





# Comparison of Recycled Content Standards

	RECYCLED CONTENT STANDARD	GLOBAL RECYCLED STANDARD	RECYCLED CLAIM STANDARD	ISCC PLUS
<b>Version</b>	8.1	4.0	2.0	v.3.4.2
<b>Logo</b>				
<b>Certification</b>	Product-level (single- attribute)	Per product category (multi-attribute) with certified process and sites included	Per product category (multi-attribute) with certified process and sites included	Per product category (multi-attribute) with certified process and sites included
<b>Recycled Content</b>	Total Product Content Claim: Min 5% recycled content on or off-product Material Certification: (Material based claim for RC Input)	Min 20% recycled content off-product (GRS No Label) Min 50% recycled content on-product (GRS)	95% - 100% recycled content for RCS 100 and 5% - 95 % recycled content RCS Blended	Must meet at least 20% ISCC certified (mass balance) material
<b>Applicable Materials</b>	All applicable materials that meet the definition of recycled material	Animal, plant-based, synthetic, cellulosic, inorganic (glass, metal, wood)	Animal, plant-based, synthetic, cellulosic, inorganic (glass, metal, wood)	Raw materials, Bio wastes and residues ("bio-circular"), Circular (fossil) materials [mechanical or chemical recycled], MWP/MPW, Paints/Adhesives, Renewable-energy derived materials, Agricultural and forestry ("bio-") materials Food and Feed, End-of-life tires, Textiles
<b>Transaction Certificates</b>	Optional	Required	Required	Sustainability Declarations
<b>On-site Audit</b>	Risk assessment done by SCS to determine if on-site/virtual audit is necessary. Otherwise, desk-audit is performed.	On-site audit required for initial assessments. Risk assessment done by SCS to determine if other audits must be onsite or virtual.	On-site audit required for initial assessments. Risk assessment done by SCS to determine if other audits must be onsite or virtual.	Required annually (external storage sites may be audited remotely)

<b>Environmental management</b>	No	Yes	No	Voluntary Add-ons
<b>Social Management</b>	No	Yes	No	As applicable, e.g., bio-based materials, Chemical Recycling, and Ocean-Bound Plastics
<b>Chemical Management</b>	No	Yes	No	No additional compliance besides national, state, etc. hazardous emission controls
<b>Approx. time of Implementation</b>	7--8 weeks	8-12 weeks	8-12 weeks	8-12 weeks
<b>Length of Certification</b>	1 year	1 year	1 year	1 year
<b>Additional Fees / Certificate transactions</b>	Not required	Required for transaction certificates	Required for transaction certificates	Annual: Quantity dependent fee (billed directly by ISCC)

## The SCS Advantage

SCS has specialized in sustainability assessment, standards, and reporting for decades across diverse industry sectors – agriculture, forestry, industrial production systems, energy production, biomaterials, and more. We have worked with the ISCC since its inception and are one of today’s top third-party ISCC certifiers. This includes certification of all elements of the value chain to the ISCC standard.

Our technical team includes in-house industry experts who serve on ISCC technical committees as well as regional auditors who know the local language, culture, and regional norms. This team includes life cycle assessment (LCA) practitioners, former plant managers with chemical processing backgrounds, experts in Product Carbon Footprint calculation, greenhouse gas verification and carbon offsets, and auditors with experience across a wide range of products, feedstocks, and supply chains. Moreover, SCS is well-versed in the changing regulatory environment, including such initiatives as CBAM and EUDR, and is ready to assist

Finally, our auditors are cross-trained to provide complementary certifications and services, making it highly cost-effective for customers to obtain recognition under multiple standards. Key among these are:

- RSB (Roundtable on Sustainable Biomaterials)
- LCFS (Low Carbon Fuel Standard)
- Greenhouse Gas Verification under ISO 14064-3
- GAP (Good Agricultural Practices) assessment
- A variety of responsible forest management certifications, including FSC (Forest Stewardship Council), SFI (Sustainable Forestry Initiative) and PEFC.