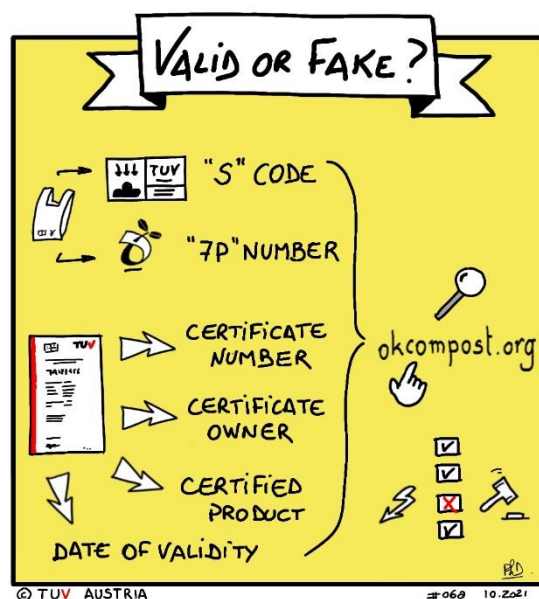# 06 – valid or fake ?

Market monitoring is an important part of our activities (see step 7 sketch 02)

And unfortunately, some unscrupulous companies do not hesitate to abuse our logos and certificates.

However, there are several ways to check whether a product or certificate is potentially fraudulent by checking certain elements via our online database.

1. Each of our "OK" logos on a certified product contains a code in the bottom right-hand corner beginning with "S".

   This code, called the "S-code", is specific to a single licensee and may not be used by another licensee.

2. Each seedling logo on a certified product is accompanied by a code starting with "7P".

   This code is a unique reference to the certificate covering the product in question.

3. The certificates contain a lot of information such as
   a. The certificate reference
   b. A short description of the certified product(s)
   c. The name of the owner of the certificate
   d. The validity dates of the certificate

By searching in our online database for one of these data, you can obtain the identification sheet of the certified product(s):
manufacturer, commercial name, thickness, colour, ... depending on the certified product, ...

A guideline to facilitate your search is also available (here).

If the search returns different information from what you have, or if it does not return any results; it means that the certificate is withdrawn, or it is a fake or the search keys are not correct.

Do not hesitate to contact us via monitoring@tuv-a.com

In all cases, prosecutions are initiated.