

Information System Type Approval Procedure

- IST 01-23 - Documents bearing the watermark in the type approval procedure

Issue or problem:

Certificates and associated approval documents compiled in the type approval procedure have for several years automatically been embellished with a watermark in the system. This watermark is applied to the left-hand side of all documents and indicates the status approved by the Kraftfahrt-Bundesamt (KBA).

There are type approvals which must be provided in the form of printouts, photocopies, or extracts (e.g., in the case of Allgemeine Betriebserlaubnis (ABE) for vehicle parts in accordance with § 22 Road Traffic Act).

The KBA has the information that type approval holders are occasionally providing documents which do not bear this watermark despite the approval having been issued with this.

Conclusion:

If approval documents are forwarded or requested, only documents approved by the KBA are to be used. The watermark provides evidence that the documents involve the version which has been approved by the KBA.

The KBA will randomly test adherence to this and, in the case of infringement, introduce the necessary measures to ensure observance of the above.

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