ISCC PLUS CERTIFICATION
for the Circular Economy

What is it?
The International Sustainability & Carbon Certification (ISCC) is an international certification program for the Circular Economy that focuses on the verification of traceability of recycled materials (e.g. mixed plastic waste) according to mass balance accounting principles.

The ISCC PLUS system is an independent, third-party verification of mass-balance traceability to the waste source ("Point of Origin"), following the mass balance accounting principles developed by the Ellen MacArthur Foundation. ISCC PLUS certification applies to any type of materials, from bio-based materials derived from agricultural or forestry materials, to mixed plastic waste subject to a chemical recycling process to convert materials that previously could not be recycled through traditional mechanical processes.

Why get certified with SCS?
ISCC PLUS is the most widely recognized certification for the Circular Economy sector, recognized by upstream converters and downstream brand owners to prove traceability of recycled materials. SCS is the preferred partner for many of the largest converters and brand owners in the Circular Economy sector. Nearly 20 years ago SCS developed the first Recycled Content certification in the world. Since then we have supported the development of the ISCC PLUS program for the Circular Economy. With offices in the Americas, Europe and China, SCS is able to meet the needs of global actors anywhere in the world.

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Steps to Certification

1. Scoping and Project Initiation
   - Client submits application and requests a quote for services
   - SCS confirms the project scope and provides a proposal for services
   - Client signs Work Order and returns to SCS to begin the audit process

2. On-Site Audit
   - Client provides SCS documentation (electronically) for review prior to the on-site audit
   - SCS auditor conducts an audit of client operations (remote or on-site, depending on travel restrictions)
   - SCS provides client with a report on compliance to ISCC Plus Circular Economy requirements

3. Corrective Actions
   - Client responds to any necessary corrective actions
   - SCS reviews the audit report and corrective action documentation

4. Final Certification Decision
   - SCS head office makes a certification determination and informs ISCC if approved
   - Upon successful ISCC certification, client is issued a certificate and listed on the ISCC website