



The intention of the rules to use and affix the **CE marking** (s. figure), is to symbolize the conformity of the product with the applicable essential technical (safety) requirements of EC directives. The **CE marking is not a mark of conformity for a standard**, instead it is a **mark of conformity for EC directives** with extensive functions as a declaration, which enables, for example, officers of the trade board, to easily check within the EC, whether the products are allowed to be distributed.

The CE marking thus is a declaration for free trade, which although does not refer to a specification or a performance feature of the product itself. For the latter there are other markings (such as GS mark, or EC type test mark).

The rules for the usage of the CE mark do not apply for all products which are imported into the EC. If not at least 1 of approx. 20 EC directives¹ apply for a product, the **CE mark may not be affixed!**

Examples for such products are:

- Consumables such as foil tubes used for the purpose to weld medicine or waste
- Aid-consumables such as prep-mats, or absorbent- or wiping tissues for liquids

Further information in regard to the CE marking: <http://europa.eu.int>²

¹ <http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/newapproach/legislation/directives1.htm>

² http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/newapproach/legislation/guide/document/1999_1282_en.pdf