Note: This revised explanatory note (the "Explanatory Note") supersedes the previous document dated 23 February 2026.

World Aquatics Homologation Mark

This document is intended to provide further context and information following the publication of the amended World Aquatics Competition Regulations (the "Competition Regulations"), effective 18 February 2026. This Explanatory Note highlights updates to the required World Aquatics homologation mark (the "World Aquatics Homologation Mark"), as detailed in Part One of the Competition Regulations.

Pursuant to Part One, Article 6.16.4 of the Competition Regulations, World Aquatics may publish further regulations and/or guidance regarding World Aquatics Homologation Marks from time to time.

1. New Homologation Mark

The design of the World Aquatics Homologation Mark has been amended as follows:



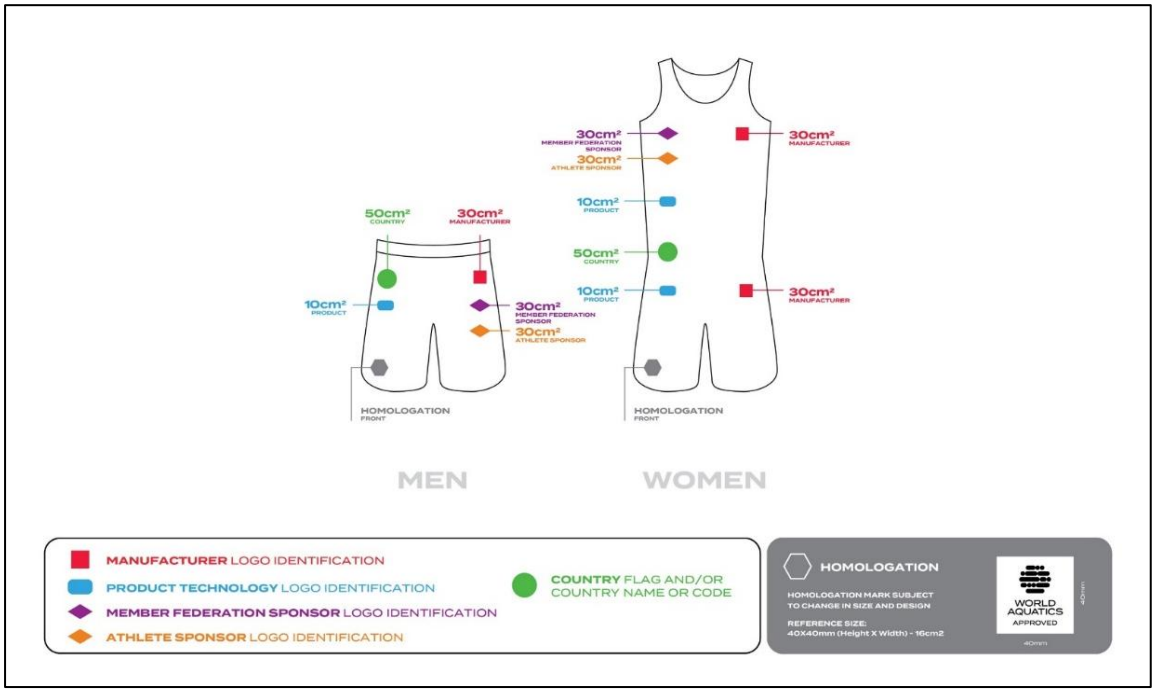
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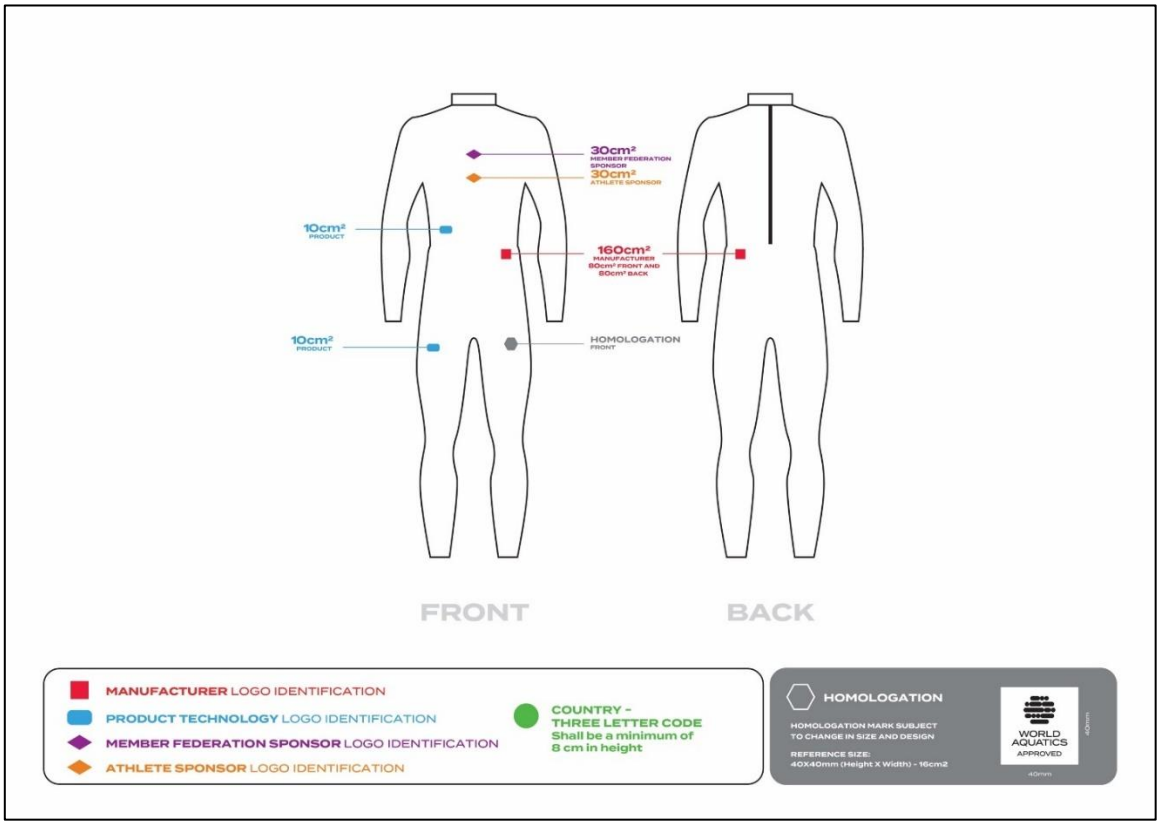


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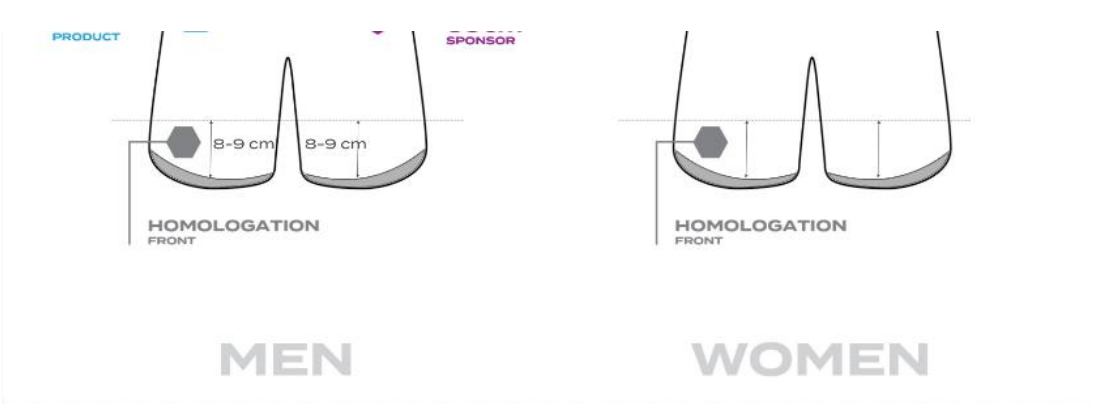
2. Position on swimwear

The homologation mark must now be printed on the front of a swimsuit (Swimming and Open Water Swimming) or a wetsuit.





Part One, Article 7.5.5 of the Competition Regulations: *One (1) World Aquatics Homologation Mark placed in accordance with Article 7.5.5 of this Part One. For Swimming and Open Water Swimming, the World Aquatics Homologation Mark shall be placed on the area of the front legs (left or right), in lower and prominent position. The World Aquatics Homologation Mark must be 16 cm² and must be placed at a maximum of 8-9 cm from the bottom edge of the swimsuit. It should not be placed on the edge seam.*



3. Implementation Period

3.1 Homologation Requirements as of 18 February 2026

Swimsuits and/or wetsuits approved in 2026[1] must feature the new World Aquatics Homologation Mark in accordance with Part One, Article 7.5.5 of the Competition Regulations (and as seen at Section 1 of this Explanatory Note).

3.2 Transition Period

Notwithstanding the above, World Aquatics recognizes the need for a transition period ("Transition Period") to allow stakeholders sufficient time to adapt to and comply with the new regulations. Therefore, swimsuits and/or wetsuits in compliance with the former Competition Regulations shall be deemed compliant until the end of the Transition Period. The Transition Period is effective immediately and will conclude on **31 December 2028.**

While immediate compliance with Part One, Article 7.5.5 of the Competition Regulations is encouraged, athletes may, during the Transition Period, use swimsuits and wetsuits bearing the old homologation mark for World Aquatics Events and at any other events conducted under the rules of World Aquatics.

For the avoidance of doubt, effective **1 January 2029,** all swimsuits and wetsuits worn by Athletes at World Aquatics Events and at any other events conducted under the rules of World Aquatics must feature the new World Aquatics Homologation Mark in accordance with Part One, Article 7.5.5 of the Competition Regulations. An Athlete who fails to wear a compliant swimsuit and/or wetsuit may be prohibited from competing in such events.

[1] In the context of this document, "approved" refers to any swimsuit and/or wetsuit that has received formal approval from World Aquatics in the 2026 calendar year, even if the submission was put forth in 2025.