



GREEN TICK[®] CERTIFICATION

Certification Standards

———— Green Tick[®] - The Ultimate EcoLabel ————

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DEFINITION OF SUSTAINABILITY

SUSTAINABILITY means that, as a minimum, operations under the Applicant's direct control do not cause permanent harm to people or the environment.

This concept of sustainability includes the consideration of permanent, irreversible effects; the cumulative effects of different elements working together over space and time; severe temporary effects; and the full life cycle of a product down the supply chain. The health, safety and environmental effects of the production of a product, service, or project are controlled so that they cause no permanent harm to people or the environment. Preferably, there is a net improvement.

The Green Tick® Certification Standards are used to measure the sustainability performance of the organisation, site or

product in terms of outcomes of operations. The ISO Standards are used as a guide for the assessment of management systems at the organisation and site level, and as they pertain to products.

The Certification Methodology is aimed at making an independent sustainability assessment of an organisation, site or product. It does not constitute an audit or certification of management systems in respect of ISO 9001 (quality), ISO 14001 (environment), or ISO 45001 (health and safety). Nor is it a product performance test.

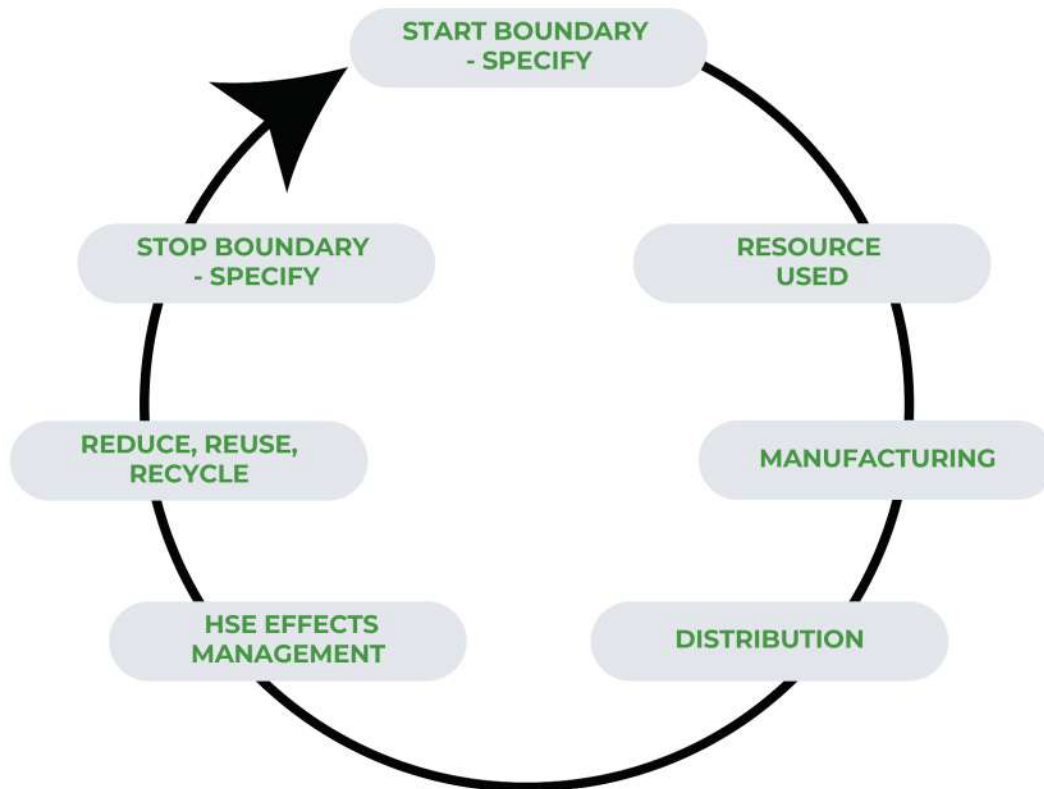


GREEN TICK® ECOLABELS





EXAMPLE LIFE CYCLE



Scope:

- The life cycle includes the “START” and “STOP” points where the Applicant directly controls the impacts of their business; eg. “START” = Inwards Goods, “STOP” = Outwards Goods.
- Two common boundary definitions are:
 - Financial responsibility
 - Operational responsibility.
- In some countries legal responsibility may go beyond these, check to make sure the boundaries are correct.
- HSE = health, safety, environment



CERTIFICATION STANDARDS

1. SAFETY

1.1 Accident Record

- No major harm (2 days or more in hospital) accidents, incidents, injuries recorded in past 12 months.

1.2 Staff Health and Safety

- No continuing or unsatisfactorily addressed staff complaints about working conditions in past 12 months.

1.3 Supplier Health and Safety

- No continuing or unsatisfactorily addressed supplier issues with on-site working conditions in past 12 months.

1.4 Customer Health and Safety

- No continuing or unsatisfactorily addressed customer complaints about health or safety issues (including product quality) in past 12 months.

1.5 Safety Management System

- Occupational Safety and Health compliant health and safety management system in place.

1.6 Minimising Risk

- Annual reviews of potential risk areas and mitigation taken.

1.7 Safety Performance Record

- Less than five minor non-conformances per 100 workers to H&S management system reported in past 12 months.

1.8 Safety Legal Compliance

- (i) 100% compliance with all legal requirements;
- (ii) No successful enforcement actions by government health and safety agencies in past 12 months.



CERTIFICATION STANDARDS

2. SUSTAINABILITY

2.1 Product Origin

- All product content identified by country of origin.

2.2 Product Quality

- Product meets all quality standards of industry or government authority.

2.3 Product Labeling

- Labelling meets required legal standards.

2.4 Resource Use

- (i) Programme in place to maximise resource use efficiency with defined performance targets;
- (ii) Resources used at lowest practical for site/s with current technology per sales unit;
- (iii) Programme in place to identify and use recycled materials where appropriate;
- (iv) Where resource use is extractive, relevant industry or government sustainability standards met.

2.5 Chemical Use

- Chemical residues comply with industry or government standard.

2.6 Energy Use

- (i) Programme in place to minimise energy use with defined performance targets;
- (ii) Energy resources used at lowest practical for site/s with current technology per sales unit.

2.7 Nuisance Effects

- No continuing or unsatisfactorily addressed complaints from neighbours about nuisances in past 12 months.

2.8 Contaminant Discharges

- (i) Programme in place to minimise contaminant discharges with defined performance targets;
- (ii) Contaminant discharges at lowest practical for site/s with current technology per sales unit.



CERTIFICATION STANDARDS

2. SUSTAINABILITY continued

2.9 Waste Management

- (i) Waste minimization and recycling programme in place with defined performance targets;
- (ii) Wastes reduced, re-used, recycled, or properly disposed of to authorised facilities.

2.10 Environmental Management System

- Environmental management programme in place with defined performance targets consistent with industry or government standards.

2.11 Environmental Management

Performance

- Less than five minor non-conformances per 100 workers with Environmental Management System reported in past 12 months.

2.12 Legal Compliance

- (i) 100% legal compliance with any environmental consents and applicable plan rules;
- (ii) No successful enforcement actions by government environmental agencies in past 12 months.

Notes

1. 12 months' evidence of compliance required.
2. Special process for businesses that are less than a year old.
3. Contact us for more information.



- Carbon negative (net storage of carbon) over the whole life cycle according to ISO 14064:2006 for organisations, or ISO 14064-2:2019 for projects, or PAS 2050 for products; or,
- The applicant holds sufficient verified carbon credits to achieve carbon negative status for the organisation, project or product over its whole life cycle AND has an Emissions Reduction Plan in place that shows how the applicant plans to reduce total emissions to a carbon negative status without the use of carbon credits within a stated timeframe

- Carbon negative over the whole life cycle according to ISO 14064:2006 for organisations or ISO 14064-2:2019 for projects or PAS 2050 for products; or,
- The applicant holds sufficient verified carbon credits to achieve carbon negative status for the organisation, project, or product over its whole life cycle AND has an Emissions Reduction Plan in place that shows how the applicant plans to reduce total emissions to a carbon negative status without the use of carbon credits within a stated timeframe.



- Must be Government-issued compliance carbon credit, or;
- Must be a voluntary carbon credit issued according to ISO 14064-2:2019 for projects or an equivalent scientifically verifiable standard which includes the elements of additionality and materiality.

- Meet the standards noted above for "Green Tick® Sustainable" where relevant; and,
- Be independently tested and confirmed as containing only natural content or substances by a Testing Authority.



- Meet the standards noted above for "Green Tick® Sustainable" where relevant; and,
- Hold a current organic certification from a Testing Authority approved by the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements ([IFOAM](#))®.

- Meet the standards noted above for "Green Tick® Sustainable" where relevant; and,
- Be produced according to fair trade practices as defined by United Nations conventions. These include assisting third world producers to reach first world markets, payment of fair prices for products and labour, protection of workers, (particularly women and children) from exploitation, and assisting disadvantaged producers to build business management skills.



- Meet the standards noted above for "Green Tick® Sustainable" where relevant; and,
- Be independently tested and confirmed as containing no genetically-engineered content or substances by a Testing Authority.

- Meet the standards noted above for "Green Tick® Sustainable" where relevant (see next page Green Bonds - Definition of Sustainability); and,
- Be produced according to Green Bond Principles or other reputable performance standards, as appropriate, or as prescribed by sovereign governments in the country where the project is financed, whichever is the higher standard; or where such standards are lacking or deemed inadequate by the Green Tick® Certification Board, performance standards shall default to those prescribed by the New Zealand Government from time to time.

Note: Our "Green Bond" definition includes all "green finance instruments" promoted as such.



GREEN BONDS - DEFINITION OF SUSTAINABILITY

1. A Green Tick®-certified

SUSTAINABLE Green Bond finances projects that do not cause permanent harm to people or the environment. The Green Bond's performance and effectiveness as a 'green' financial instrument is audited independently with respect to the outcomes of the financed project/s, in accordance with the Green Tick® standards for sustainability assessment.

2. A Green Tick® - certified

SUSTAINABLE Green Bond Project is a project that provides products and/or services to human society without causing permanent harm to people or the environment. Its' sustainability performance is audited independently as a work-in-progress and/or at the end of the project, in accordance with the Green Tick® standards for sustainability assessment.



MORE INFORMATION

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- Application forms, brochures, documents, papers, audit reports and presentations on our website.

We look forward to hearing from you!



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