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Code Mark Registry

Information Exchange of views on the Code Mark Registry

This following text was submitted by the delegation from the Netherlands on the topic of the Code Mark Registry.

We appreciate the intention to make the Code Mark Register accessible in one single click online.

We see more possibilities and need for improvement for the use on the location of inspection.

1. We suggest to improve the first column with exact short examples of recognized codes.

The ambition is that inspectors on location rapidly recognize by which details of a code the acknowledged reliable code can be distinguished from other information on the label.

2. We suggest to make clear with “and/or” whether all the number and letters are obliged on the label, or only 1 code out of several possibilities.
3. Letters have more rapid attention value than numbers. Instead of knowing what the numbers mean, an inspector needs to quickly recognize the reliability.

The Specialized Section might consider to develop a guideline or advice on the structure of code marks for authorities that are thinking of starting to use such code marks.
