International Sustainability & Carbon Certification (ISCC)

Why Cotecna

> Swiss group founded in 1974

> Global network of over 4,000 employees in more than 100 offices & certified laboratories across approx. 50 countries

> Use of E-dox™: an innovative solution for issuance of digital certificates

> Efficient and responsive services, customized to clients' needs

Benefits of ISCC Certification

> Demonstrate sustainable business practices

> Proves compliance to the EU Renewable Energy Directive (RED) thereby granting access to this market

> Traceability throughout the supply chain

> Prove commitment to global sustainability objectives

To reduce the carbon footprint and limit environmental impact, countries are turning towards sustainable energy sources, such as biofuels. A global move towards renewable, low-carbon sources of energy, such as biofuels and biomass, is key to slowing climate change. To address this new market, the EU has created mandatory parameters for all EU member countries for the sustainable production and processing of biomass in the Renewable Energy Directive (RED) (EU-RL 2009/28/EC).

ISCC is an advanced programme and a recognised sustainability certification scheme for all feedstocks including agricultural and forestry biomass, circular and bio-based materials and renewables and markets which has been developed through an open multi-stakeholder process and is governed by an association with more than 140 members, including research institutes and NGO's.

The ISCC scheme establishes a traceability system that enables each player to source sustainable products from any other certificate holder throughout the supply chain covering

> Farm, plantation or point or origin

> First gathering point, country elevator or collecting point

> Trader/storage

> Processing unit

> Final product

ISCC PLUS is a voluntary certification for non-regulated markets and is applicable for circular and bio-based products, renewables, food, feed, biofuels outside EU. All types of agricultural and forestry raw materials, waste and residues, biogas and algae, renewable feedstocks of non-biological origin (e.g. renewable energy from wind or water), bacteria and carbon capture and utilisation for transport purposes can be certified under this scheme.

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Our Certification Products

> GMP & HACCP
> ISO 22000
> FSSC 22000
> IFS FOOD
> GMP + FSA
> ISO 22716
> ISO 9001
> ISO 14001
> ISO 45001
> ISCC

Our Audit Services

> Regulatory compliance verification as per FSMA
> Customized audits
> 2nd-party and supplier audits

Our Training Services (Public Courses)

> Customized training
> Awareness training as per GFSI recognized schemes & ISO standards
> PCQI (human food)
> Internal Auditing
> HACCP implementation/ Seafood HACCP
> Food defence risk assessment and plan development workshop
> Food fraud risk assessment and plan development workshop

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To the core requirements of ISCC PLUS, various voluntary add-on modules can be added as applicable to agricultural production or to the whole supply chain. These add on modules are as below:

> Environmental management and biodiversity
> Classified chemicals
> SAI Gold
> GHG emission requirements
> Consumables
> Non-GMO food/feed
> Non-GMO technical markets

ISCC EU Certification is applicable for Biofuels in the EU and is recognized by recognised by the European Commission (EC) to demonstrate compliance with RED and FQD. All types of agricultural and forestry raw materials, waste and residues, biogas and algae can be certified under this scheme.

How to become ISCC Certified

Step 1 – Complete the application form and commercial contract with Cotecna

Step 2 – Registration with the ISCC

Step 3A – Internal Audit

i. Set up an audit team
ii. Identify missing information
iii. Complement missing information
iv. Conduct internal audit

Note: Become familiar with the ISCC requirements to be prepared for the audit.

Step 3B – Certification Audit

i. Provide necessary proofs, documents, data & access
ii. Receive audit report with corrective action requests and close them within 40 days (Note: Certificates are issued after timely implementation of correction actions)

Step 4 – Certificate Issuance

i. Cotecna forwards audit documents to ISCC
ii. ISCC reviews the audit documents
iii. ISCC publishes certificate on the ISCC website
iv. ISCC informs local bodies as necessary (Note: ISCC system users are obliged to check on the ISCC website)
v. Certificate issued by Cotecna

Step 5 – Handling Sustainable Materials

Once the certificate has been issued by Cotecna, purchase, sale of sustainable material and use of ISCC logo and claims are allowed.