Symbol (GCTS) shall be displayed in the appropriate form only; the size and color are detailed in this documents.

1.2 Notified Bodies shall base all reproductions of the GCTS only from master versions available as a download from the GSO certificate tracking system and formatted as shown in Fig 1.1. The design format below is for illustration only, and not for any reproduction. Change of design or appearance of the master version of the GSO conformity tracking symbol is in all cases strictly prohibited.

1.3 The GC Marking in conjunction with the relevant four–digit identification number for the notified body shall be located centrally under the GC Marking as indicated XXXX in Fig 1.1 below:

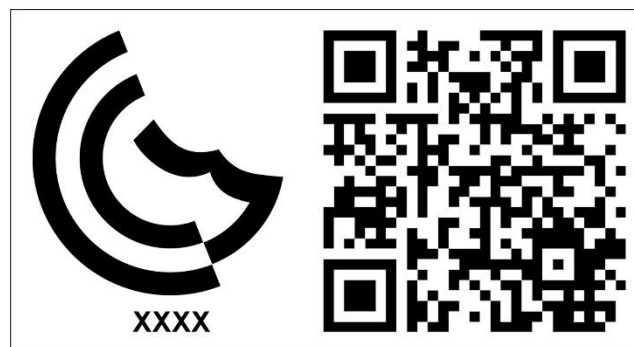


Fig 1.1: GSO conformity Tracking Symbol (GCTS)

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1.4. The Notified Body shall download the GCTS, that is generated by the GSO certificate tracking system. Notified body shall affix the GCTS to the first page of the Certificate. GCTS shall normally have minimum dimensions of 4 cm (width) and 2.20 cm (height) as indicated in Figure 1.2.

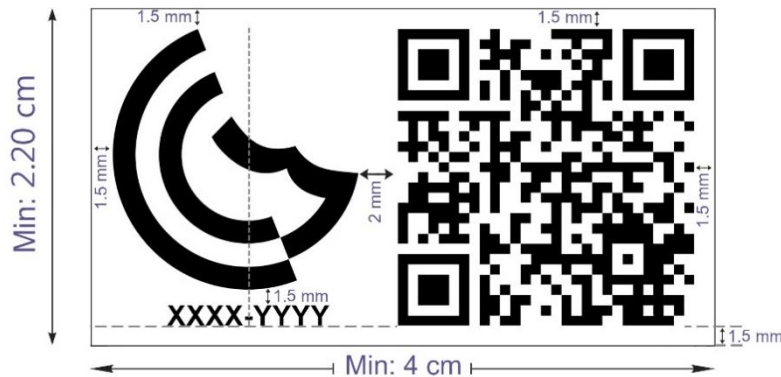


Fig 1.2: GCTS– Certificates only

1.5 GCTS shall be affixed to the products by the manufacturer, his authorized representative, or the importer under the responsibility of the notified body, and shall meet the following requirements:

1.5.1 GCTS shall be affixed to the product or its label (data plate) and meet the minimum dimensions as shown in Fig 1.3–a or Fig 1.3–b.

Where this is not possible or not warranted on account of the nature of the product, the provision of clause (1–5–2) from this point shall be applied, in accordance with the provisions of article (18) from this regulation.

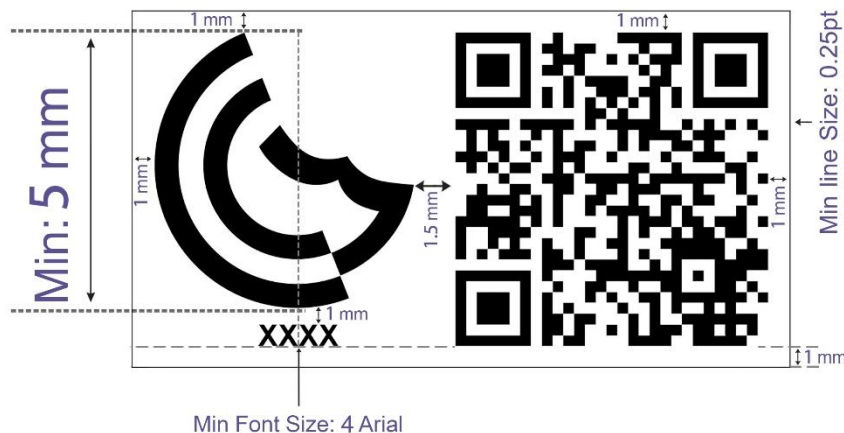


Fig 1.3-a: GCTS- product / packaging/ user manual only

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Fig 1.3-b: GCTS- product / packaging/ user manual only

1.5.2 The GC marking with the number of notified body shall be affixed to the product or its label (data plate) and have a minimum height at least 5 millimeters (excluding the number of notified body), requirement specified in Fig 1.4.

Where this is not possible or not warranted on account of the nature of the product, the provision of clause (1–5–3) from this point shall be applied, in accordance with the provisions of article (18) from this regulation.

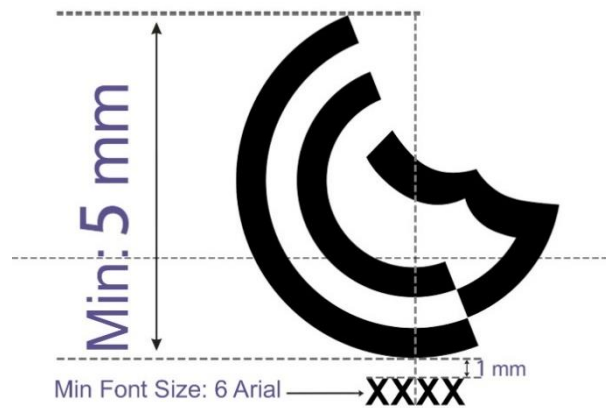


Fig 1.4: The GC marking - product only

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1.5.3 Notwithstanding the provisions of clauses (1-5-1 and 1-5-2), GCTS shall be affixed to the product outer packaging and the accompanying documents (such as the user instruction manual) in all cases. Its format shall meet the minimum dimensions shown in Fig 1.3-a or Fig 1.3-b.

1.5.4 GCTS in accordance with clauses (1-5-1 & 1-5-2) shall be easily visible, readable and permanent and shall be readable by a scanner or reader application of a smartphone.

1.5.5 The GC Marking shall be in accordance with the requirements of the relevant Gulf technical regulation for conformity marking for the GCC Countries "BD09100501", and have a minimum dimension for GC marking of 5 mm, excluding the number of the notified body.

1.6 GCTS for any enlargement or reduction shall retain the same proportions as those of the masters reproduced in this documents, as shown in Fig 1.3-a and Fig 1.3-b.

1.7 The GC Marking and the notified body number and QR Code shall be considered as a single entity for purposes of enlargement or reduction, as shown in Fig 2.

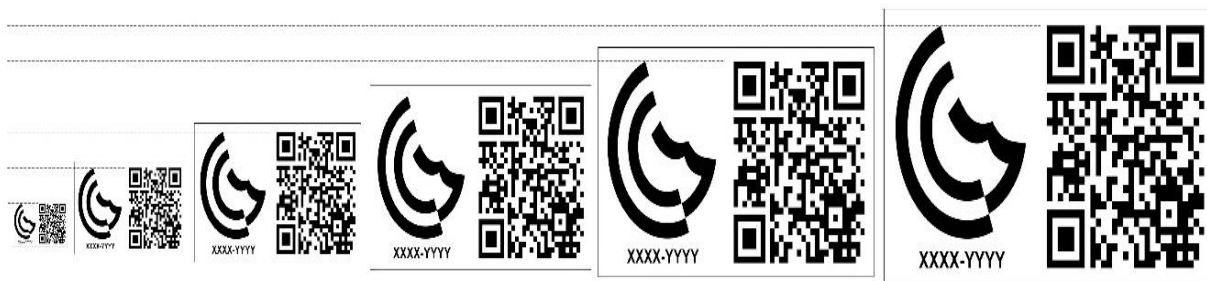


Fig 2: – Enlargement or reduction of (GCTS)

1.8 GCTS may be reproduced in either black and white or in a color scheme as detailed in this document. Alternatively, the GSO conformity tracking symbol may be printed or displayed in a single color, which is the predominant ink color, or in the case of a pre-printed packaging, the predominant ink color of the packaging, or the use of another single color, as shown in Fig 3-a and Fig 3-b.

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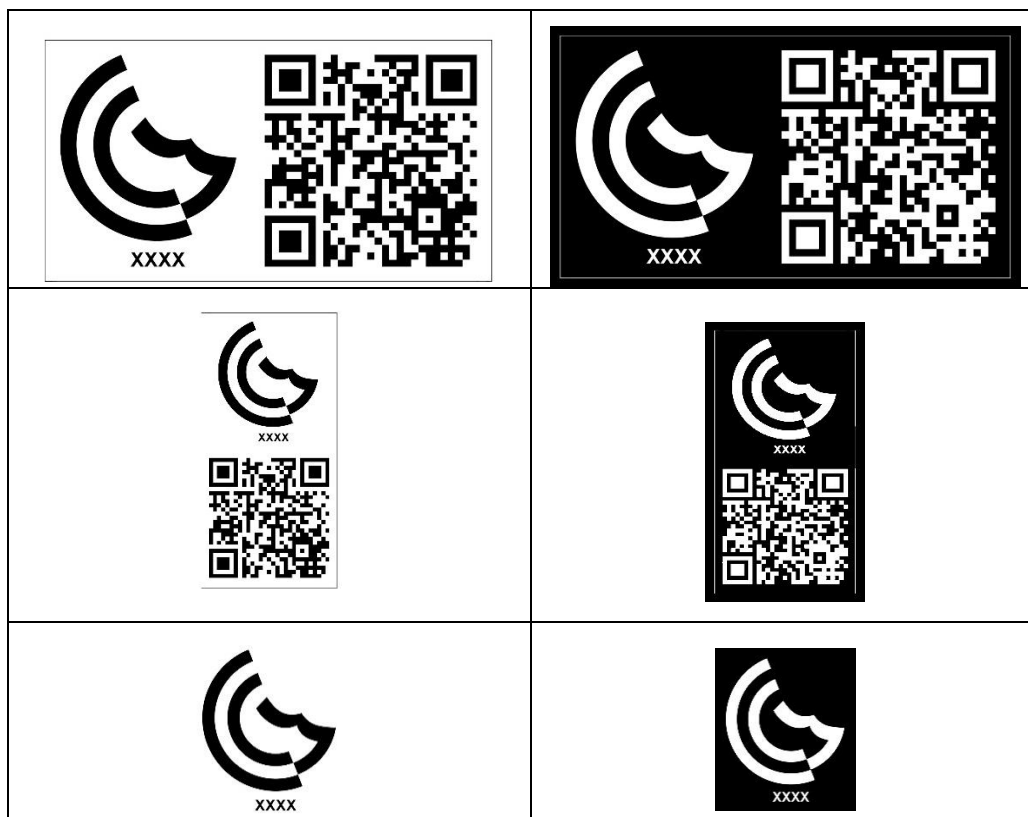


Fig 3-a: – (GCTS) positive and negative versions



Fig 3-b: – (GCTS) on background

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1.9 Where the GCTS is reproduced electronically the following applies:

- (a) Infilling does not occur.
- (b) Degradation and/or distortion of GCTS graphic is avoided.
- (c) Electronic versions of GCTS shall be obtained from GSO certificate tracking system

2– Use of GCTS:

2.1 General

2.1.1 Notified Body use GCTS on certificates. Subject to the notified body conformity assessment procedures, it is the role of manufacturers or importers to affix GCTS on products under the responsibility a Notified Body.

2.1.2 GCTS shall not be used in such a way to mislead or falsify conformity in any manner.

2.1.3 The GC marking along with the number of the notified body shall not be used in any way that might mislead as to the notification status of the notified body.

2.1.4 Any use of the GCTS that might contravene the conditions of use laid down in this documents shall be referred immediately to GSO.

2.1.5 GCTS shall not be used in such a way as to imply that the GSO accepts responsibility for activities carried out under the scope of notification.

2.2. Suspension and termination of Notified body's certification activities:

2.2.1 Upon issuing a suspension of a notified body certification activity, the notified body shall immediately cease all Certification activities, discontinue to activate the QR Code from the GSO Certificate tracking system. The suspension shall remain in place until reinstatement is authorized by the GSO or a Termination Notice is given. While under suspension a Notified Body shall cease all certification activity

2.2.2 Upon termination of notified body's activities, a notified body shall immediately cease issuing any Certificate bearing the GCTS. The Notified Body has the right of appeal as detailed in

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Appendix(7).

2.2.3 In the event that certificate is withdrawn from an economic operator, the notified body shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that its licensees shall immediately cease the use of products with labeling and packaging bearing the GCTS, and suspend activating the QR Code from the GSO Certificate Tracking system and remove the GCTS.

3 Requirements of GCTS for Notified Body and their Certified Clients

3.1 GCTS shall be relevant to the certificate.

3.2 GCTS shall only be used in connection with a product certified by a notified body under the GSO Scheme.

3.3 GCTS shall not be used in conjunction with the logo/mark of the notified body, as shown in Fig 4.

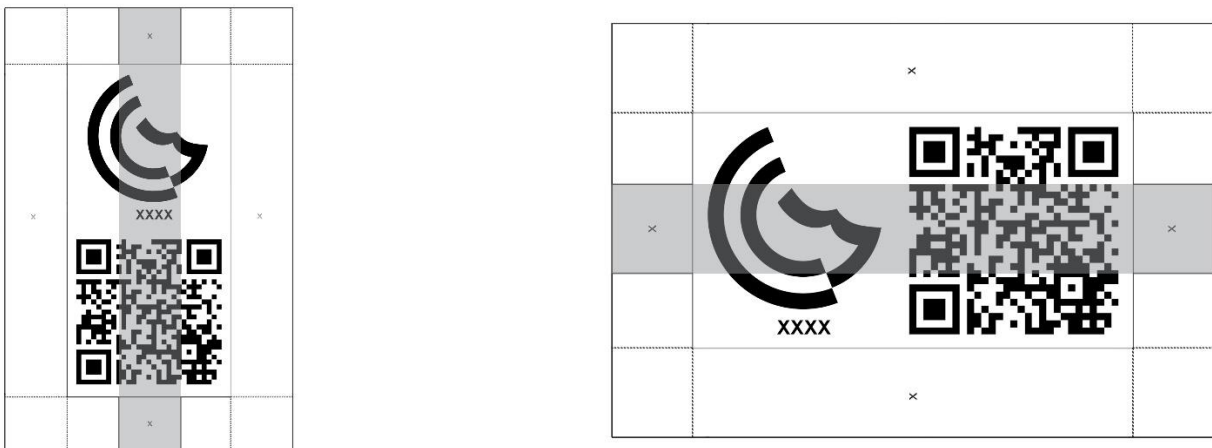


Fig 4: – (GCTS) clear space

3.4 Notified body shall verify of the use of the GCTS by their certificate holders.