

## Government Inspection Mark



The Government Inspection Mark is required to be able to sell or trade portable fire extinguishers (up to 20 kg) in the Netherlands. This "quality mark" is indicated in an elliptical symbol printed on the label of a portable fire extinguisher. The Government Inspection Mark confirms whether the extinguisher is suitable for the fire classification class indicated on the label (A, B, C, D or F).

The above is legally defined in the 1997 Portable Extinguisher Decree. In the Netherlands, the Government Inspection Mark is administered and issued by NCP on behalf of the Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations. For more information, click [here](#).

### Laws and regulations

It is not permitted to sell and/or trade with the intention of putting on the Dutch market portable extinguishers in the Netherlands without this Government Inspection Mark.

Every extinguisher that is placed on the Dutch market must have a State Type Approval number. This is laid down in the Portable Extinguisher Decree 1997. The Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations has mandated NCP Certification to issue type approval certificates for portable extinguishers.

The Portable Fire Extinguisher Decree 1997 is based on Article 17, first paragraph, of the Fire Service Act 1985. The aim of the Decree and the cited European standards is that only demonstrably sound and safe portable fire extinguishers, which meet the requirements set at European level, are brought to the Dutch market. In this way, the consumer/user of a portable fire extinguisher purchased in The Netherlands and provided with a State Type Approval can be confident that such a device is intended and suitable for extinguishing fires for which it has been approved. The NEN-EN 3 standard has been implemented in the decree. This includes requirements for the safety and reliability of portable fire extinguishers.

The complete text of the 1997 Portable Fire Extinguisher Decree can be found on the [government website](#).

### Application for State Type Approval

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In order to obtain a State Type Approval for an extinguisher, an application must be submitted to Kiwa NCP. If the documents accompanying the application are not complete and/or do not meet the requirements, the applicant will be notified. As soon as all documents are complete and meet the requirements, the State Type Approval number is assigned and the confirmation is sent to the applicant.

The processing of the application consists of checking the presence as well as the usability of documents accompanying the application. The following documents must be attached to the application and must meet the stated requirements:

### Application form and rates

In this form, the applicant instructs the processing of the application for the State Type Approval for a portable fire extinguisher. The type designation as used by the applicant is adopted.

[Application form Dutch Approval Mark Fire Extinguishers](#)

[Agreement Request Dutch Approval Mark](#)

[Tariffs Dutch Approval Mark Fire Extinguishers 2022](#)

[Tariffs Dutch Approval Mark Aerosol Fire Extinguishers 2022](#)

You can send your application for a Government Inspection Mark to [NL.rijkstypekeur.ncp.fss@kiwa.com](mailto:NL.rijkstypekeur.ncp.fss@kiwa.com).

### Test report according to EN-3 (digital)

The front page of the inspection report states the commissioning party of the inspection (= report owner). If the applicant for the State Type Approval is not the report owner, the application must be accompanied by a statement on original letterhead from the report owner stating that the inspection report may be used for the purpose of the application. Paper inspection reports must be submitted in duplicate, of which one copy must be original. After processing, the original will be returned to the applications.

EN 3.7:2004 +A1:2007 contains a clear overview of which inspections or verifications must be performed for a specific type of device. If older test reports, reports based on PrEN-3 or various additional test reports are submitted with the application, a recent letter from the test institute confirming compliance with EN-3.7:2004 +A1:2007 must be enclosed. In case of additional reports, the report numbers must match.

The (overview and detailed) drawings involved in the inspection and the (overview and detailed) drawings included in the inspection deserve extra attention, in particular the drawing numbers, revision dates and hallmarks applied by the inspection institute. Overview drawings: It must be clear how the appliance is constructed and whether a gas cartridge has been used. The overview drawing must be accompanied by a list of all detailed drawings with associated drawing numbers.

### Digital information provision

It is permitted to supply the requested information (reports, drawings, etc.) in digital form. This can be done by digital transfer, mail (< 10 Mb per message), but also on CD-ROM or USB stick. Scanned reports are not accepted as digital reports.

### Extract of Chamber of Commerce registration

Not older than three months (from the date of application). A similar document is required for foreign companies.

### CE Certificate gas cartridge

Only applies if a gas cartridge is used. In the Netherlands, a CE Certificate is required for CO<sub>2</sub> cartridges between 120 and 500 ml.

Checks will take place on the validity of this CE certificate.

### Extinguishing agent certificate

Is a statement of the chemical composition, analysis or IR scan made on original letterhead from the extinguishing agent manufacturer. The recipe must be known to an accuracy of about 5%. Extinguishing media information regarding grain size distribution is not necessary.

### Hotline extinguisher without Government Inspection Mark

When an extinguisher is sold or traded with the intention of using it in The Netherlands, a Government Inspection Mark is required. Unfortunately, it sometimes happens that extinguishers are sold without the mention of the State Type Approval. It may happen that an extinguisher is already on the market in Germany, France or another country, for example. Then there is probably also a label in that language. Usually a manufacturer or supplier will add a label in the Dutch language. The State Type Approval is then included on this label. This label must then be affixed to the fire extinguisher by the importer. **The user may not do this himself!**

### What to do when you find an extinguisher without a Government Inspection Mark

It is still possible that you find an extinguisher without a Government Inspection Mark, for example on a web page. Then report this to us, stating the information below. Please note that the products displayed on a website may differ from the products actually sold:

- Location of purchase;
- Name of the point of sale;
- Address;
- Place of business;
- Postal code;
- Web address;
- Brand of extinguishing agent;
- Possible type and amount of extinguishing agent;
- Possible type of fire extinguisher.

#### You can send the data to:

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