



PROTERRA CERTIFICATION

Sustainably Produced, Fully Traceable, Non-GMO Ingredients for Feed and Food™

What is it?

ProTerra certification ensures that high quality supplies of crops, food, and feed, which are independently certified as Non-GMO and produced to the highest sustainability standards, are available in the global marketplace.

Organizations become ProTerra certified by demonstrating adherence to ten principles that focus broadly on environment and natural resources, including: worker rights and community relations, climate change, good agricultural practices, prohibition on Genetically Modified Organisms (Non-GMO), along with traceability across the supply chain. There are three levels of certification, depending on the type of organization and the type of product to be certified.

Three Levels of ProTerra Certification

Level I: Agricultural production

The growth of crops and seeds. The unit of certification includes the entire farm, including non-cultivated areas, and all activities ongoing on site at the time of certification.

Level II: Transport, Storage, Traders and Dealers

Organizations that act only as chain of custody economic operators which will be audited against ProTerra's Non-GMO and Traceability/Chain of Custody principles.

Level III: Industrial Processing

Any operation that transforms the agricultural production output, such as a crushing plant or a food product manufacturer.

Why get certified with SCS Global Services?

For the last four decades, SCS Global Services has been a leading Certification Body focusing on globally recognized sustainability certification in a wide variety of industries including sustainable agriculture, climate, biofuels, food safety and food labeling claims and sustainable forestry. SCS Global Services has been a pioneer in developing many of these certifications and offers more than 100 certification programs.

As such, SCS Global Services is uniquely positioned to offer companies ProTerra certification along with the opportunity to bundle that certification with many of the other programs we currently offer, including Bonsucro, ISCC Plus and ISCC EU, RSPO, and an entire line of Food Safety and Food Labeling claims. Our global auditors are cross trained to provide you with exceptional service and significant cost savings.

Benefits of ProTerra Certification

Achieving certification under this standard builds business value and enables you to:

- Participate in the global marketplace that continues to increase its demand for sustainable and Non-GMO commodities.
- Gain a competitive advantage in the global market by demonstrating your company's commitment to sustainability best practices.
- Increase corporate credibility by showcasing that companies are contributing to a more environmentally sustainable and responsible economy.



Steps to Certification

1

Scoping and Project Initiation

- Client submits application and requests a quote for ProTerra certification services
- SCS Global Services confirms the project scope and provides a proposal for ProTerra services
- Client signs Work Order and returns to SCS Global Services to begin the ProTerra certification process

2

On-Site Audit

- Client provides SCS Global Services documentation for review prior to the on-site audit
- SCS Global Services auditor conducts an audit of client operations
- SCS Global Services provides client with a report on compliance to ProTerra standard requirements

3

Corrective Actions

- Client responds to any necessary corrective actions
- SCS Global Services reviews the audit report and corrective action documentation

4

Final Certification Decision

- SCS Global Services head office makes a certification determination and informs The ProTerra Foundation if approved
- Upon successful ProTerra certification, client is issued a certificate and listed on the ProTerra website

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