

Gaining and Maintaining the BASEC Mark

INTRODUCTORY GUIDE

Introduction

Thank you for your enquiry about BASEC Product Approval and Certification. BASEC's name is synonymous throughout the global cable industry with quality and safety. Seeing the BASEC mark gives complete assurance to your customers throughout the supply chain from wholesalers and distributors to specifiers, purchasers and installers.

BASEC certification is amongst the most rigorous in the industry, but by achieving it you will stand out clearly from your competitors and your cables will be recognised as market leaders in terms of quality, safety and ongoing conformity to all the relevant standards. It will open up new opportunities and markets for you as the BASEC mark has been a mark of reassurance for those specifying, buying and installing cable for over 45 years.

The BASEC team is here to help you throughout the quotation process, so if you have any questions or need any help, don't hesitate to get in touch.



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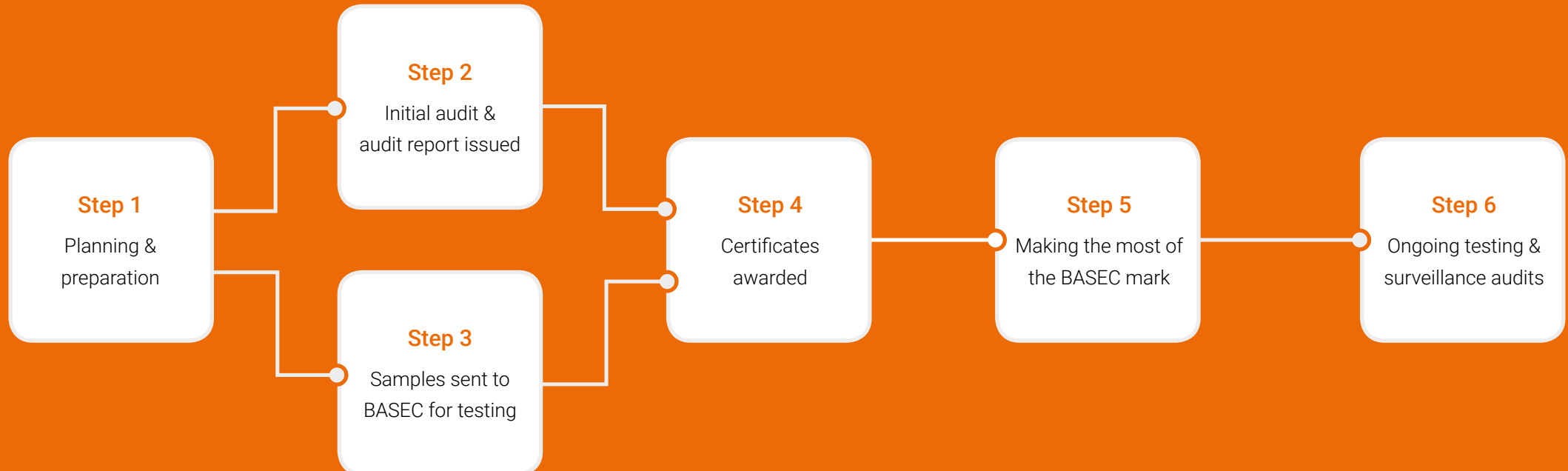
Six steps to gaining and maintaining the BASEC mark

The certification process can be broken down into six steps and we will work closely with you throughout to ensure it runs smoothly and we meet your expectations.

Gaining the Mark

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Step 1 Planning & Preparation

Careful planning and preparation ensures you have all the systems and processes in place necessary to meet the requirements of the BASEC PCR (Product Certification Requirements), before the initial audit goes ahead.

If needed, we can undertake a pre-audit visit. This will help you understand the requirements of the PCR, help you identify any gaps in your existing procedures and offer guidance and support in getting the necessary systems in place.

Step 2 Initial Audit

This consists of two stages, which are usually carried out together on site.

1. Management Systems Review to establish that you have all the necessary controls and procedures in place.
2. Operation and Production Audit which defines the scope of production and will witness all the relevant processes.

An Audit Report is then issued, following which, any non-conformities are addressed.

Step 3 Cable Testing

Samples are sent to the BASEC lab for testing in accordance with the relevant standards.

Step 4 Certification

Once any non-conformities are addressed and cables have passed testing, a Management Systems Certificate and Product Marking Licence are awarded.

Step 5 Using the BASEC Mark

Once you have been awarded the BASEC mark you will be able to use it in your sales and marketing materials.

Step 6 Ongoing Testing and Surveillance Audits

We work to a three-year, ongoing programme of surveillance and re-testing. It is a rigorous process, but it means your customers are assured of the continued conformity of your cables and they know that any cable carrying the BASEC mark is safe, reliable and fit for purpose.

Depending on the size and complexity of your business there will be between two and four routine audits per year, plus one unannounced visit.

At each routine audit, samples will be selected for surveillance testing. The number of samples will depend on your production volumes.

Details of your routine surveillance and testing programme are given in your quote.

At the end of the three years, we undertake a re-certification audit.





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