

Recycled Claim Standard Certification

RCS certification to validate recycled materials in products and supply chains

RCS is an international, voluntary standard that sets requirements for third-party certification of recycled input and chain of custody. The goal of the RCS is to increase the use of recycled materials in products and their supply chains.



The Recycled Claim Standard requires a minimum of 5% of recycled material in a product. Audits require verification of chain of certified material throughout the supply chain.

RCS certification provides alignment of recycled definitions across multiple applications, with materials verified to meet the ISO definition of recycled. It accepts both pre-consumer and post-consumer recycled materials.

The certification enables tracking and tracing of recycled input materials and offers customers (both brands and consumers) a tool to make informed decisions. It also provides assurance that materials in the final product are truly recycled and included in the final product. Additionally, products with RCS certification may qualify for Amazon Climate Pledge Friendly status, provided they contain a minimum of 50% recycled material.

RCS certification requires each stage of production is required to be certified, beginning at the recycling stage and ending at the last seller in the final business-to-business transaction.

The RCS standard does not consider social, environmental, or chemical aspects of manufacturing and warehousing. GRS does include those requirements.

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