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On the Cover:

Kingfisher birds are beloved around the world, with more than 90 species in a variety of habitats. Easily recognized by their large heads and long beaks, Kingfishers are admired for their colorful plumage, keen vision, and skillful hunting. They are indicators of environmental health.

Independent certification by SCS, as represented by the SCS Kingfisher, is a visual expression of our proven commitment to sustainability through environmental stewardship, responsible resource management, and protection of workers and communities.

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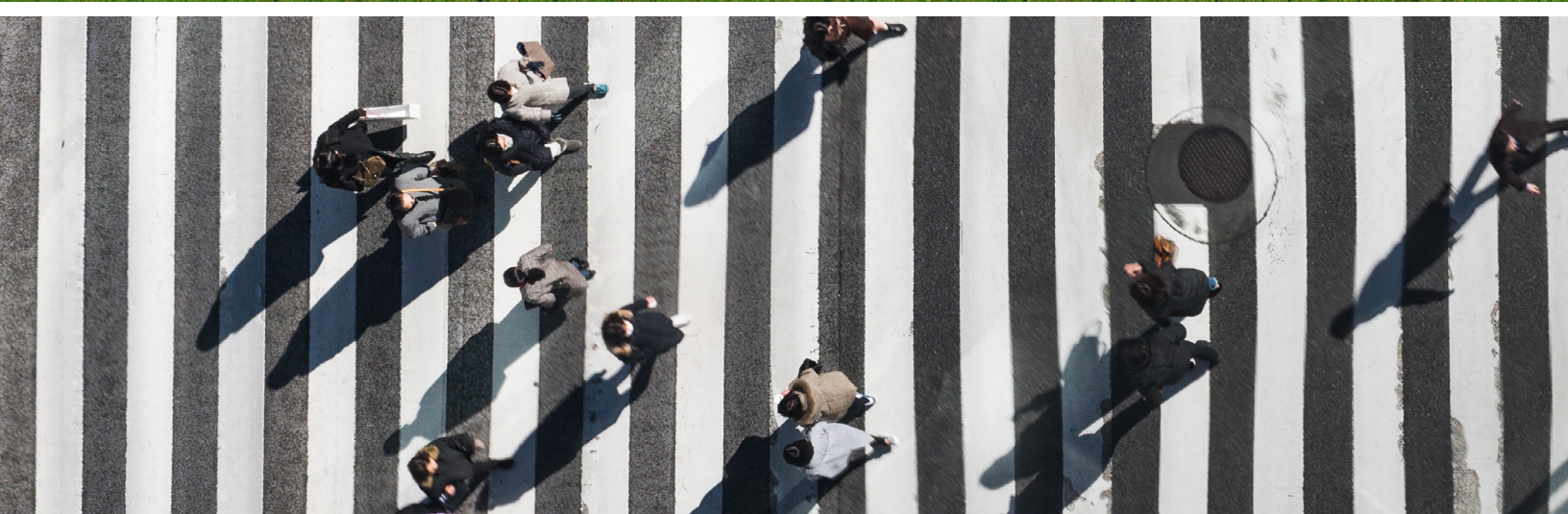
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IN SERVICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

The business world has embraced Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) practices as a framework for conducting more ethical and transparent business while reinforcing the bottom line. SCS Global Services has been a pioneer in this space, working for four decades to advance sustainability, in order to ensure a healthy planet and a thriving economy that works for everyone. In service of this mission, we are proud to work with clients around the world in the natural resources, built environment, consumer products, food and agriculture, retail, and climate sectors.

We work with companies large and small, associations, government and intergovernmental bodies, non-governmental organizations, and community stakeholders. Our services include auditing and inspection, verification and certification, training, and consulting – all grounded in solid business values and sound science. Through these services, we enable decision-makers and purchasers to make informed decisions, giving innovators a competitive edge, and helping propel the growth of a sustainable economy through the development of leadership standards and solutions that drive continuous improvement.

Having a Positive Impact

Together with our clients and partners, we are actively impacting the world around us in many ways:

- Advancing sustainable agriculture
- Assuring corporate sustainability reporting
- Assuring food safety and quality from farm to fork
- Building resilient communities
- Encouraging resource conservation and recycling
- Enhancing sustainable manufacturing and business practices
- Incentivizing responsible materials extraction and processing
- Promoting indoor air quality for building products, furnishings, and finishes
- Protecting fragile ecosystems on land and at sea
- Reducing company carbon footprints
- Reinforcing fair, safe, and healthy work environments
- Safeguarding precious fresh water supplies
- Securing supply chain integrity
- Supporting informed decision-making

Our Role as a Neutral Third Party

As a neutral third party, we have the informed, independent perspective needed to conduct credible certification audits and provide effective solutions, helping clients identify improvement opportunities and build customer and stakeholder confidence. Our third-party status is corroborated through national and international accreditations, and is built upon the following foundations:

- We are fully independent, with no financial backing from any institution or organization with an interest in our clients or their products.
- We operate on a fee-for-service basis, providing transparency and ensuring that our fees are not attached to client success or sales volumes.
- We engage independent labs when product testing is required, enabling split samples and anonymity for quality control, while assuring customers that we have no interest in excessive testing.
- Our Quality System policies insulate our findings from commercial, financial, and other pressures as SCS managers document and analyze potential conflicts of interest for each project.

SCS HIGHLIGHTS

1984-PRESENT

1984



Established world's first Pesticide Residue Free certification program for fresh produce, with first voluntary full disclosures from growers.

1985

Established first pesticide residue and nutrition testing QA program for supermarket fresh produce departments.

1987

Launched first U.S. HACCP food safety training and audit programs for food producers, processors, handlers, and retailers.

1989

Launched first third-party U.S. certification program for environmental claims, starting with Recycled Content certification, and initiated green labeling and anti-greenwashing services for retailers.

1990s

Participated in writing the international ISO 14000 standards for environmental labeling and life cycle assessment.

1991

Conducted first international independent certification of products made with wood from a responsibly managed forest.

1994

Established world's first Life Cycle Assessment based on ISO Type III Environmental Product Declaration labeling: (Environmental Report Card).



Participated in establishment of the international Forest Stewardship Council® standard and accredited as one of the first certifiers.

1997



Participated in establishment of the international Marine Stewardship Council® standard and accredited as one of the first certifiers.

1999

Established SCS Mexico subsidiary as the first of many international ventures to expand service offerings in countries around the world.

2000



Accredited as one of the first organic certifiers under USDA National Organic Program.

2002

Launched flavor and nutrition management services to help growers, seed companies, and food retailers optimize these features.

2003



C.A.F.E. Practices

Worked with Starbucks to establish C.A.F.E. Practices program for its international coffee supply chain.

2004

Launched sustainable agriculture certification, first for cut flowers and ornamental plants, then for fresh produce.

2008

Launched greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory, including corporate and product carbon footprinting, and carbon offset validation and verification services.

2011



Fair Trade USA™

Supported development of Fair Trade USA standard and became the first accredited certifier.

2012

Adopted new dba SCS Global Services, represented by the SCS Kingfisher Certification Logo, to better communicate our services around the world.

2014

Accredited as auditor to the Responsible Jewellery Council® Code of Practices and Chain of Custody standards.

2014

First certification body fully accredited by the Roundtable on Sustainable Biomaterials.

Approved to conduct UTZ Code of Conduct and Chain of Custody audits for coffee, cocoa, and tea.



Supported development of EFI standard and became the first accredited certifier.

2015

Expanded Sustainably Grown® program internationally with certification of bananas and pineapples.

Accredited by ANSI as an Eligible EPD Program Operator and Independent EPD Verifier.

Published most comprehensive LCA study ever conducted for paper products.

2016

Approved certifier for Primus GFS GAP, GMP, FMS, HACCP scopes.

Approved certifier for ILFI Living Product Challenge and Declare.™



Approved as Non-GMO Project Verification Standard Technical Administrator.

Accredited certifier under the Responsible Minerals Assurance Process.

2017

Named first North American certifier under the RSPO Palm Oil Standard.



Sustainability Leadership Award Winner: Business Intelligence Group.

Recognized by EPA as a Third-Party Certifier for Formaldehyde Rule.

2018

Initiated Gluten-Free Certification Organization services.

2019

Accredited to certify SFI fiber sources and chain of custody.

Accredited to assess composite wood products under EPA TSCA Title VI.

Approved certifier for IRMA Responsible Mining Standard.

2020

Developed on-site and remote virtual audit protocols to meet client needs during the COVID pandemic.

Approved by CARB as verifier for the Low Carbon Fuel Standard.

Sedex-approved for SMETA social compliance audits.

2021

Approved global provider of LBMA and LPPM Responsible Sourcing certifications for precious metals.

2021

Approved to certify Rainforest Alliance 2020 Sustainable Agriculture Standard.



Introduced Certification Standard for Sustainability Rated Diamonds.

Awarded Environmental Finance's Best Verification Company.

Introduced Certification Standard for Zero Waste Facilities.



SCS' Carbon Neutral Certification accepted into Amazon's Climate Pledge friendly program.

Introduced Certification Standard for Gluten-Free Products.

SCS approved to perform validation and verification under Verra's Plastic Waste Reduction Program.

2022

Certification Standard for Carbon Neutral Entities, Buildings, Products, and Services launched.



SCS partners with The Water Council to launch WAVE Water Stewardship Verification with SCS as the sole program verifier.

2022

Introduced REPLENISH™ Verification for Water Stewardship Actions.

Authorized to certify Regenerative Organic Certification Standard.

Accredited to offer American Tree Farm System Standard (ATFS) certification.

Bee Better Certified® authorizes SCS as certifier.



SCS Plant-based Certification program launched to help distinguish plant-based brands and support transparency in product labeling.

SCS expands its Zero Waste standard to include projects and events in addition to facilities.

Regenerative Organic certification program approves SCS as an accredited certification body.

Accredited to offer ATFS certification to private landowners and family-owned forests.

2023

SCS becomes an authorized certification body under the ProTerra certification program.

2023



SCS launches new Recycled Content certification for the electrical and electronic equipment industries. Products certified are eligible for Amazon's Climate Pledge Friendly program.

2024

Sustainable Food Group approves SCS as an authorized certification body for its Sustainability Standard.

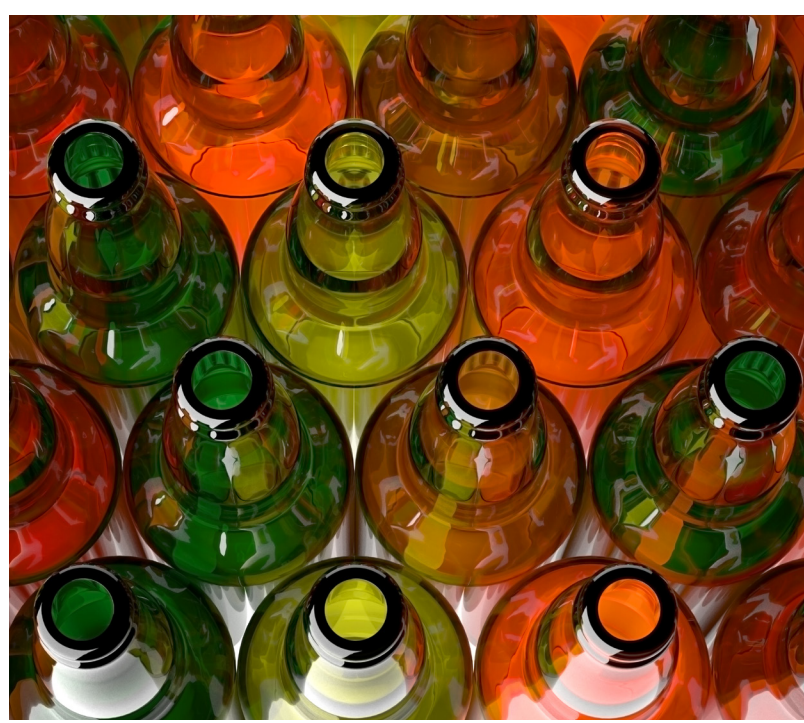
Approved as first certification body for Aquaculture Stewardship Council's pioneering new Feed Standard.



SCS launches Global Heat Reduction Initiative (GHRI), a groundbreaking new climate accounting method prioritizing the mitigation activities most likely to reduce global warming in the near term.

Approved as the first certification body for U.S. Farmed™ Certification, which differentiates products made with ingredients grown in the United States.

Approved as an auditor for California Proposition 12 Farm Animal Confinement Initiative.



FEATURED CLIENTS: FERRERO • STEELCASE • ADP • WORLD BANK • ALLSTEEL • FRESH DEL MONTE PRODUCE • AMERICAN AIRLINES • PERI & SONS FARMS • ANDERSEN CORPORATION • ANDREU WORLD • ANTHEM • ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND • ARMSTRONG FLOORING • BASF BENTLEY MILLS • MENDOCINO REDWOOD PRODUCTS • TOP HAT MUSHROOMS • BEST BUY PRODUCTS • COLLINS • STARBUCKS • BRILLIANT EARTH • SUN VALLEY RAISINS ADVANSIX CARGILL • POM WONDERFUL • CLARUS • CONGOLEUM • DAVID LUKE LTD. NORTH SHORE GREENHOUSES DIGNITY HEALTH • DUNN EDWARDS • FRUIT OF THE LOOM GUNLOCKE HERMAN MILLER EUROPE • HUMANS SCALE • HUNTER DOUGLAS • BERGER PEAT MOSS • TAYLOR FARMS • KIMBALL • RALPH PERRY IMPORT EXPORT • WILSONART ENGINEERED SURFACES HAWORTH RIVANNA NATURAL DESIGNS • BUMBLE BEE FOODS • HYUNDAI • L&C CORPORATION TREASURY WINE ESTATES • LAURA'S CHEVRE • WWF GERMANY • PACIFIC FOREST TRUST INTELLIGENT BLENDS • 84 LUMBER • JBT AEROTECH AUSTRAL FISHERIES • JOHNS MANVILLE LOCAL ROOTS • WILDLIFE WORKS • GENERAL MILLS HP • JOHNSON & JOHNSON • VISION ITTELLA INTERNATIONAL • LONESTAR LOBSTER TCHO • IDEAL SNACKS • KEILHAUER • THE NATURE CONSERVANCY • ALTRO LIMITED ALBION FARMS & FISHERIES • KARNDEN

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DESIGN FLOORING • GUITTARD CHOCOLATE COMPANY • KELLY-MOORE PAINTS • JELLY BELLY • AMY'S KITCHEN • SEVEN ISLANDS LAND COMPANY • KAILIS BROS • TRI MARINE LEDESMA • LEVI STRAUSS & CO • FORTUNE FISH & GOURMET • LG • HAUSYS AMERICA LUMBER LIQUIDATORS • JSL FOODS • REDWOOD FOREST FOUNDATION • ROSEBURG HALIBURTON FOREST & WILDLIFE RESERVE • MANNINGTON MILLS • MAPEI CORPORATION MASONITE ARCHITECTURAL • BARRY CALLEBAUT • FRESH EXPRESS • LAND O'LAKES WHIRLPOOL • THE CONSERVATION FUND • METROFLOR • HOKTO KINOKO • MILLER COORS MOHAWK INDUSTRIES • NESTLE WATERS • KEURIG • KOHL BUILDING PRODUCTS • CREATIVE SNACKS COMPANY • NEUTRAL POSTURE • SHANNON SPECIALTY FLOORS • NOVOLEX • NEW YORK PACKAGING • DRISCOLLS • AFRICAN WILDLIFE FOUNDATION • WEAVER POPCORN COMPANY • WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES • OWENS CORNING LITEQ INC • SURFACEWORKS • ROPPE HOLDING COMPANY • SHANNON SPECIALTY FLOORS 3M • CHICKEN OF THE SEA • NACIONAL AGRO INDUSTRIAL • OFS • SHAW INDUSTRIES GROUP • IDAN FOODS • NEW COUNTRY ORGANICS • SLOAN • TETRAPAK • ALBERT BARTLETT STELLA MCCARTNEY • DOLE PACKAGED FOODS • TATE INC • HUMBOLDT REDWOOD COMPANY



APPAREL AND TEXTILES

- Content Claim Standard (CCS)
- Ethical Sourcing Consulting
- Global Recycled Standard
- Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)
- Responsible Animal Fiber (Wool, Mohair and Alpaca)
- Recycled Claim Standard
- SCS Recycled Content
- SCS Responsible Source TM
- Sustainable Fabric Certification
- Verra Plastic Waste Reduction Standard

BIOFUELS AND BIO-BASED PRODUCTS

- 2BS
- Bonsucro
- International Sustainability and Carbon Certification (ISCC)
- Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS)
- Roundtable on Sustainable Biomaterials (RSB)
- Sustainable Biomass Program (SBP)
- ProTerra





CLIMATE CHANGE

- Carbon Footprint Consulting/GHG Inventory Preparation
 - Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP)
 - EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) Services
 - GHG Verification
 - ISO-14067 (Product Carbon Footprint)
 - PAS 2050
- Carbon Neutrality Verification
 - PAS 2060
 - SCS Carbon Neutral Standard
- Carbon Offset Validation and Verification
 - American Carbon Registry (ACR)
 - California Air Resources Board (CARB) Compliance Offset Program
 - Climate Action Reserve (CAR)
 - Climate, Community and Biodiversity Standards (CCB)
 - Forest Carbon Offset Protocol (FCOP)
 - Gold Standard (GS)
 - MRR Validation and Verification
 - Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard (SD ViSta)
 - Verified Carbon Standard (VCS)
- GHG Management and Reduction
- GHG Verification and Assessment
 - Airport Carbon Accreditation
 - Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA)
 - Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP)
 - The Climate Registry (TCR)
 - World Resources Institute (WRI)
- Global Heat Reduction Initiative (GHRI)
- ISCC EU and ISCC+ Certification



Del Monte's bananas and pineapples are certified carbon neutral from farm to port.

"Now more than ever, we need to understand the responsibility we have as corporate citizens. The work we employ around our conservation efforts is not one that we take lightly. If we want to 'Build A Better World Tomorrow' we must continuously improve upon our sustainability initiatives and commit to protecting our planet."

Hans Sauter
Chief Sustainability Officer, Fresh Del Monte Produce Inc.

INDUSTRIES SERVED

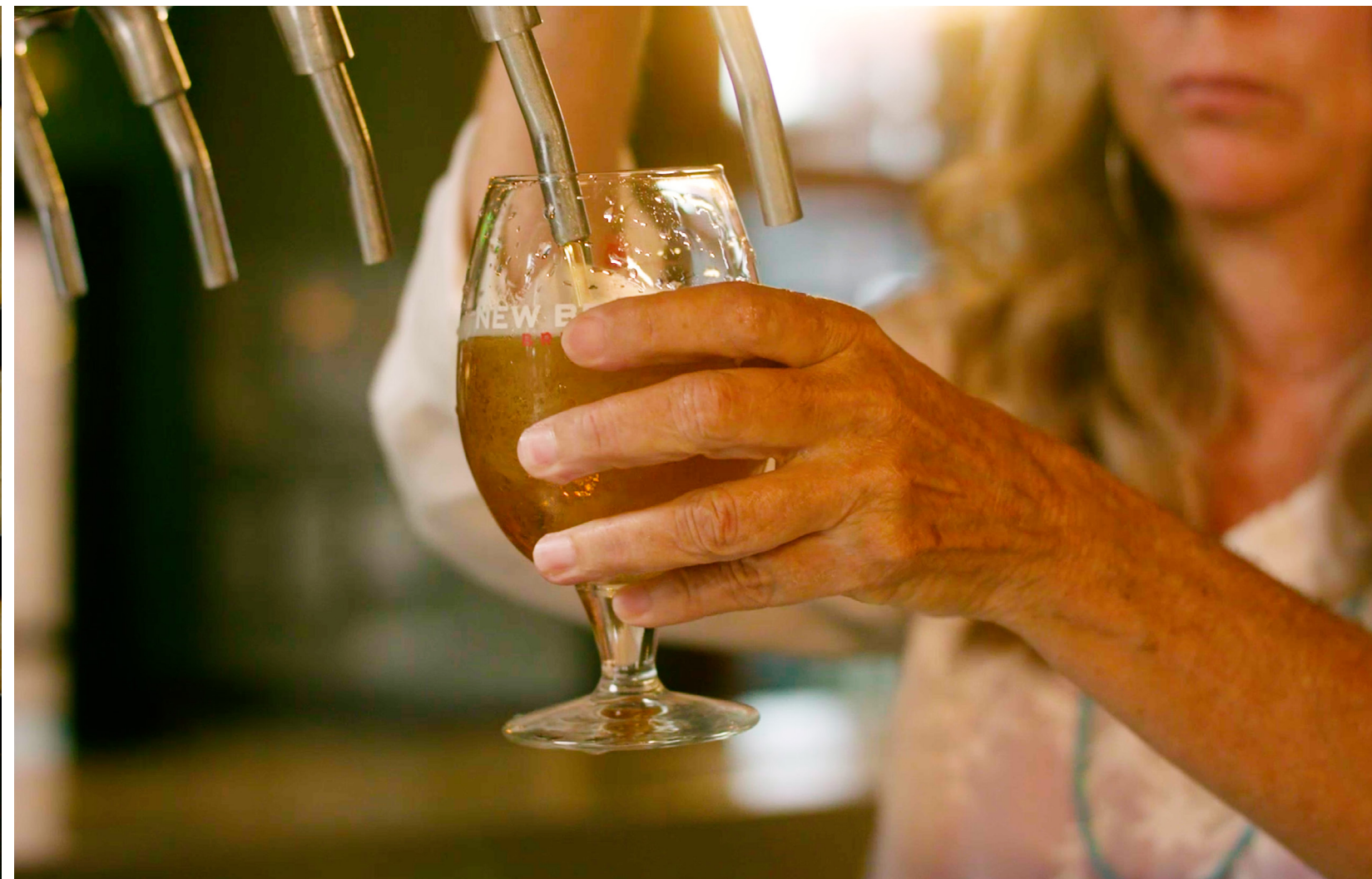
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Agriculture
Airlines and Aviation
Apparel
Aquaculture
Bio-based Products
Biofuels
Building and Construction
Chemicals
Cleaners
Computer Software
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Food and Beverage
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Medical, Healthcare and Pharma
Metals and Mining
Oil and Energy
Packaging
Paints and Coatings
Paper and Pulp
Power Generation
Printing
Retail and Wholesale
Seafood
Solvents
Textiles and Fiber
Transportation

New Belgium Brewing's iconic Fat Tire Amber Ale is America's first nationally distributed carbon neutral beer. SCS issued the certification under the internationally recognized PAS 2060 Carbon Neutrality standard.

Carbon neutral certification for Fat Tire is another step forward in New Belgium's larger corporate sustainability goal to become fully carbon neutral by 2030 across its entire operation, and points to the types of innovations and changes the company has been undertaking. For example, to minimize its carbon footprint, New Belgium has made a deep commitment to renewable energy, powering the brewery with wind power and producing electricity with solar and biogas technology. It also developed the first carbon footprint study for beer, and has donated millions of dollars to climate and environmental causes.

"The standards and the verification process were both very rigorous but also very transparent. Going forward, Fat Tire gets to continue to be a pioneer, in terms of where we at New Belgium believe industry and business, and the country and the world need to go, and this certification with SCS for carbon neutrality is a really big part of that."

Steve Fechheimer
CEO, New Belgium Brewing





CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY

- Advanced Technical Services
- Carbon Assured™
- Carbon Footprint Consulting
- Carbon Neutral Certification
- CDP Reporting Consultancy
- EU CBAM Support Services
- EU CSRD Consulting
- Double Materiality Assessments
- Greenhouse Gas Verification
- Green Retail Consulting and Certification
- ISSB Reporting
- ISO 45001 Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) Management System
- ISO 9001 Quality Management System (QMS)
- Life Cycle Assessment and Carbon Footprint
- Recycling Program
- Science Based Targets Consulting
- SMETA Social Audits
- Sustainability Report Assurance
- Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)
- Taskforce on Nature-based Financial Disclosures (TNFD)
- Water Positive™ Verification for Water Stewardship Actions
- Water Stewardship and Resiliency Certification
- Water Stewardship Consulting and Training
- WAVE: Water Stewardship Verified
- Zero Waste Certification

“This verification is another piece of the sustainability puzzle. We’ve known for 20 years that our erosion control solutions support the environment by encouraging vegetation and improving water quality, but now we know that their life cycle produces a small carbon footprint.”

Mike Gorey
CEO of Propex Operating Company, LLC.





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PRODUCT SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CLAIMS

- BIFMA LEVEL® Certification for Furniture Sustainability
- Biodegradability Certification for Cleaning and Sanitation Products
- DeclareSM The Nutrition Label For Products
- Environmental Claims Validation
- Environmental Product Declarations based on Life Cycle Assessment
- Environmentally Preferable Product
- FEMB level® The European Office Furniture Federation's Sustainability Certification Programme
- Formaldehyde Emissions Regulations – Composite Wood Products
- Green Squared® – Environmental Leadership in the Tile Industry
- Health Product Declarations
- Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) – Indoor Advantage™ and Indoor Advantage™ Gold for furniture and building materials
- ISO 14001 Environmental Management Systems (EMS)
- Lead Safe Paint
- Life Cycle Assessment
- Living Product Challenge
- ProTerra Certification
- Recycled Content Certification
- Recycled Content Certification for Electrical and Electronic Equipment
- Salvaged Wood and Fiber Verification
- SMETA Social Audits
- SCS Sustainability Rated Diamonds Certification
- Verra Plastic Waste Reduction Standard
- Zero Waste Certification





FOOD CONSUMER LABELS AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

- ASC Feed Certification
- Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC)
- Bee Better Certified
- Bonsucro Certification
- Equitable Food Initiative (EFI)
- Fair Trade Certified® – Fair Trade USA
- Farm Sustainability Assessment (SAI Platform)
- GLOBALG.A.P.
- Gluten-Free Certification
- Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)
- Non-GMO Project Verification
- Plant-Based Certification
- ProTerra Certification
- Rainforest Alliance
- Regenerative Organic Certification
- Responsible Sourcing Strategies and Verification Services
- Responsible Wool Standard (RWS)
- Responsibly Managed Peatlands
- Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil Supply Chain
- Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil Principles & Criteria
- SMETA Social Audits
- Starbucks™ Ethical Sourcing, C.A.F.E. Practices
- Sustainably Grown® Certification
- Sustainability Standard
- U.S. Farmed Certified®
- USDA Organic
- Veriflora® Sustainably Grown





One of the world's leading suppliers of olive oil, Pompeian is a farmer-owned collective of more than 75,000 farmers in Spain and California and is partnered with thousands more farmers around the world. Pompeian recognized that to maintain its leadership in the market and distinguish its brand, it would need to work hand in hand with the families who have tended the land for centuries and embark on a mission to bring traditional olive oil production into the 21st century.



At the same time, Pompeian set out to elevate the olive oil industry to achieve new standards of accountability, transparency, and sustainability that avoid any hint of greenwashing. Pompeian selected SCS Global Services and its Certified Sustainably Grown program to help revitalize Pompeian's growing culture and farm-level sustainability practices.

"When we tell other olive growers that we are certified with Sustainably Grown, they are always so impressed because the standard is so rigorous. It's prestigious. So each time one of our farms achieves this certification we consider it to be the best way for us to demonstrate our excellence and commitment."

Paula Lopes
*Vice President of Quality,
R&D and Environment, Pompeian*





FOOD SAFETY AND QUALITY

- BRCGS Food Safety
- Equitable Food Initiative (EFI)
- Food Safety Consulting
- Food Safety Supply Chain
- Food Safety Training
- Food Security (adjunct to GMP)
- GLOBALG.A.P.
- Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) Certifications
- Gluten-Free
- Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)
- Harmonized GAP
- Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP)
- Management and Verificaton
- Non-GMO Consulting Service and Verification
- USDA Organic
- PrimusGFS, Primus Standard GAP and GMP Audits
- Safe Quality Food (SQF)
- Seafood Safety

“The team at SCS has been nothing short of professional and reliable. During the height of the pandemic in 2020, one of our strategic grower-partners was able to successfully achieve Sustainably Grown certification by SCS Global Services, becoming the first strawberry operation in the world to hold this certificate. This could not have been done without the guidance, support and clear communication from the entire SCS team.”

Eric Valenzuela

*Dir. of Food Safety & Sustainability,
California Giant Berry Farms*





GREEN BUILDING

- Assure Certified™
- BIFMA e3 level® Furniture Sustainability
- Certified Resilient Flooring
- Environmental Claims Validation
- Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs)
- FEMB level® The European Office Furniture Federation's Sustainability Certification Programme
- FloorScore®
- Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®)
- Formaldehyde Emissions Regulations for Composite Wood Products
- Formaldehyde Free / No Added Formaldehyde
- Green Retail Consulting
- Green Squared® – Environmental Leadership in the Tile Industry
- Health Product Declarations
- DeclareSM The Nutrition Label For Products
- Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) – Indoor Advantage™ and Indoor Advantage™ Gold for furniture and building materials
- International Living Future Institute - Living Product Challenge
- Lead Safe Paint
- Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)
- NSF/ANSI 140 Sustainability Assessment for Carpet
- NSF/ANSI 332 Sustainability Assessment for Resilient Floor Coverings
- No Added Urea Formaldehyde
- Product Category Rules for Environmental Product Declarations
- Product Environmental Footprint
- Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)
- Recycled Content
- SCS Responsible Source™ for Synthetic Fiber Materials and Products
- Sustainable Carpet Certification
- Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®)





JEWELRY, ELECTRONICS, METALS, AND MINING

- CBAM for Iron and Steel Imports
- Conflict Minerals Reporting
- Fairmined™ Gold and Silver
- IRMA Certification
- LBMA Responsible Sourcing Gold and Silver
- LPPM Responsible Sourcing Platinum and Palladium
- Responsible Jewellery Council
- Responsible Minerals Assurance Process
- SCS Sustainability Rated Diamonds Certification
- SCS Recycled Content
- SCS Responsible Source™
- Signet Responsible Sourcing Protocol
- SMETA® Social Audit, Social Compliance Program





“We were thrilled to be able to work with SCS Global Services to conduct a complete life cycle assessment for AERA. SCS analyzed all areas of our business from production to transportation to storage and delivery and scientifically measured our impacts on the environment. Subsequently, SCS helped us to identify meaningful solutions to offset the key impacts. Our company has a “110% sustainable” mission, which is the core of our commitment to make a net positive impact on the environment. Through this process we are acting to not only neutralize our impact on the planet but to help it heal. We are pleased to say that we are certified carbon negative and have achieved a negative impact on fresh water usage. These achievements, as well as being fully transparent to our customers, would not have been possible without the support of SCS.”

Tina Bhojwani
Co-Founder & CEO, AERA



► Environmental Product Declaration for Haworth® Zody® task chair



LIFE CYCLE SERVICES



- Comparative Life Cycle Assessment
- Corporate Sustainability Footprinting
- Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs)
- Environmentally Preferable Product
- LCA Critical Review
- LCA Study
- Product Category Rule Development
- Product Environmental Footprint



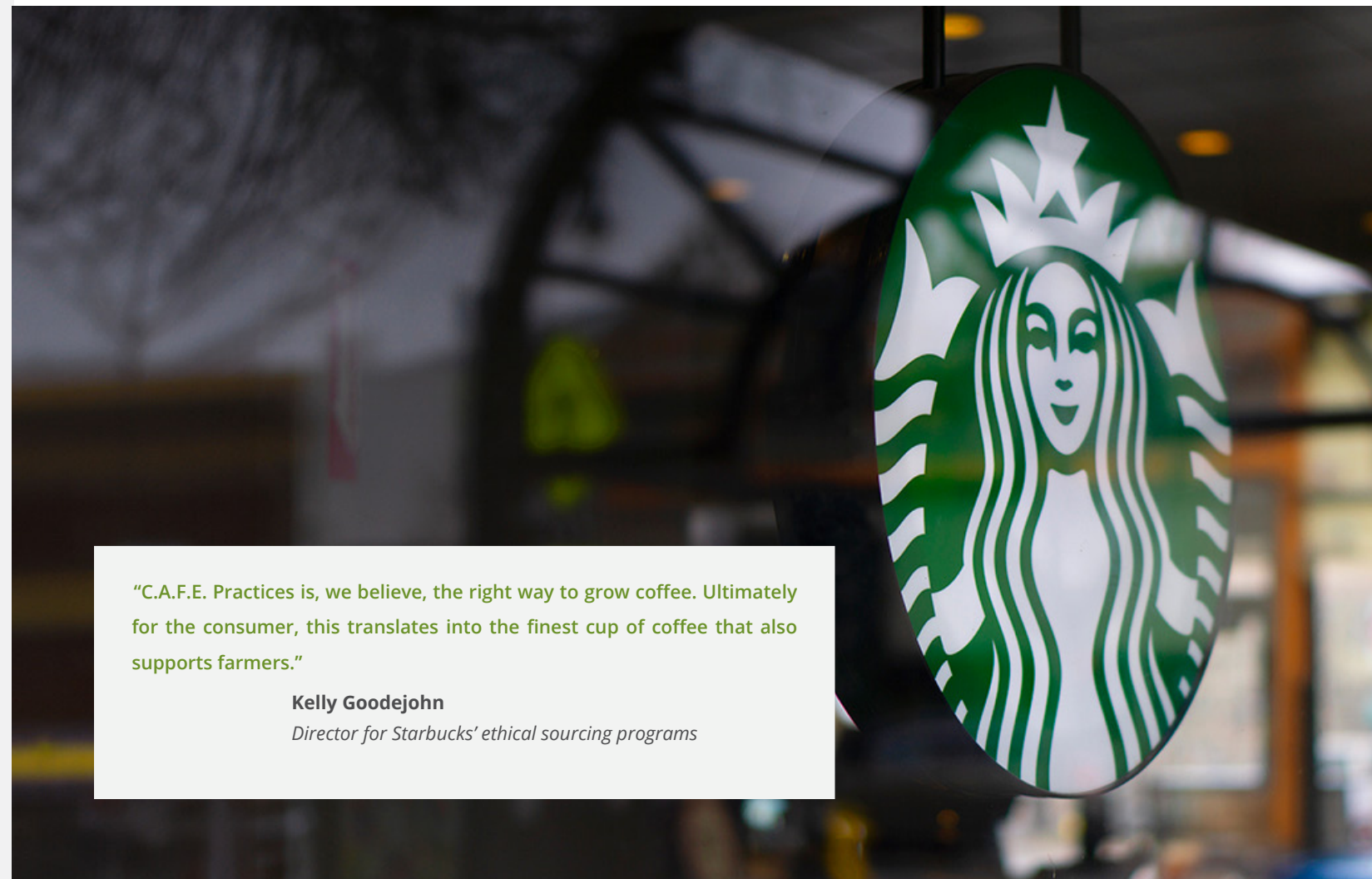
C.A.F.E. Practices

RESPONSIBLY SOURCED

- Bonsucro Certification for Sugar Cane
- EU CBAM Support
- LBMA and LPPM Responsible Sourcing
- ProTerra Certification
- Responsible Sourcing Strategies and Verification Services
- Responsible Wool Standard
- Responsibly Managed Peatlands
- Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO)
- SCS Sustainability Rated Diamonds Certification
- SCS Responsible Source™ – Textiles Advisory and Certification
- SMETA Social Audits

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

- Advanced Technical Services
- EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)
- Content Claim Standard
- EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) Support Services
- FSC Chain of Custody
- Green Retail Consulting
- PEFC Chain-of-Custody
- Responsible Sourcing
- Responsibly Managed Peatlands
- RSPO Supply Chain
- SFI Chain of Custody
- Starbucks C.A.F.E. Practices
- Sustainable Seafood Chain of Custody
- Sustainable Supply Chain



“C.A.F.E. Practices is, we believe, the right way to grow coffee. Ultimately for the consumer, this translates into the finest cup of coffee that also supports farmers.”

Kelly Goodejohn

Director for Starbucks’ ethical sourcing programs



FISHERIES, AQUACULTURE, AND SEAFOOD

- Aquaculture Stewardship Council® (ASC) Responsible Aquaculture Production
- Aquaculture Stewardship Council® (ASC) Seafood Chain of Custody
- ASC Feed Standard
- Fair Trade USA Capture Fisheries Standard
- Fisheries Improvement Projects
- Marine Stewardship Council® (MSC) Chain of Custody
- Marine Stewardship Council® (MSC) Fisheries
- Seafood Safety and Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points
- Sustainable Seafood Chain of Custody
- Tailored Fisheries Consulting Projects

“We are thrilled to congratulate the longfin squid fishery for becoming the first squid fishery in the world to attain MSC certification. This achievement is an acknowledgement and testimony to the great work that the fishers are doing to ensure that they fish responsibly, and will have the resource available for generations to come.”

Brian Perkins
Regional Director for the Americas, Marine Stewardship Council®

“We are excited to build additional trust with our customers through MSC’s certification of our longfin squid fishery. This certification demonstrates that our domestic fisheries management system is working to sustainably manage our major squid fishery to the benefit of the resource, fishing communities, and calamari lovers everywhere.”

Wayne Reichle
President, Lund’s Fisheries





Blue Ocean Mariculture has become the first ASC certified finfish farm in the US achieving certification against the ASC Seriola and Cobia Standard at its Hawaii farm.

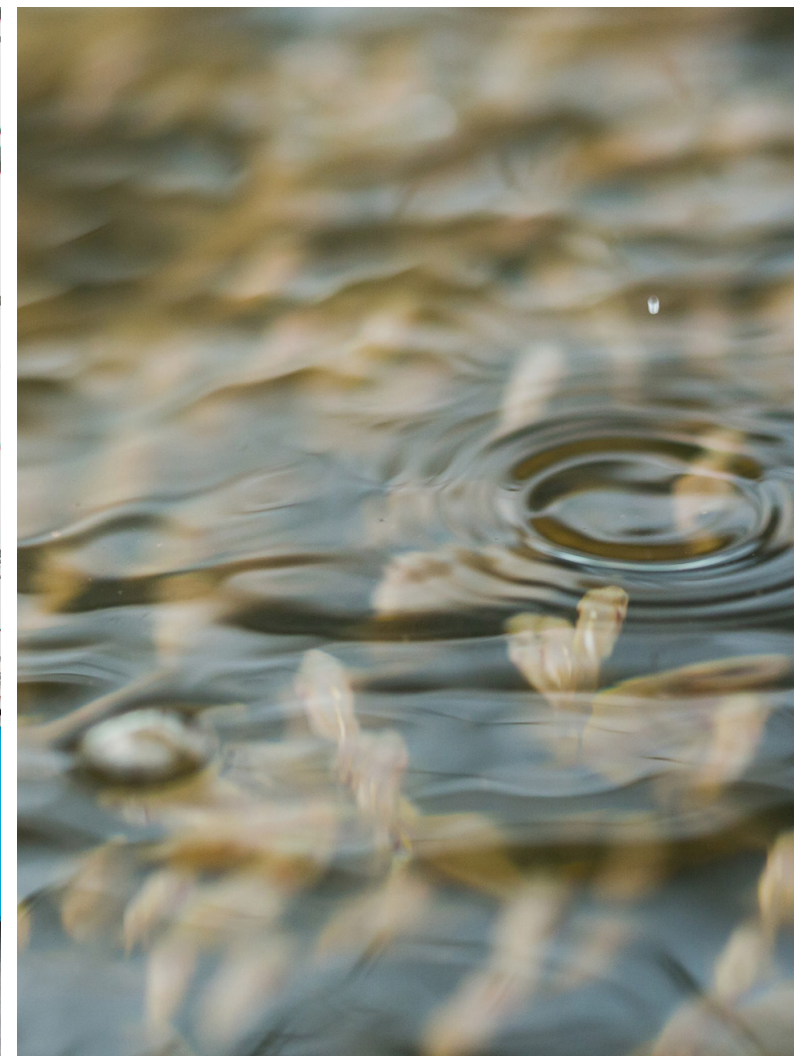
Blue Ocean Mariculture farms *Seriola rivoliana*, also known as albacore jack, that is branded as Hawaiian Kanpachi. The farm achieved certification after a rigorous multi-day on-site audit assessing the farm's performance against dozens of stringent requirements covering environmental and social impacts.

Hawaiian Kanpachi is highly prized by chefs, especially for use in sushi. It is found naturally in the waters of the Pacific Ocean, and Blue Ocean Mariculture farms the fish in submersible open-ocean pens in the seas off the island of Hawaii, near Kona.

"Many thanks to Joseph, Renato and the team at SCS Global Services for being respectful and patient with us as we went through our audit. It is a stressful process, and at times you can feel vulnerable when others point out your deficiencies. You did so with empathy and humility. You are welcome here anytime!"

Dick Jones

CEO, Blue Ocean Mariculture





SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY

- ATFS Certification
- Carbon Offset Verification
- EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) Support Services
- Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC) Responsible Forest Management
- Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC) Chain of Custody
- Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) Chain of Custody
- Responsible Wood (RW) Forest Management
- Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO)
- Roundtable on Sustainable Biomaterials (RSB)
- SCS Legal Harvest™ Timber Legality
- SCS Salvaged Wood and Fiber
- Supply Chain Verification
- Sustainable Biomass Program (SBP)
- Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Chain of Custody
- Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Fiber Sourcing
- Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Forest Management
- SVLK (Indonesia) Timber Legality
- Due Diligence for European Union Timber Regulation and the U.S. Lacey Act
- SMETA Social Audits

“We have been FSC certified by SCS since 2014. Our policy to source FSC-certified materials and to use our own waste products in paper production not only meets our sustainability values, but helps our bottom line. Through use of these sources, we are demonstrating our commitment to serving our customers for the long haul.”

Marcos Uribe Larrea
Paper Business Director, Ledesma





mey

Mey is the first company in Germany to put FSC®-certified clothing onto the market and is also one of the first certificate holders for FSC®-certified clothing worldwide. This distinction enables consumers to consciously select products from companies that act responsibly when it comes to forest resources. The interest in the entire story of products that we use in our daily lives is growing more and more. It is important for many consumers that they do not cause damage to nature or human beings, but instead make a contribution to social and environmental responsibility.

As of the autumn/winter collection 2021, all Mey products containing FSC®-certified materials will be identifiable through labelling on the hang tag or packaging. It will be clear that these products contain wood-based materials such as Tencel™, modal fibres, micro modal or viscose, and have successfully undergone an independent examination by SCS.

“For us, sustainability is a tradition rather than a trend. That’s why we have been focusing on transparent and regional value creation since 1928. By using FSC®-certified raw materials, we try on the one hand to strengthen our sustainable value chain and on the other to highlight to our customers that we use the sustainable raw material of wood for our products.”

Florian Mey
Managing Partner, Mey Unternehmensgruppe



TRAINING AND EDUCATION

We provide a wide range of training courses and webinars, delivered by experienced industry professionals, to assist you and your team in developing, implementing, and improving your operations.

Wide Range of Webinars

SCS hosts free webinars on subjects related to our wide range of service offerings. These webinars provide in-depth explanations of complex material, translate technical information into user-friendly guidance, review market-related issues, and provide how-to instructions. Our library of webinars can be found on our Resource Center at: scsglobalservices.com/resources/all.

Webinar Topic Examples

- Measure and Manage Supply Chain Risks with Easy-to-Use Tools
- Building Products for Healthy Interiors
- LEED V4. EPD Update for Product Manufacturers
- Implementing FSC® Controlled Wood Risk Assessment
- Advances in Life Cycle Assessment
- Tackling Climate Change Based on the Latest Climate Science
- Remote Audits for Chain of Custody: What to Expect
- Water Stewardship Streamlined
- Food Safety and Quality for Hemp and Cannabis
- Food Safety and Sustainable Agriculture – Soil Health, Water Quality, IPM, and Food Safety
- Food Safety Culture Capacity Building – The Value of GFSI Benchmarked Certification in Food Safety
- Food Integrity Certifications – Signaling Commitment to Food Safety
- Sustainability Report Assurance – Overview of the Standards
- Food Safety and Social Accountability – The Interconnection
- Corporate ESG in Food and Agriculture
- Estándar de Certificación Internacional de Bonsucro
- How to Get Started with SMETA Social Compliance Audits
- SCS Gluten-Free: Navigating the General Requirements of Certification

- Organic and Food Fraud: Ensuring SOE Compliance
- Driving Continuous Improvement Using Internal Auditing
- Unraveling GFSI Certification - Pathway to Move Beyond GMP and Non-Accredited Audits
- New Year, New Regulations - Preparing the Food Industry for 2024
- How to Improve Your Food Labeling Compliance
- Understanding the USDA's New Strengthening Organic Enforcement Rule

Flexible Auditing Solutions

In our changing world, resilience is essential for success. The coronavirus pandemic served as a stark reminder that companies and organizations must be prepared to innovate and adapt rapidly to changing circumstances.

As a third-party certification provider, our job is to be there for our clients, providing flexible onsite and remote auditing solutions tailored to each organization's unique needs. Combining decades of auditing expertise with advanced tools and technologies, we're helping our clients deliver on their promises and keep their operations strong with flexible auditing solutions.

Food Safety Focus

Our food safety team has been providing specialized training courses for more than a decade. These courses address a broad range of topics, including the requirements of internationally recognized food safety audit and certification schemes, as well as government mandated food safety measures. We specialize in methods to reduce food safety risks and teach you how to prepare for audits.

We offer a variety of training styles including instructor-led virtual or onsite and self-paced online courses. All courses are led by experienced, qualified professionals, and provide curriculum based on the most current food industry standards. Courses include training materials, exams if applicable, and certificates of completion. Our clients choose a training platform that fits best. For a full listing of current food safety training courses, visit: scsglobalservices.com/training.





SCS CONSULTING SERVICES

Our consulting arm, SCS Consulting Services, helps implement transformative sustainability solutions that drive meaningful change within your company and beyond. Our experts have decades of experience in sustainability and an unwavering commitment to scientific rigor, credibility, and transparency. From establishing robust metrics through environmental impact analyses and carbon footprints, to setting ambitious goals and sustainability strategy, and reporting progress to stakeholders and investors, our consultants will serve as your thought partners to deliver innovative tools and solutions customized to your business needs.



CONSULTING SERVICES

- Auditing Preparation
- Carbon Footprint
- CDP Consultancy
- Climate Services
- Double Materiality Assessment
- Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG Consulting)
- EU CBAM Consulting
- EU CSRD Consulting
- EU Deforestation Regulation Consulting
- Food Safety Consulting
- Food Systems and Agribusiness
- GRI Reporting
- Internal Sustainability Protocols / Brand Standards
- ISSB Reporting
- Science Based Targets
- Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) Standards
- Reporting and Rating Assistance
- Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)
- Taskforce on Nature-based Financial Disclosures (TNFD)



To see the complete list of services, visit:
scsglobalservices.com/consulting



SCS STANDARDS

SCS Standards and Assurance Systems is SCS Global Services' official standard development body, committed to the development of leadership standards that drive sustainability practices and continuous improvement in a practical, responsible, and scientifically-rigorous manner. To this end, we work in three ways:

1. We initiate the development of standards for industry sectors and claims categories that are underserved, and that offer important advances in one or more aspects of sustainability. We also partner with industry associations and companies who choose to develop their own in-house standards and specifications to establish industry norms, for quality control, and to facilitate supply chain management.
2. We manage SCS-owned standards as well as proprietary standards on behalf of scheme owners.
3. We develop assurance systems to support the credibility and consistent application of certification standards and proprietary verification programs. We work closely with clients to understand their needs, theory of change, and goals to design tailored, effective assurance systems.



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- Standards Development
- Stakeholder Consultation
- Final Standard Drafts
- Standards Maintenance



**GLOBAL
HEAT
REDUCTION™**
SCS GLOBAL SERVICES

GLOBAL HEAT REDUCTION INITIATIVE

Launching in 2024, SCS’ Global Heat Reduction initiative measures all drivers of global warming, enabling businesses, governments, and investors to meet net-zero goals while supporting mitigation projects that drive down excess atmospheric heat within years, not decades.

Our groundbreaking new model incorporates all drivers of atmospheric heat, and calculates the heat reduction value of these drivers over any time frame:

- CO₂ and other greenhouse gases
- Short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs), including black carbon and tropospheric ozone
- Surface conditions such as the Earth’s reflectivity (albedo)
- Pollutants that mask global warming but cause air pollution

This comprehensive approach enables:

- Businesses to make carbon credit and footprint reduction investment choices based on their impact on near-term atmospheric heat as well as their longer-term impacts
- Mitigation project owners to communicate and be recognized for the full value for their projects and credits
- More focused action toward the reduction of atmospheric heat in the near-term to build a bridge to net zero by 2050

Global Heat Reduction standards are backed by the latest climate science in the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s Fifth and Sixth (AR5 and AR6) Assessment Reports, and peer reviewed by the Scientific Advisory Panel of the UNEP-convened Climate and Clean Air Coalition and top climate experts.

WHAT WE DO

Registry

Providing a next-generation climate registry to fund critical, but currently undervalued heat reduction projects, and enabling organizations to offset their carbon footprints while reducing near-term atmospheric heat.

Footprinting

Offering a new standard to verify the annual climate footprint of organizations, evaluating and driving progress on all heat reduction opportunities.

Advisory

Working with companies, governments, investors, and NGOs to share the best science and practices, implement smarter mitigation strategies and write the next chapter in effective climate action.

RECOGNITION

Over the years, SCS has earned a strong reputation in the industries it serves, standing out for its in-depth expertise, professionalism, and responsive customer service.

“We’ve spent the last two decades doing many different projects with and being a very loyal client to SCS, from certification and verification services to the creation of new pioneering programs that drive global sustainability. These have included Non-GMO Project Verification, Fair Trade certification, and a program we created with SCS called Verified Fair Labor™. Over the years SCS has provided global supply chain audits and product testing as well. We’ve had excellent service from SCS and the SCS culture from a client perspective has just been incredible.”

Brian Durkee, CEO
Numi Organic Teas

“We are deeply committed to the food safety values of the GFSI standard and aim to foster the principles of the Sustainably Grown audit in our harvesting, cooling and growing practices. SCS has been a fantastic resource and group to work with. Their customer service has made the process of certification all that much better.”

Kristina Nunes
Director of Food Safety, The Nunes Company, Inc.

“With EFI being new, I was pleased with how SCS Global worked with us to make it a clear, cooperative process. We were able to effectively navigate the requirements with sensible flexibility to reduce potential disruption to our day-to-day operations, while ensuring we met all auditor milestones. The auditors were professional and engaged in the process, making honest connections with our employees, creating a comfortable setting for the employee interviews.”

Kirsten Bews
Director, HR and Compliance, Houweling’s Group
Regarding its Equitable Food Initiative (EFI) certification

“We’ve always had great communication from the staff at SCS. Our auditor is a wealth of information for companies. We are very lucky to have this experience and professionalism in our industry.”

Ilwaco Landing Fishermen
Regarding its Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Chain of Custody certification

“Social responsibility is gaining increased awareness in our industry. There are a lot of people making fantastic claims. Stakeholders can become confused and don’t know who or what to believe. SCS helps separate the wheat from the chaff. Their integrity and competence brings needed credibility to the certification process.”

John Farrington
COO, Andrew & Williamson

“The SCS Global Services team ensured that Numatic had a smooth certification process, thorough audits, and effective marketing support for announcing our Recycled Content Certification. We are proud to have our sustainability achievements backed by third-party certification.”

Sophie Knapman
Numatic, Recycled Content Certified

“Forest Carbon Partners has been pleased to work with SCS on over 20 carbon offset verifications. We value the expertise and professionalism of the SCS verification team because we know that undergoing third-party verification with SCS helps ensure the long-term integrity of our offset credits.”

Emily Warmes
Manager of Investment & Operations, New Forests

“We wish to see the SCS Sustainably Grown Standard become the standard for the whole olive oil industry. It has brought our farmers and our farms so much goodness. Sustainably Grown offers a level of satisfaction and sustainability that is unmatched — it’s the best for the groves, the olives, for the people. Especially for the farmers and their families.”

Teresa Garcia López
Director of Sustainability and Environment, Pompeian

AWARDS

Annual Market Rankings Award (2024)

Best Verification Company for Carbon Offset Projects (2023, 2021, 2018)

Environmental Finance Annual Market Rankings

Environmental Certification Specialists of the Year (2018)

Clean Energy Awards Program
Global Energy News

Sustainability Leadership Award (2017)

Business Intelligence Group

Best Renewable Energy Verification Specialist (2016)

Clean Energy Awards Program
Global Energy News

Award for Sustainability (2016)

Business Environmental Awards
Acterra

SQFI Auditor of the Year – Heena Patel (2015)

Safe Quality Food International

FSC Leadership Award – Robert Hrubes (2014)

Design & Build with FSC at GreenBuild
Forest Stewardship Council

Best Validation Company and Best Verification Company (2012)

2012 Carbon Market Survey
Carbon Trading Magazine

Certification Body of the Year (2012)

Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC) Australia

OUR CLIENT CARE PLEDGE

Quality of Service

You can count on us to bring the collective talents of our entire team at SCS to serve your needs. We will do our best to provide you with consistent, accurate information, and will continuously work to increase our expertise. When we don't have the answer, we will find someone who does and keep you updated on our progress. We will happily refer you to other resources if we're unable to meet your needs.

Identify and Anticipate Needs

We will always do our best to “walk in your shoes” to understand and anticipate your needs. We will listen first, and ask questions, to clearly understand your situation.

Reliability

We will do what we say we'll do. We will do our best to make sure our service reasonably meets your expectations. If things don't go as planned, we'll be honest and quick to keep you informed. If you ever become upset or unhappy with our service, we'll work with you to do all we can to resolve the problem to your satisfaction.

Accessibility & Responsiveness

We will be there when you need us and will be responsive to your needs. In general, we'll respond to phone calls and emails within one business day. If we don't think we can respond within two business days, or if we're away for an extended period, we'll make sure you have contact information for one of our colleagues.

Respect

We will act professionally and treat you with courtesy and respect. We will provide prompt and friendly service. We will be patient, understanding, calm and courteous when you express a question or concern about our service or the standards with which we work. We will respect your time and provide information in a concise and straightforward manner.

Trust

We will work hard every day to earn your trust and confidence. We will work with our colleagues to maintain a positive reputation – both with our clients and stakeholders – for the credibility and integrity of our service. We will do our part to ensure SCS provides fair and objective audits that stand up to scrutiny.

ACCREDITATIONS AND APPROVALS

Program	Accreditation / Approval Body	Accredited / Approved Since:
Forest Stewardship Council® Responsible Forest Management	Accreditation Services International	February, 1996
Forest Stewardship Council® Chain of Custody	Accreditation Services International	February, 1996
Marine Stewardship Council® Sustainable Fishing	Accreditation Services International	January, 2001
Marine Stewardship Council® Chain of Custody	Accreditation Services International	January, 2001
Organic crops, wild crops and handling operations	U.S. Department of Agriculture National Organic Program	April, 2002
Safe Quality Foods standards (SQF Code Edition 7)	American National Standards Institute	March, 2009
PEFC ST 2002:2013 Chain of Custody of Forest Based Products	American National Standards Institute	March, 2009
Indoor Advantage™	American National Standards Institute	March, 2009
Indoor Advantage™ Gold	American National Standards Institute	March, 2009
FloorScore® (Resilient Floor Covering Institute)	American National Standards Institute	March, 2009
Greenhouse Gas Validation and Verification Body ISO 14065 and 14064-3 for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Climate Registry General Verification Protocol• Verified Carbon Standard• Climate Action Reserve, Forest Verification Protocol• The American Carbon Registry	American National Standards Institute	May, 2009
level®, BIFMA e3-2012 Sustainable Furniture Standard	American National Standards Institute	October, 2010
Veriflora® Standard for Responsible Peatland Management	Canadian Peat and Sphagnum Association	January, 2011
Bonsucro System Option 1 V4	Better Sugarcane Initiative	July, 2011
GLOBALG.A.P. Option 1 V5.0	American National Standards Institute	August, 2011
Green Squared® Standard	Tile Council of North America	November, 2011
Fair Trade USA Agricultural Production and Seafood Programs	Fair Trade USA	December, 2011
Aquaculture Stewardship Council® Chain of Custody	Accreditation Services International	April, 2012
Fairmined Standard	Alliance for Responsible Mining (ARM)	April, 2012
ISCC Plus Standard	International Sustainability and Carbon Certification	May, 2012
ISCC Standard	International Sustainability and Carbon Certification	May, 2012
GLOBALG.A.P. Produce Safety Standard V4.0 (PSS)	American National Standards Institute	December, 2012

Program	Accreditation / Approval Body	Accredited / Approved Since:
California Cap-and-Trade Program	California Air Resources Board	February, 2013
Facts ^{CM}	Association of Contract Textiles (ACT)	March, 2013
Health Product Declaration	Health Product Declaration (HPD) Collaborative	November, 2013
Aquaculture Stewardship Council	Accreditation Services International	March, 2014
Equitable Food Initiative® Scheme – Responsibly Grown. Farmworker Assured. Certification Body for Farms and Packing Facilities	Equitable Food Initiative; ANSI (since 2019)	March, 2014
RJC Code of Practices and Chain of Custody Standards	Responsible Jewellery Council	April, 2014
Signet Responsible Sourcing Protocol Standards	Responsible Jewellery Council	April, 2014
Roundtable On Sustainable Biomaterials	Accreditation Services International	November, 2014
Environmental Product Declarations Verification	American National Standards Institute	March, 2015
Eligible Program Operator to develop Type III environmental programs and program declarations	American National Standards Institute	March, 2015
Sustainable Apparel Coalition Pilot Verification	Sustainable Apparel Coalition	July, 2015
Indoor Advantage™ Gold and Indoor Advantage™	BREEAM	July, 2015
Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) Consultancy	CDP	August, 2015
Harmonized Produce Safety Standard V1.0	American National Standards Institute	December, 2015
GLOBALG.A.P. Option 2 V5.0	American National Standards Institute	December, 2015
Living Product Challenge Standard	International Living Future Institute	February, 2016
Declare™	International Living Future Institute	February, 2016
Non-GMO Project Verification Standard	Non-GMO Project	April, 2016
Alliance For Water Stewardship Standard	Alliance for Water Stewardship	June, 2016
Better Cotton Initiative standard	Better Cotton Initiative	July, 2016
Forest Products Australian Forestry Standard AS 4707:2014	American National Standards Institute	July, 2016
PrimusGFS, including the following scopes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good Agricultural Practices• Good Manufacturing Practices• Food Safety Management Systems• Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points	American National Standards Institute	July, 2016

Program	Accreditation / Approval Body	Accredited / Approved Since:
Responsible Minerals Assurance Process (formerly the Conflict Free Smelter Program)	Responsible Minerals Initiative	November 2016
SCS Sustainably Grown®	ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB)	December, 2016
Eco-Labeling Certification body meeting the requirements of ISO 14020, ISO 14024 and ISO 17065	ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB)	December, 2016
Indoor Advantage™ and Indoor Advantage™ Gold Standards	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Recommendations of Specifications, Standards and Ecolabels to federal purchasers	December, 2016
<p>Recognized conformity assessment bodies for services provided in connection with the following standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • level®, ANSI/BIFMA e3 – 2014, Certification for Sustainable Furniture • Green Squared®, ANSI A138.1 – 2011 v2, Certification for Sustainable Ceramic Tiles, Glass Tiles and Tile Installation Materials • facts®, NSF/ANSI 336 – 2011, Certification for Sustainable Commercial Furnishings Fabric • NSF/ANSI 140 – 2015 Sustainability Assessment for Carpet • NSF/ANSI 332 – 2015 Sustainability Assessment for Resilient Floor Coverings 	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Recommendations of Specifications, Standards and Ecolabels to federal purchasers	December, 2016
RSPO Supply Chain Certification Systems	Accreditation Services International	January, 2017
Responsible Wood Australian Standard® For Sustainable Forest Management (AS 4708-2013)	Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand	June, 2017
Farm Sustainability Assessment	SAI Platform	August, 2017
Sustainable Biomass Program	Accreditation Services International	July, 2018
Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventories	Airport Carbon Accreditation	July, 2018
ISO 22000 for Food Safety Management Systems	Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand	August, 2018
asthma & allergy friendly®	Allergy Standards Limited	November, 2018
RSPO Principles & Criteria	Accreditation Services International	November, 2018
FEMB Sustainability	ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB)	November, 2018
Sustainable Forestry Initiative Chain of Custody Standard	ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB)	March, 2019
Association of Professional Social Compliance Auditors Member Firm	APSCA	August, 2019
Gluten-Free	Gluten-Free Certification Organization	August, 2019
SMETA	Sedex	October, 2019
Sustainable Forestry Initiative Fiber Sourcing Standard, excluding Appendix 1	ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB)	December, 2019
Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Forest Management Certification	ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB)	February, 2020
SMETA Social Audits	Authorized by SEDEX as an Affiliate Audit Company (AAC)	April, 2020

Program	Accreditation / Approval Body	Accredited / Approved Since:
California Low Carbon Fuels Standard	California Air Resources Board	May, 2020
Sustainable Development Verified Impact Standard (SD VISta)	Verra	May, 2020
Association of Plastic Recyclers (APR) Post-Consumer Resin (PCR) Certification	Association of Plastic Recyclers (APR)	August, 2020
London Bullion Market Association (LBMA) and London Platinum and Palladium Market (LPPM) Responsible Sourcing for Precious Metals	LBMA and LPPM	November, 2020
Rainforest Alliance 2020 Sustainable Agriculture Standard (SAS)	Rainforest Alliance	May, 2021
RSPO Independent Smallholder Standard	Accreditation Services International	August, 2021
Plastic Waste Reduction Standard	Verra	November, 2021
Regenerative Organic Standard	Regenerative Organic Alliance (ROA)	June, 2022
Canadian Clean Fuel Regulations Verifications	ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB)	June, 2023
ProTerra Certification	ProTerra Foundation	October, 2023
American Tree Farm System (ATFS) Forest Management Standard	ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB)	November, 2023
Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC) Feed Standard	Accreditation Services International (ASI)	January, 2024
GLOBALG.A.P. Chain of Custody	ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB)	May, 2024
Proposition 12 Farm Animal Confinement	California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)	May, 2024



PARTNERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

AFFI

The American Frozen Food Institute (AFFI) represents America’s frozen food and beverage makers. AFFI is a member-driven national trade association that advances the interests of all segments of the frozen food and beverage industry.

Association of Professional Social Compliance Auditors (APSCA)

APSCA is an industry association, whose members represent a substantial majority of the Social Compliance audit industry. Its mission is to enhance the professionalism, consistency, and credibility of the individuals and organizations performing independent social compliance audits.

AgSafe

The mission of AgSafe is to advance the food and farming industries commitment to a safe, sustainable workforce and food supply by providing practical education and resources.

Building Transparency

Building Transparency’s core mission is to provide the open access data and tools necessary to enable broad and swift action across the building industry in addressing embodied carbon’s role in climate change. Our premier service is the Embodied Carbon in Construction Calculator (EC3), a free database of construction EPDs and matching building impact calculator for use in design and material procurement.

Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturers Association (BIFMA)

BIFMA is the non-profit trade association for business and institutional furniture manufacturers. SCS is an active and long-standing member of BIFMA technical working groups for the e.3 Furniture Sustainability Standard and M7.1/X7.1 VOC Emissions Standards.

Forest Stewards Guild

The Forest Stewards Guild is a non-profit, professional organization of forest stewards, associated natural resource professionals, and affiliates who are passionate about restoring and sustaining the integrity of our forests while meeting the needs of the communities that rely on them.

Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®)

Forest Stewardship Council is a global, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of responsible forest management worldwide.

Grower Shipper Association of Central California (GSA)

GSA is a respected and continuously growing force in the agricultural industry committed to representing the needs of its members. SCS is an associate member of The Chairman’s Roundtable which allows GSA members to team up with industry leaders to make a stronger impact in shaping the important local, regional, state and federal issues facing agriculture.

Independent Bakers Association

The Independent Bakers Association is a Washington, DC-based national trade association of over 200 family-owned wholesale bakeries and allied industry trades. IBA supports market-oriented agricultural commodity programs and advocates for reducing the burden on manufacturers caused by excessive regulation.

Institute of Food Technologists (IFT)

Since 1939, IFT has been advancing the science of food and its application across the global food system by creating a dynamic forum where individuals from more than 90 countries can collaborate, learn, and grow, transforming scientific knowledge into innovative solutions for the benefit of people around the world.

International Fresh Produce Association

The International Fresh Produce Association is the largest and most diverse international association serving the entire fresh produce and floral supply chain.

International Precious Metals Institute (IPMI)

IPMI is an international association of members of the precious metals community formed to provide a forum for the exchange of information and technology.

Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance (IRMA)

IRMA was formed to respond to the demand for socially and environmentally responsible mining. IRMA developed a comprehensive standard for all mined materials in a multi-stakeholder collaboration with mining companies, purchasers, NGOs, affected communities and labor organizations.

ISEAL Alliance

The ISEAL Alliance is an internationally recognized organization dedicated to ensuring credible and innovative sustainability standards.

mindful MATERIALS

mindful MATERIALS is a design industry initiative that provides a common platform for companies to clearly communicate transparency and optimization information for building products.

Program Operators Consortium (POC)

POC is a group of standards developers and certifiers specializing in the development of Product Category Rules and the certification of Environmental Product Declarations, working together to advance environmental product transparency in the marketplace.

ResponsibleSteel

A not-for-profit organization, ResponsibleSteel is the steel industry’s first global multi-stakeholder standard and certification initiative. Its mission is to maximize steel’s contribution to a sustainable society.

Specialty Food Association

The Specialty Food Association, Inc. is a not-for-profit membership-based trade association in the United States representing 3,000+ businesses. The SFA was established in 1952 to foster trade, commerce and interest in the specialty food industry in the U.S.

Sustainable Packaging Coalition (SPC)

The Sustainable Packaging Coalition brings together businesses, educational institutions, and government agencies to collectively strengthen and advance the business case for more sustainable packaging.

Texas International Produce Association (TIPA)

TIPA was created in 1942 to represent the business, economic, and political interests of Texas-grown fruits and vegetables; and address the issues and opportunities surrounding the imports of Mexico-grown produce that is shipped through Texas ports.

Textile Exchange

Textile Exchange is a global nonprofit organization that works with the entire textile supply chain to reduce environmental impacts and promote positive change within the industry. SCS collaborates with the Textile Exchange on climate change metrics and environmental claims verification programs and processes.

The Last Prisoner Project

The Last Prisoner Project focuses on justice initiatives for individuals still incarcerated for victimless cannabis offenses. SCS is supporting the Prison to Prosperity Reentry Program with food safety vocational training scholarships.

The Water Council – Water Champion

Membership as a Water Champion is for companies to show support for The Water Council’s mission to solve global water challenges and drive economic growth through water innovation and stewardship. SCS is a founding Water Champion member.

ToxServices

ToxServices is a scientific consulting firm focused on toxicology and risk assessment. It helps manufacturers prepare and publish their HPDs using the HPD Collaborative’s online builder tool, while SCS provides the independent verification required to validate the HPD disclosure claim.

United Fresh

United Fresh Produce Association is the industry’s leading trade association committed to driving the growth and success of produce companies and their partners. United Fresh represents the interests of member companies throughout the global fresh produce supply chain, including family-owned, private, and publicly traded businesses as well as regional, national, and international companies.

U.S. Green Building Council

The U.S. Green Building Council is a nonprofit organization that promotes sustainable design and construction through the LEED® building rating system, along with educational offerings, nationwide chapters, and the annual Greenbuild Conference and Expo.

World Coffee Research

World Coffee Research unites the global coffee industry to drive science-based agricultural solutions to urgently secure a diverse and sustainable supply of quality coffee today and for generations to come.

GLOBAL OFFICES

SCS U.S. HEADQUARTERS

SCS provides services around the world, working in the natural resources, food and agriculture, energy, built environment, consumer products, and climate sectors. Partnering with companies, government agencies, NGOs, and stakeholders, we are striving to advance sustainable development goals through independent assessment, the application of sound science, and innovative solutions. Through these services, we are enabling decision-makers and purchasers to make informed decisions, giving innovators a competitive edge, and helping to drive the development of leadership standards to create a framework for continuous improvement.

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Subsidiaries

SCS has established additional entities to serve the sustainability certification and business needs of companies throughout the world. The following is a listing of our regional offices.

SCS CHINA

SCS provides premium auditing, verification and sustainability services in China, and with our regional agents, we continue to provide trust, expertise, and customer service to help companies create a sustainable path to the global marketplace.

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SCS EUROPE

With its main office located in Amsterdam (Netherlands) and from key European locations, SCS Europe provides global leadership in third-party auditing and certification, verification and advisory services a wide cross-section of industries, recognizing achievements in green building, product manufacturing, food and agriculture, forestry, retail, and more. Up to date with current European policy and regulatory developments, SCS Europe is your best partner for understanding the challenges and opportunities in the European market. We are accredited to provide services under a wide range of nationally and internationally recognized certification programs, including:

- Food Labeling Claims — Organic, Non-GMO, Fair Trade USA
- Regulatory Compliance — CBAM, CSDDD, CSRD, EUDR, ESPR
- Sustainable Agriculture — Bonsucro, RSPO, ProTerra, Rainforest Alliance
- Sustainable Biofuels/Bioproducts — ISCC, RSB, 2BS, INS, LCFS
- Sustainable Forestry — FSC, PEFC
- Sustainable Seafood — ASC, MSC
- Water Stewardship
- Sustainable Supply Chains — Recycled content certification, Textile Exchange Certification, FloorScore, Indoor Air Quality
- Carbon Neutral Certification, LCA, EPD, PEF
- Integrated Management Systems (IMS) — ISO14001, ISO9001, ISO45001

Additional certification schemes, verifications, audits and advisory services are available upon request.

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SCS BRAZIL

SCS offers a comprehensive portfolio of internationally recognized certification, verification, and auditing services throughout Brazil and South America. Our expertise spans a broad range of sustainability sectors, including:

- Sustainable Agriculture — Bonsucro, Global G.A.P., RSPO, ProTerra, Fair Trade USA, Sustainably Grown, and others
- Sustainable Biofuels & Bioproducts — LCFS, ISCC, 2BS, RSB, Canada CFR
- Sustainable Forestry — FSC, PEFC
- Sustainable Seafood — ASC, MSC
- Sustainable Supply Chains – Ensuring full traceability and integrity across diverse commodities

In addition to these core services, we offer tailored solutions aligned with your sustainability goals.

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- Sustainable Forestry — FSC, PEFC, SVLK
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- Organic Audits: NOP
- Sustainable Agriculture (Bonsucro, RSPO, ProTerra, etc.)
- Sustainable Supply Chains

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- Sustainable Biofuels/Biomaterials — ISCC, RSB, 2BS and more.
- Sustainable Forestry Services — FSC®, PEFC, Carbon Neutral Verification, Timber Legality Verification - Legal Harvest™, and more.
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