

# SEI Certification Flow Chart



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# Certification Checklist

Third-Party Certification Helps Ensure Product Performance, Benefits Industry and End Users

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## Do we need third-party certification for this product?

Will third-party certification increase confidence that products are effective and perform to specified requirements?

Will product certification by a third-party certification organization help suppliers demonstrate that products meet specified requirements?

*If your committee answered yes to either of these questions, certification may be a good option for your product standard. This checklist covers the essential points of product certification for your standard.*

## How should third-party certification be required?

Should certification requirements be part of the product standard?

Should certification requirements be a separate standard that applies to one or more product standards? (If a separate standard, a cross-reference to the certification standard in the product standard is recommended.)

## How often and what should the third-party certification organization test?

After the initial product evaluation, should a product be evaluated annually or on a different schedule, such as initially and then every other year, etc.?

For annual certification, should the third-party certification organization evaluate the product to all performance requirements every time or can a modified testing scheme be followed?

Should the third-party certification organization select samples for evaluation during the audit or from the marketplace?

Are there ISO/IEC 17025 accredited laboratories that can do the testing required by the product standard?

Should the product testing be based on a component of or the whole product? (For example, only the product's electrical system or battery may need to be tested/certified.)

## What type of quality management system should be required?

Should the manufacturer have a quality management system that is equivalent to ISO 9001, or should it be ISO 9001 registered?

Should subcontract manufacturing locations have their own quality management system? Should it be ISO 9001 registered?

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