



## UIAA Safety Label

# Regulations for existing and potential Safety Label Holders

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This guide defines the affiliation status, presents the conditions for granting safety label affiliation, describes the rights and obligations of holders of UIAA Safety Label and the calculation of the annual Safety Label holder's fee.

## Introduction to the UIAA Safety Label

The UIAA label on a piece of mountaineering or climbing equipment attests it to be of the highest international standards for safety. The UIAA started to test ropes in 1960 and now has standards for many different categories of safety equipment, including helmets, harnesses and crampons.

The UIAA Safety Label can be awarded for mountaineering and climbing equipment that meets the requirements of the relevant UIAA standard. Climbing and mountaineering equipment, tested to the UIAA standards, is recommended by the UIAA for use by climbers and mountaineers world-wide.

The UIAA Safety Label logo trademark is registered internationally and may only be used for products that have been certified by the UIAA and registered as such.

UIAA recognizes the need to cooperate and collaborate with all parties concerned to standardize the use of Safety Labels. This collaboration promotes safety awareness, good practice and the evolution of quality products for mountaineering and climbing. Partnership is offered to all stakeholders that pursue and support safety in mountaineering equipment.

An AGREEMENT is offered to all the partners who desire to be affiliated with the UIAA as a *Safety Label Holder*. This model of cooperation includes sharing information, transfer of knowledge and overall cooperation in standardization activities.

Organizations with a proven interest in safety standards for mountaineering and climbing equipment that are not Safety Label holders can participate in UIAA Safety Commission activities as *Observers*.

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## **1 Definition of the UIAA Safety Label**

The UIAA Safety Label is a certification that is awarded to mountaineering and climbing equipment that meets the requirements of the relevant UIAA Safety Standard. It can be represented on equipment either by a logo or by letters (in accordance with **Annex A1**). The UIAA Safety Label demonstrates that a product meets relevant standards as determined by the UIAA Safety Commission in collaboration with the Safety Label Holders. Such equipment is strongly recommended by the UIAA for use by climbers and mountaineers world-wide.

The UIAA Safety Label trademark is registered and copyright protected internationally under the Madrid Protocol (WIPO International registration number 949706).

## **2 Definition of the UIAA Safety Label Partners**

### ***2.1 UIAA Safety Label Holder (SLH)***

A UIAA Safety Label Holder is defined as a company or an organization that produces climbing equipment (e.g. manufacturer) or has it manufactured to its own specifications and has been awarded the UIAA Safety Label certification.

The Rights and Obligations of SLHs are defined under Section 4.

### ***2.2 UIAA approved Test Laboratory***

A UIAA approved test laboratory is a laboratory where testing of equipment is done in accordance with the UIAA standards for mountaineering and climbing equipment. All laboratories approved by the UIAA as in **Annex A2** are allowed to use the title “UIAA Approved”. A maximum of two (2) representatives from such laboratories have a right to attend the UIAA Safety Commission Plenary meetings. An approved laboratory shall re-apply for certification at the end of its three (3) year term.

### ***2.3 UIAA Safety Label Observer***

On approval of the UIAA Safety Commission President, non Safety Label holders can participate in Safety Commission activities as Observers.

To participate in the Safety Commission activities and meetings as an ‘Observer’ a request must be addressed to the UIAA Safety Commission along with the payment of 500 Euros for a current calendar year. The requests are to be made in the form as in **Annex B1**.

### 3 Administration of the UIAA Safety Label

#### 3.1 Procedure for obtaining a UIAA Safety Label Certificate

The applicant has to prove the conformity of the product to the corresponding UIAA Standard. The applicants must however try and group the applications as much as possible.

The way to proceed is described below:

Step	Description
0	A company obtains the necessary information for application from the UIAA website, or the UIAA office.
1	Samples of the product shall be sent by the applicant to one of the UIAA-approved Test Laboratories (see <b>Annex A2</b> ) with a request to test in accordance with the relevant UIAA Safety Standard. The test costs shall be paid by the applicant.
2	The request for the UIAA Safety Label shall be made using the application form
3	A laboratory test report shall be attached to the application form.
3a	The test reports shall be in English language and less than 12 months old at the time of application. (For exceptions, see Section 3.7)
3b	A CE attestation of conformity (for the corresponding UIAA Standard) provided and signed by a UIAA approved test laboratory may replace a test report.
3c	Size series of products (e.g. for chock, harnesses, slings) may be covered under a single UIAA Safety Label, provided that all products are tested and a single test report is issued for all products in the size series. Otherwise multiple reports will translate into multiple UIAA Safety Labels.
4	Upon verification of the application documents the Safety Label Administrator shall issue an invoice to the applicant.
5	After the fee has been received, the Administrator will issue a UIAA Safety Label certificate and send it to the applicant. The applicant will then be published as a UIAA Safety Label Holder and the product will be published as a certified product on the UIAA website.

### **3.2 Delivery of the UIAA Safety Label Certificate**

If all the conditions specified in Section 3.1 have been met, the UIAA Safety Label Administrator shall issue a certificate (as per **Annex A3**) to the applicant organization who will then become a UIAA Safety Label Holder (SLH).

The UIAA delivers certificates during the whole year. The newly certified product will be published as 'approved' on the UIAA website simultaneously with the delivery of the certificate.

#### **A) Normal delivery:**

- The **invoice** will be issued within **15 working days** after the receipt of the complete application.
- The **certificate(s)** will be dispatched within **5 working days** after the receipt of appropriate payment.

#### **B) Express delivery** (with additional fee - refer Section 5):

Where an applicant requires an immediate issue of the UIAA Safety Label Certificate i.e. **within 3-5 working days**, an additional fee shall be levied over and above the normal fees; and certificate issued upon its receipt.

#### **C) Delayed delivery**

A delayed delivery is only possible on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January of the year following the date of application. If the application is received before the 1<sup>st</sup> of November, invoicing will be done together with the annual membership fee. Certificates will be delivered on 1<sup>st</sup> of January.

### **3.3 Validity of the UIAA Safety Label Certificate**

The UIAA Safety Label Certificate is valid for 1 (one) year if the date of issue is the first of January i.e. Jan 1. For certificates issued during the year, the validity is limited to thirty-first of December i.e. Dec 31, of the current year. (for renewal see section 3.4)

A UIAA Safety Label certificate is only valid for the Safety Label holder whose name is on the certificate and for the product model/type as stated on the certificate.

If another company or organization wishes to use own brand labelling to market a product which has been awarded the UIAA Safety Label, this company or organization is considered a Safety Label applicant (as defined in Chapter 2), and shall apply for a new UIAA Safety Label, according to section 3.1.

### **3.4 Renewal & Termination of the UIAA Safety Label Certificate**

The UIAA Safety Label Certificate must be renewed ANNUALLY if continuity is to be maintained. A certified product keeps the same certificate number until it is cancelled or withdrawn. Every year, a test report from an UIAA approved laboratory for the product shall be sent to the Safety Label Administrator before the 1<sup>st</sup> of November (i.e. in accordance with date guidelines in section 6).

In some cases, the renewal can be automatic without providing new test reports (see 3.7 on Exceptions).

If the applicant wants to terminate a Safety Label Certificate at the end of the current year, the Safety Label Administrator must be informed through a termination form before the 1<sup>st</sup> November (refer section 6). If notice is given after 1<sup>st</sup> November, the safety label can be cancelled, but the annual label fee is still due for the following calendar year.

If the applicant wants to terminate its membership together with all Safety Label Certificates, the Safety Label Administrator must be informed in written before the 1<sup>st</sup> November. If notice is given after 1<sup>st</sup> November, the membership and safety label certificates can be cancelled, but the annual membership as well as label fee are still due for the following calendar year. (refer section 6)

Details of all expired or cancelled Safety Label Certificates will be archived by the UIAA for ten years.

### **3.5 Withdrawal of the UIAA Safety Label Certificate**

The UIAA Safety Commission shall withdraw an existing UIAA Safety Label Certification from the applicant in the following conditions:

**a. Non-compliance**

- If the product no longer meets the requirements of the relevant UIAA standards.

**b. Product recall**

- If a product is recalled the UIAA Safety Commission reserves the right to withdraw or suspend the Safety Label Certificate in any country, if there is any reasonable doubt about the safety of the equipment concerned.

**c. Default in renewal of certificate**

- If (i) a test report from UIAA approved laboratory or (ii) a certificate to justify an exception (see 3.7) is not received within time schedule (see section 6) – FIRST reminder shall be sent.

With no response, a SECOND reminder will be sent in accordance with the time schedule provisions of section 6. Persistent inaction will lead to withdrawal.

**d. Default in payment of fees**

- If the Safety Label Holder has not paid the annual fee in accordance with the time schedule (section 6)
  - a. Safety Label Holder membership fee *or/and*,
  - b. UIAA Safety Label(s) fee

Delays in payment due to renewal of certification shall be acceptable in accordance with the provisions of section 6.

**e. Misuse of the UIAA Safety Label**

- If a safety Label Holder misuses the UIAA Safety Label in any way

**In case of a withdrawal, an appropriate notice will be published on the UIAA website. The Safety Label Holder will be informed immediately in writing of any product withdrawal and the reason for the withdrawal.**

### **3.6 Extension of the UIAA Safety Label Certificate**

- a. For a product, having the UIAA Safety Label, the applicant, whose name is on the original UIAA Safety Label certificate, can apply for an extension, if the product is also sold under a different model/type name. The applicant will provide to the UIAA Safety Label Administrator the name of the original product and its UIAA Safety Label certificate number and the new name for which an extension is sought. The applicant will state, in writing, that the two products are identical.
- b. The UIAA Safety Label Administrator will issue a separate Safety Label certificate with the alternative commercial name. The end of the certification period will be equal to the date for the original product.
- c. The applicant is responsible for the correct use of an extension of the UIAA Safety Label. In case of a misuse of an extension, the original UIAA Safety Label (and any extensions thereof) will be withdrawn.

### **3.7 Simplified procedures/Exceptions**

For organizations with quality certification, some procedures are simplified. The type of accepted certifications and the simplifications are listed below. No other exception is allowed.

#### **a. Recognized certifications**

The UIAA only recognizes certifications which require annual testing of the products. Today, only certifications similar or equal to CE (Article 11A or Article 11B of European directive 89/686/CEE for Personal Protective Equipment, PPE) are recognized by the UIAA. The certification must be proved by sending a valid certificate to the Safety Label Administrator listing all equipment CE and UIAA approved. Two months before expiration of the certificate, a new version is sent to the Safety Label Administrator. In case of non-reception, the standard procedure will be applied.

If the certificate is a CE 11A certificate it must come from a UIAA approved laboratory.

Suggestions for additional types of certification recognized by the UIAA should be addressed to the UIAA Safety Commission.

#### **b. Advantages reserved for certified organisations**

- *Automatic renewal of the UIAA Safety Labels.* Organizations with recognized certification on such products, for which a UIAA Safety Label is applied for, are exempted of providing test reports each year. Their UIAA Safety Labels will be automatically renewed as long as a valid certificate (similar or equal to Article 11A or Article 11B of 89/686/CEE for PPE) is in possession of the Safety Label Administrator.
- *Alternatives to test reports.* Organisations with recognized certification on such products for which a UIAA Safety Label is applied for, can submit an CE type-examination certificate from an EU Notified Body instead of the test report. This is limited to only those products for which the UIAA Standards do not demand a test report over and above the EN requirements.
- *Validity of test reports.* For organizations with recognized certification, test reports may be more than 12 months old at the time of application, but may not predate the start of the certification.

## 4 Rights and Obligations of UIAA Safety Label Holders

### 4.1 *Rights of UIAA Safety Label Holders*

- To use the UIAA Safety Label trademark on products for which a UIAA Safety Label Certificate is valid in accordance with the UIAA guidelines as in **Annex A1**
- To use the UIAA Safety Label trademark in catalogues, advertisements, websites and other promotional material in accordance with UIAA guidelines as in **Annex A1**
- To receive various publications concerning the UIAA Safety Label like catalogues, guides as well as press releases (freely reproducible with source acknowledgement).
- To be displayed as a UIAA Safety Label Holder on the UIAA website ([www.theuiaa.org](http://www.theuiaa.org)) in accordance with the overall UIAA provisions.
- To participate in the UIAA Safety Commission Plenary meetings and to have voting rights limited to only technical matters related to the products and UIAA Safety Standards. The conditions for voting rights and procedure shall apply according to **Annex A4**
- To appeal in writing to the UIAA Safety Commission President. In case of a dispute arising out of matters related to the administration of the Safety Label, a Board of Appeal comprising of the President, a Safety Commission Delegate (who can not be from the country of the complainant) and the Safety Label administrator will be convened.

#### **4.2 Obligations of UIAA Safety Label Holders**

- To comply with the rules in the UIAA Safety Label Regulations and with Special Regulations and resolutions decided by the UIAA Safety Commission, including financial obligations.
- To implement the relevant safety standards developed by the UIAA Safety Label Commission and to strictly apply the guidelines on use of UIAA Safety Label trademark on its products in accordance with **Annex A1** to show evidence of the adoption.
- To Inform the UIAA Safety Label Administrator in case of discontinuation/ termination of manufacture of a product that carries a UIAA Safety Label Certification.
- To notify the UIAA Safety Label Administrator immediately in case of a product recall, so that the administrator takes appropriate action; including publishing the recall on the UIAA website.
- To sign and abide by the terms of the Agreement in **Annex B2** on the conditions to be respected as a Safety Label Holder when implementing the UIAA Safety Standards.

## 5 Fee structure for a UIAA Safety Label Holder

A UIAA Safety Label Holder has to pay an annual membership fee and a fee for each product with a UIAA Safety Label Certificate.

The UIAA Safety Commission decides these fees. If the commission plans to raise the fees more than the rate of inflation, it shall inform the Safety Label Holders as soon as possible.

### The fee structure:

	Particulars	Fee (in Euros)
a.	Membership	300 €/year
	Membership for new SLH (fee for the first year, the year of application):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• application between January and June: 300 €</li> <li>• application between July and September: 200 €</li> <li>• application between October and December: 100 €</li> </ul>
b.	Per Safety Label	20 €/year
c.	Express service	100 € (Extra charge in addition to the normal fees)

In addition to the above fees, the UIAA reserves the right to charge a registration fee to Safety Label Holders to contribute to the Safety Commission Plenary meeting costs for the hosting organization. This charge may not exceed the Observer fee (currently €500).

## 6 Time schedule

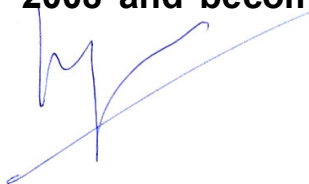
The following table is showing the time schedule and consequences if the deadlines are exceeded.

Date	Action	Consequences
<b>Payment of fees</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Membership fees and Label fees for the following year are invoiced together	
31 <sup>st</sup> December	First reminder will be sent in case of non payment of the initial invoice	
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Second reminder is sent	The status of the non paid label certificates goes to "suspended" (visible also on the UIAA website).
15 <sup>th</sup> February	The invoice is still not paid	The label certificate will be cancelled and the SLH will be removed from the website.
<b>Renewal of expiring label certificates</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> November	The new test reports are transmitted to the Safety Label Administrator.	
1 <sup>st</sup> December	In case of non-receipt of all the test reports, a reminder is sent.	All the label certificates are invoiced with the annual invoice. They become "active" only after receipt of all the required documents.
31 <sup>st</sup> December	Second reminder is sent	The status of all label certificates for which no report was sent goes to "suspended" (visible also on the UIAA website).
31 <sup>st</sup> January	The certificate is still not received	The status of all label certificates for which no test report was sent is set to "cancelled" (visible also on the UIAA website). Cancelled certificates are removed from the UIAA website.

<b>Renewal of expiring label certificates for Safety Label Holders with a simplified procedure (section 3.7)</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> November	The latest quality certification to justify an exception is transmitted to the Safety Label Administrator (only if this type of certificate has to be renewed).	After reception of the quality certification to justify an exception, all the expiring label certificates are automatically renewed.
1 <sup>st</sup> December	In case of non-receipt of the mentioned documents, a reminder is sent.	
31 <sup>st</sup> December	Second reminder is sent.	The status of all label certificates goes to "suspended" (visible also on the UIAA website).
31 <sup>st</sup> January	The quality certification to justify an exception is still not received.	The status of all label certificates older than 3 years goes to "cancelled". A new test report (<12 months) is required to re-register the labels. As long as no quality certification to justify an exception is delivered, the standard procedure will be applied (section 3.4).
<b>Termination of Safety Label Certificate</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> November	Inform the Safety Label Administrator of the labels to withdraw on the 1 <sup>st</sup> January of the following year	In case of non respect, the labels can be withdrawn, but the annual label fees are due for one more year
<b>Termination of Membership</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> November	Inform the Safety Label Administrator of the cancelling of membership as a Safety Label Holder starting 1 <sup>st</sup> of January of the following year.	In case of non respect, the membership can be cancelled, but the annual label fees are due for one more year

**These regulations were approved by the UIAA Executive Board on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2008 and become effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009.**

*Mike Mortimer*  
Signed UIAA



## **Annex A1**

### **Note on UIAA Logos and Trademark**


**UIAA Safety Label Logo:** Visual consistency shall be maintained of the UIAA brand colour across different surfaces of the products. Master artwork is to be used for the reproduction of all elements.

The UIAA will supply high resolution logos for Safety Label Holders' use.

The UIAA Brand Manual will be supplied to all Safety label holders and gives detailed directions on the use of the UIAA's identity, in particular the use of the UIAA logos.

**Annex A2**

**UIAA Approved Test Laboratories**

UIAA Safety Commission (UIAA = Union Internationale des Associations d'Alpinisme)		
	<p><b>6.1.1.1 List of UIAA-Approved Test Laboratories</b></p>	<p><b>January 2010</b></p>
Country	Laboratory	Approved for testing of:
Austria	<p><b>Technische Versuchs- und Forschungsanstalt (TVFA) der Technischen Universität Wien</b>                      Karlsplatz 13                      A-1040 Wien                      Austria  <a href="http://www.tvfa.tuwien.ac.at">www.tvfa.tuwien.ac.at</a></p> <p><b>Contact: Martin Kappel</b>                      phone +43 (0)1 - 588 0143 001                      fax +43 (0)1 - 588 0143 099                      email <a href="mailto:ka@tvfa.tuwien.ac.at">ka@tvfa.tuwien.ac.at</a></p>	<p>UIAA-101 Dynamic Ropes                      102 Accessory Cord                      103 Tape                      104 Slings                      105 Harnesses                      121 Connectors (Karabiners)                      123 Rock Anchors                      124 Chocks                      125 Frictional Anchors                      126 Rope Clamps                      127 Pulleys                      128 Energy Absorbing Systems                      129 Braking Devices                      152 Ice Tools (Axes and Hammers)</p>
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**Annex A3**

**Sample certificate**

 <h1 style="margin-left: 20px;">SAFETY LABEL</h1>	
<p><b>Climbing and mountaineering equipment tested to the UIAA's equipment standards is recommended by the UIAA for use by climbers and mountaineers.</b></p>	
 <b>UIAA President</b>	 <b>UIAA Safety Commission President</b>
<p><b>The UIAA certifies that the product named below has been tested to meet the safety requirements of the UIAA's equipment standards:</b></p>	
Product name:	
Manufacturer:	
UIAA standard:	
Certificate No:	The first two digits indicate the year that the product was first tested and thus the applicable version of the UIAA standard
Issued:	
Expires:	
<p><b>This certificate is valid until the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year of issue. It may be renewed within three months of the expiry date in accordance with UIAA regulations.</b></p>	

## **Annex A4**

### **Voting procedure and guidelines**

- Safety Label Holders can only vote on matters related to products for which they hold one or more UIAA Safety Label Certificates.
- For votes concerning a new Standard, Observers (as in section 2 above), which intend to become Safety Label Holders in the near future, will be allocated a voting right, if the new standard concerns the relevant products.
- The voting rights of the items for decision on the Agenda will be calculated and declared at the beginning of the Safety Commission meeting.
- Votes can only be exercised individually. Proxies are not permitted. A single individual may represent only one Safety Label Holder.
- Safety Label Holders collectively have a maximum of one less vote than the total number of votes of national delegates with voting rights at the meeting. If there are more Safety Label Holders than votes to be awarded, a proportional weighed vote for each Safety Label Holder will be calculated. Thus the total sum of votes will be distributed proportionately onto the Safety Label Holders with respective voting rights.
- Abstentions shall not be tallied for votes
- In case of a tie, the President of the UIAA Safety Commission has the casting vote.
- Decisions must be carried by a majority of 60% of the votes cast.





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**Annex: B2: AGREEMENT on Regulations to be accepted by the Safety Label Holder implementing the use of UIAA Safety Label on approved equipment**

Concluded between

UIAA

Monbijoustrasse 61  
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Switzerland

Referred to hereafter as UIAA

and

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Referred to hereafter as Safety Label Holder

on

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The Safety Label Holder has read and agrees to abide by the conditions set out in Regulations for Safety Label Holders and relevant annexes.

The Safety Label Holder supports the mission of the UIAA Safety Commission to minimise accidents in mountaineering and climbing

- by developing and maintaining the highest standards for mountaineering and climbing equipment
- by working to minimise accidents caused by equipment failure or unsafe design
- by propagating information about the UIAA standards to the climbing and mountaineering public
- by encouraging the exchange of ideas and information about equipment for mountaineering and climbing

All questions and disputes arising from this agreement will be judged on the base of Swiss Law, and the Courts of Bern, Switzerland will be the final court of decision for disputes arising from this agreement.

*Mike Martinis*

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Safety Label Holder