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FAQ about barbecue charcoal certification

Would you like to know more about the testing and certification of your barbecue charcoal and barbecue charcoal briquettes? Below we have compiled the most frequently asked questions and answers for you.

1. WHAT REQUIREMENTS DO I HAVE TO FULFILL FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF MY PRODUCTS?

Your barbecue charcoal and barbecue charcoal briquettes must comply with the requirements of European standard [DIN EN 1860-2](#). For this, your products must be free of foreign substances such as wood preservatives, paints, pitch, bitumen, glass, slags, rust, metal fragments. A definition of allowable levels of carbon, water and ash ensures excellent burning performance.

For the DINplus quality mark, a particularly low ash content and a high carbon content must also be maintained.

2. WHAT ADVANTAGES DOES THE CERTIFICATION OF MY BARBECUE CHARCOAL AND BARBECUE CHARCOAL BRIQUETTES OFFER ME?

- You document your high quality standard.
- You provide your customers with an aid to decision-making and orientation in a complex market.
- You secure a competitive advantage through clear differentiation.

You can receive more information about the certification of barbecue products and their benefits in our [Flyer „Barbecue Certification“](#).



3. WHAT DIFFERENCES EXIST BETWEEN THE QUALITY MARKS DIN-GEPRÜFT AND DINPLUS?

In addition to the requirements of DIN EN 1860-2, the premium quality by DIN*plus* requires particularly low ash content and a particularly high carbon content.

4. HOW MUCH DOES THE CERTIFICATION OF MY BARBECUE CHARCOAL COST?

The costs of the certification can be viewed at any time in our [schedule of fees](#).

5. HOW LONG IS THE CERTIFICATE VALID?

The certificate is valid for 2 years. After the validity period, the right of use expires.

The certificate, and thus the right to use it, can be maintained for a further 2 years beyond this date, provided that an application for renewal with an up-to-date, positive test report is submitted in due time before the expiration of the certification.

6. WHAT SHOULD I PAY ATTENTION TO WHEN PACKAGING MY PRODUCTS?

On the packaging of impregnated and unimpregnated barbecue charcoal and barbecue charcoal briquettes, the following information must be marked legible, permanent and at least in the language (s) of the country where the equipment is sold:

- Name or registered company trademark of the manufacturer or supplier / distributor
- Designation as barbecue charcoal or barbecue charcoal briquettes
- Type designation, if applicable
- Content, meaning 4 x 1 kg, 1 x 1.4 kg, 2 x LT etc. (for impregnated barbecue charcoal and briquettes) and content in kg (for non-impregnated barbecue charcoal and briquettes and loose impregnated barbecue charcoal and briquettes in bags)
- Number of the standard DIN EN 1860-2
- Safety and health related instructions for safe and proper usage
- Warning: „Attention! Do not use easily flammable liquids, e.g. spirits or gasoline, to ignite or re-ignite!“ (for unimpregnated charcoal)
- Warning: „Caution! After igniting the grill, do not add any other impregnated fuels to the grill“. Should be taken literally. (for impregnated charcoal)
- Specification of the year of manufacture
- Certification mark „DIN-Geprüft“ or „DIN*plus*“ and registration number of DIN CERTCO after certification
- Production facility (distinguishing feature of multiple facilities: this can be one number or many letters).

What you need to consider with packaging can be reviewed any time in our checklist or found under the point 3.2 „Labeling of the product“ in the [certification scheme](#).

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT CERTIFICATION FOR BARBECUE CHARCOAL AND BARBECUE CHARCOAL BRIQUETTES? CONTACT ONE OF OUR EXPERTS.

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