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**Certificates 2017**

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# Certificates 2017

## Introduction

### Sustainability: A driving force of the future

One after another, an increasing number of consumer and private-label brands as well as representatives of the capital-goods industry are committing themselves to certified sustainability. They're changing production processes, defining concrete goals and illustrating the steps they've taken by providing concrete figures.

In effect since 2017, the EU's new CSR disclosure requirement is aimed at a similar target. One of the consequences for affected companies is the making transparent of the supply chain, which must adopt the client's criteria.

Sustainability and CSR will increasingly become part of the corporate brand essence. This is nothing less than a paradigm shift in the economy, both in the B2C and the B2B arena.

"Sustainability can explain up to 13 percent of total sales", according to the latest market data tabulated by Serviceplan Business Corporation's annual Sustainable Image Score (SIS) survey (online survey asking 9,000 consumers about 106 companies from 16 sectors of the economy).

The latest edition of the PSI Industry Barometer Europe 2/2016 reveals that these centrifugal forces are reflected in the promotional products industry, as well.

The motivation to put one's own company on a more sustainable path is rooted in three main factors: as a component of corporate responsibility ("It's important to us and to many of our customers. Let's think of tomorrow today!"), as a competitive advantage ("We'll improve our chances in the market and clearly differentiate ourselves from the competition.") and the increasing pressure from users and lawmakers ("Audits and certifications are required by large companies.")

There's no alternative to CSR and sustainability: "We view sustainable operations as an essential driving force of the future." By participating in the PSI Sustainability Awards you'll raise your corporate sustainability profile as an entrepreneur. Even if you're a beginner, the structure of the seven awards categories provides you with guidance based on the real world.

This publication is an aid to help you navigate corporate sustainability. It includes a structured overview of important current certificates for companies and products in the promotional products industry.

# ENTERPRISE ECONOMY

Companies can only survive if they create new products and services, enter partnerships, build networks and master their internal processes.

Sustainability management begins with economically well-positioned, transparently led companies. That means fiscal stability, quality management and investments in environmentally friendly technologies. See below for relevant economy certificates.



**AEO**  
Enterprise Economy  
Authorised Economic Operator

Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) is the name of the EU Quality Management Certificate for regulation-conform customs simplifications/regulations for the purpose of creating a reliable supply chain. It can be applied for by EU-based companies involved in customs dealings.



**BRC**  
Enterprise Economy  
British Retail Consortium  
[www.brcglobalstandards.com](http://www.brcglobalstandards.com)

The BRC Global Standard is a food safety standard developed by the British Retail Consortium (BRC). Suppliers with this status must implement the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points. In addition, a documented quality management system as well as evidence of controlled hygiene conditions for products, processes and employees.

**Company Audit**  
Enterprise Economy

Company Audits constitute an important module of the OEKO-TEX certification. All certificate holders are subjected to comprehensive on-site checks at 3-year intervals, with the aim of ensuring implementation of harmful substances requirements and quality assurance.



**EcoVadis CSR-certificate**  
Enterprise Economy

[www.ecovadis.com](http://www.ecovadis.com)

EcoVadis is a sustainability evaluation platform for global procurement chains based on the EcoVadis CSR Rating System, and links buyers and suppliers. Objective and purpose: risk minimisation, transparency and innovation/sustainability drivers on the basis of 21 CSR indicators from the four subject areas environment, social, ethics and supply chain.



**EFQM**  
Enterprise Economy  
European Foundation for Quality Management  
[www.efqm.org](http://www.efqm.org)

The European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM) is an European, globally-operating non-profit member organisation. The EFQM model developed by it is a quality management system based on Total Quality Management. The enterprise model enables a holistic view of companies, and is based on the three columns people, processes and results. Objective: identifying strengths and potential for improvement on the basis of self-evaluations, and becoming both more competitive and more successful.



### EuroPriSe

Enterprise Economy  
European Privacy Seal  
[www.european-privacy-seal.eu](http://www.european-privacy-seal.eu)

The European Privacy Seal (EuroPriSe) is an European data protection seal based on the ambitious European data protection law. It certifies data-protection-conform IT products and IT services. Objective: expanding the market for data-protection-conform products and generally strengthening confidence in IT.



### Global Migration

Enterprise Economy  
[www.globalmigrationgroup.org](http://www.globalmigrationgroup.org)

The Global Migration Group (GMG) was formed in 2007 by the most important international organisations and UNO agencies involved in matters of migration. Objective: bringing together international and regional instruments and standards of migrants, so as to better cope with the challenges of migration and to make better use of the related opportunities.



### HACCP

Enterprise Economy  
Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point - Konzept  
[www.haccp.de](http://www.haccp.de)

The Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points concept (HACCP) comprises mandatory guidelines on ensuring food safety that must be documented. It is binding on all companies involved in the production, processing and distribution of food products.



### ISO 12647

Enterprise Economy  
[www.iso.org](http://www.iso.org)

The ISO standard ISO 12647 is a process standard for offset printing that now also applies to additional printing processes. It defines binding colouration standards, standard paper as well as process control methods.



### ISO/IEC 17025

Enterprise Economy  
[www.iso.org](http://www.iso.org)

ISO/IEC 17025 is a quality standard for laboratories that carry out tests and calibration.



### ISO 27001

Enterprise Economy  
[www.iso.org](http://www.iso.org)

ISO/IEC 27001 is the world's best known standard for information security. It defines the prerequisites for the creation, introduction, operation, monitoring, maintenance and optimisation of a documented information security management system, taking account of all IT risks within companies and organisations.



### ISO 2846

Enterprise Economy  
[www.iso.org](http://www.iso.org)

ISO 2846 applies above all to manufacturers of printing colours in Europe, the USA and Japan, and defines the colour and transparency of the scale print colours for four-colour printing. This ISO standard is the successor to the earlier "Eurosкала".



### ISO 9001

Enterprise Economy  
[www.iso.org](http://www.iso.org)

The EN ISO 9001 quality management standard is the most frequent and most important quality management standard, both nationally and internationally. It defines the minimum requirements on a quality management system that organisations must comply with for their products and services.



## ISO/TS 16949

Enterprise Economy

[www.iso.org](http://www.iso.org)

The ISO/TS 16949 standard bundles existing requirements of a general nature on quality management systems in the (mainly North American and European) automotive industry. It has been published as “Technical Specification” (TS) – based on EN ISO 9001.



## Made in Germany

Enterprise Economy

[www.made-in-germany.biz](http://www.made-in-germany.biz)

„Made in Germany“ is a designation of origin and is regarded by many consumers as a quality seal. The designation of origin confirms that the manufacturing process was carried out in Germany. The mere assembly of individual parts is not sufficient in this respect. The relevant factor is the share of the manufacturing and production processes in Germany for those product characteristics at the focal point of consumer interest.



## PSO

Enterprise Economy

The Prozess Standard Offset

[www.pso-insider.de](http://www.pso-insider.de)

The Process Standard Offset Print (PSO) is certification for the purpose of standardising offset printing, and thus conforms to the ISO 12647 standard series. Application of the PSO is intended to ensure compliance with high quality standards in offset printing – from data generation through to the finished print product.



## SZU

Enterprise Economy

[www.szu.at](http://www.szu.at)

SZU is a Czech certificate for documenting minimum economic standards of products and management systems. The SZU is a Czech testing laboratory, authorised by the European Community, for evaluating conformity with 13 EU Directives. The organisation works globally and also offers its customers the possibility of marketing their products in international markets.



## TQM

Enterprise Economy

Total Quality Management

[www.tqm.com](http://www.tqm.com)

Total Quality Management (TQM) describes a consistent, continuous control initiative that covers and documents all areas of an organisation. It serves the purpose of introducing quality as a system objective, guaranteeing it permanently at falling costs and thus positioning organisations successfully. In Europe, the TQM was institutionalised in 1988 by 14 European branded companies through the formation of the European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM).



## Trusted Shops Guarantee

Enterprise Economy

[www.trustedshops.de](http://www.trustedshops.de)

The Trusted Shops Guarantee is a certificate for online shops. A series of standards are tested in terms of seriousness, data protection and security of supply. This is intended to guarantee customers reliable buyer protection irrespective of the form of payment (money-back guarantee).



**BSC**

Enterprise Economy  
Balanced Scorecard  
[www.balancedscorecard.org](http://www.balancedscorecard.org)

The Balanced Scorecard (BSC) is a controlling instrument for implementing corporate strategies. It is a management system derived from the respective corporate vision and strategy, and takes account of internal process flows. It includes above all financial KPIs, the process perspective, innovation and employee potential, the customer perspective as well as the development perspective.

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**QSD**

Enterprise Economy  
Qualitätssprachendienste Deutschlands  
[www.qsd.de](http://www.qsd.de)

Qualitätssprachendienste Deutschlands (QSD) e.V., formed on the initiative of the European Union of Associations of Translation Companies (EUATC), is an association representing the interests and views of the German translation industry and its translation companies within the EUATC. Some members already have tested quality assurance systems (certified under DIN EN ISO 9001:2008 or audited in accordance with the QSD quality guidelines).

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# ENTERPRISE ECOLOGY

**Building ecological sustainability is a core objective of sustainable development. The focus is on the impact any particular business model has on the environment and on society. Certified environmental management is the way to decouple economic growth and environmental contamination.**

See below for relevant ecology certificates.



## ClimatePartner

Enterprise Ecology

[www.climatepartner.com](http://www.climatepartner.com)

ClimatePartner, international business solution provider in climate protection, offers companies from all sectors climate protection solutions. An integral company portfolio includes certified and cloud-based climate protection software for calculating CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and related compensation.



## ECOfit

Enterprise Ecology

ECOfit, a company environmental advisory programme of the State of Baden-Württemberg that has existed since April 2005 as a preliminary stage of EMAS and ISO 14001. Objective: developing practically relevant measures, e.g. for reducing energy consumption and energy costs.



## EMAS

Enterprise Ecology  
Eco-Management und Audit Scheme  
[www.emas.de](http://www.emas.de)

EMAS (Eco-Management and Audit Scheme), also referred to as EU Eco Audit or Eco Audit, a combined system of environmental management and environmental auditing, developed by the EU, for all forms of companies and organisations, in particular for autonomous optimisation of their environmental data.



## FCBA FRENCH

Enterprise Ecology  
Federal Communications Bar Association  
[www.fcba.fr](http://www.fcba.fr)

FCBA (Institut Technologique Forêt Cellulose Bois-construction Ameublement / Institute of Technology for Forest Based and Furniture Sectors, Paris), French Technological Institute for the wood and pulp processing industry and its value-added chains on a member basis. Focus: support and certification of the members concerning their optimisation efforts in quality, environmental and social management, and related standardisation.



## ISO 14001

Enterprise Ecology  
[www.iso.org](http://www.iso.org)

ISO 14001, globally valid standard for the company environmental management system of manufacturing and service companies and organisations. First published in 1996 and amended in 2000, among other reasons in the interests of greater compatibility with the quality management standard ISO 9001, it defines the requirements on an environmental management system that enable the continuous development of an environmental policy and corresponding objectives for organisations. The requirements on the environmental performance are not established in absolute terms. The European EMAS Regulation is based essentially on the content of ISO 14001.





**ISO 5001**

Enterprise Ecology

[www.iso.org](http://www.iso.org)

ISO 5001, globally valid, voluntary standard for the development of company energy management systems, structurally based among other things on the ISO management systems 9001 and 14001. The implementation of energy management systems is of material importance for climate and environmental protection. In Germany, evidence of this under ISO 5001 or EMAS is a prerequisite for possible tax benefits.



**Ökoprofit**

Enterprise Ecology

Ecological Project For Integrated Environmental Technology  
[www.oekoprofit-nrw.de](http://www.oekoprofit-nrw.de)

ÖKOPROFIT (Ecological Project For Integrated Environmental Technology), originally an Austrian cooperation project, subsequently taken over internationally, between local authorities and the companies and organisations based in them. Sense and purpose: reducing operating costs and consumption of resources. Participation in the ÖKOPROFIT programme forms a valid basis for subsequent certification under ISO 14001.



**TCO Development**

Enterprise Ecology

Tjänstemännens Central organisation  
[www.tcodevelopment.de](http://www.tcodevelopment.de)

TCO test seal, strict, voluntary label for the ergonomic quality of products used in office environments, prevalent worldwide and issued by the umbrella association of the Swedish employee and civil servant union TCO (Tjänstemännens Central organisation, Stockholm). Together with Energy Star seal, the oldest Green IT Label still in existence.



**natureOffice**

Enterprise Ecology

[www.natureoffice.de](http://www.natureoffice.de)

NatureOffice, internationally operating service provider for climate-protection and sustainability strategies (including through CO2 compensation) as well as ecological audits. The registered office of NatureOffice Europe is Frankfurt/M.



**SBSC**

Enterprise Ecology

Sustainability Balanced Scorecard

SBSC (Sustainability Balanced Scorecard), further development of the management, planning and control instrument "Balanced Scorecard" (BSC), supplemented in 2000/2001 by the sustainability complex. The SBSC determines economic, ecological and social development perspectives as well as measures to be taken within a pre-defined time interval. Objective: corporate management aimed at enhancing market value.



**Swiss Environmental Foundation**

Enterprise Ecology

[www.umwelt-stiftung.ch](http://www.umwelt-stiftung.ch)

Swiss Environmental Foundation (Lucerne), rewards persons, companies and organisations annually with an environmental prize for environmental protection activities carried out. The prize is endowed with a total volume of CHF 30,000.00. Prize money must be invested in the further development of the prize-winning projects.

# CORPORATE ETHICS

**Social sustainable development is another cornerstone of sustainability. For entrepreneurs, this includes certified working conditions at all production sites, the promotion of social integration, the safeguarding of basic rights and cultural diversity, and the condemnation of discrimination in any form. See below for relevant ethics and social certificates.**

## BS 8800

Corporate Ethics  
British Standard 8800  
[www.qualityaustria.com](http://www.qualityaustria.com)

BS 8800 (British Standard), guidelines for the development of work and health-protection management systems. Purpose: protection of employees and third parties against risks of the corporate activities.



**BSCI**  
Corporate Ethics  
Business Social Compliance Initiative  
[www.bsci-intl.org](http://www.bsci-intl.org)

BSCI (Business Social Compliance Initiative, Brussels), non-profit association of companies with business-driven online platform for the differing European codes of conduct and monitoring systems, as basis for a common, worldwide verification system for social standards in the supplier chains. The BSCI Code of Conduct is oriented essentially towards the SA8000 standard.



**CE-Kennzeichnung**  
Corporate Ethics  
Conformité Européenne - Kennzeichnung  
[www.ce-zeichen.de](http://www.ce-zeichen.de)

CE designation (Conformité Européenne), European prescribed Directive for products destined for the EU market. Can only be issued if all EU Directives for the corresponding product have been fulfilled, and is a precondition for the initial marketing (or commissioning) of the product. Although obligatory, not a certificate or test seal but rather an administrative mark.



**EPPA Code-Of-Conduct**  
Corporate Ethics  
European Promotional Products  
Association  
[www.eppa-org.eu](http://www.eppa-org.eu)

EPPA Code of Conduct (European Promotional Products Association), defines the standard for implementation of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in the European promotional products industry. Aimed in particular at improving working conditions in the supply chain, the product quality and at efficient use of further CSR instruments. It is essentially based on ISO 26000 as CSR guidelines. These guidelines from 2010 do not equate to any certification. Application is voluntary. The EPPA CSR Scheme consists of three levels and builds on from the Code of Conduct. The Silver and Gold levels are Code-of-Conduct certifications.



**European Privacy Seal**  
Corporate Ethics  
European Privacy Seal  
[www.european-privacy-seal.eu](http://www.european-privacy-seal.eu)

EuroPriSe (European Privacy Seal), European data protection seal, certifies data-protection-conform IT products and IT services on the basis of European data protection law.



### GWG Ehrenkodex

Corporate Ethics  
Gesamtverband der Werbeartikel-  
Wirtschaft e.V.  
[www.gwg.de](http://www.gwg.de)

GWG Code of Honour (Gesamtverband der Werbeartikel-Wirtschaft e.V.), oriented towards sustainability management and obliges members to assume economic, ecological and social responsibility, in particular for compliance with specified principles derived from this.



### ICTI

Corporate Ethics  
International Council of Toy Industry  
[www.toy-icti.org](http://www.toy-icti.org)

ICTI (International Council of Toy Industries, New York), with the help of the ICTI CARE process, Chinese toy factories can be checked and - given compliance with the standards - certified. Annual renewal.



### IMAC

Corporate Ethics  
Independent Monitoring Association  
for Child Labour  
[www.imacpak.org](http://www.imacpak.org)

IMAC (Independent Monitoring Association for Child Labour), non-profit organisation against child labour, originally for the monitoring of Pakistani football production.



### OHRIS

Corporate Ethics  
Occupational Health- and Risk-  
Managementsystem

OHRIS (Occupational Health and Risk Management System), internationally valid occupational health and safety management system, is certified in Bavaria and Saxony. Implementation does not result in any costs for consulting, documentation and certification, even by the trade supervision authorities.



### OHSAS 18001

Corporate Ethics  
Occupational Health and Safety  
Assessment Series  
[www.ohsas-18001-occupational-health-and-safety.com](http://www.ohsas-18001-occupational-health-and-safety.com)

OHSAS 18001 (Occupational Health and Safety Assessment Series), one of the best known and most important health and safety management systems worldwide, closely based on the standards ISO 9001 and ISO 14001.



### SA 8000

Corporate Ethics  
Social Accountability 8000  
[www.sa-intl.org](http://www.sa-intl.org)

SA8000 (Social Accountability), international social standard, initiated by the New York NGO SAI (Social Accountability International), closely based on conventions of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the United Nations. Objective: global improvement of working and social standards on the basis of voluntary certification.



### SEDEX

Corporate Ethics  
Supplier Ethical Data Exchange  
[www.sedexglobal.com](http://www.sedexglobal.com)

SEDEX (Supplier Ethical Data Exchange, London), non-profit member organisation for companies that have committed to permanent optimisation of ethical conduct in their global supply chain. The platform offers a series of tools for the ethical management of value-added chains.



### SMETA Audit

Corporate Ethics  
Sedex Members Ethical Trade Audit  
[www.sedexglobal.com](http://www.sedexglobal.com)

SMETA (Sedex Members Ethical Trade Audit), audit instructions for ethical trade, not a standard or certification. A SMETA audit is not possible without membership of SEDEX.



## TÜV

Corporate Ethics  
Technical Control Board  
[www.tuv.com](http://www.tuv.com)

TÜV (Technical Control Board); the TÜV companies act independently in many working areas, in particular in safety checks, product certifications and the certification of management systems in the fields of economics, ecology and social matters.



## UN Global Compact

Corporate Ethics  
United Nations Global Compact  
[www.unglobalcompact.org](http://www.unglobalcompact.org)

UNGC (United Nations Global Compact, briefly Global Compact), global pact between UNO and companies on voluntary adherence to minimum social and ecological standards on the basis of 10 principles to be recognised, and on permanently improving these within the framework of the network.



## VFI sozial-fair

Corporate Ethics  
Association of Non Food importers  
[www.sozial-fair.eu](http://www.sozial-fair.eu)

Social Fair, initiative of the VFI (Verband der Fertigwarenimporteure, Hamburg) concerning compliance with social standards in production countries.



## WFSGI Member

Corporate Ethics  
World Federation of the Sporting Goods Industry  
[www.wfsgi.org](http://www.wfsgi.org)

WFSGI (World Federation of the Sporting Goods Industry, CH-Bern), independent and authoritative association of the global sporting goods industry. Members must comply with WFSGI Code of Conduct: combating of child and forced labour, globally accepted guidelines on working hours, safety, health protection, forced labour and environmental protection. The WFSGI issues corresponding confirmation following extensive checking. Recognised by the IOC / International Olympic Committee and FIFA.



## WRAP

Corporate Ethics  
Worldwide Responsible Accredited Production  
[www.wrapcompliance.org](http://www.wrapcompliance.org)

WRAP (Worldwide Responsible Accredited Production, Virginia, USA), non-profit organisation without members that certifies production companies, predominantly in clothing, shoes and sewed products. One of the largest certification programmes worldwide, based on the 12 WRAP principles.

## EPPA Code-Of-Conduct Certified Bronze

Corporate Ethics  
European Promotional Products Association  
[www.eppa-org.eu](http://www.eppa-org.eu)

The EPPA (European Promotional Products Association) Code of Conduct, defines a standard for implementation of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in the European promotional products industry. The Code of Conduct is aimed in particular at improving working conditions in the supply chain, the product quality and at efficient use of further CSR instruments. It is based essentially on ISO 26000 as CSR guidelines. These guidelines from 2010 do not equate to certification. Application is voluntary. The EPPA CSR Scheme consists of three levels and builds on from the Code of Conduct. The Silver and Gold levels are Code-of-Conduct certifications.



## EPPA Code-Of-Conduct Certified Silver

Corporate Ethics  
European Promotional Products Association  
[www.eppa-org.eu](http://www.eppa-org.eu)

The European Promotional Products Association (EPPA) Code of Conduct sets the standard for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in the promotional products industry. The Code of Conduct is aimed at improving working conditions in the supply chain, the product quality and at efficient use of further CSR instruments. The Silver certificate indicates that companies satisfy the requirements of the Bronze level, and identifies and manages risks appropriate to the CSR Scheme.



**EPPA Code-Of-Conduct Certified Gold**

Corporate Ethics  
European Promotional Products  
Association  
[www.eppa-org.eu](http://www.eppa-org.eu)

The European Promotional Products Association (EPPA) Code of Conduct sets the standard for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in the promotional products industry. The Code of Conduct is aimed in particular at improving working conditions in the supply chain, the product quality and at efficient use of further CSR instruments. The Gold certificate indicates that companies satisfy the requirements of the Silver level, and also checks and improves the CSR provisions.

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# PRODUCT ECONOMY

Product responsibility is one of the core competencies of sustainable corporate management. A multitude of laws regulate the product quality and safety responsibilities of distributors. There are also several significant and trust-enhancing labels in existence. See below for relevant product economy certificates.



## BRC-IO P

Product Economy  
British - Retail Consortium  
[www.brcglobalstandards.com](http://www.brcglobalstandards.com)

BRC (British Retail Consortium, London), trade association of British retail companies, defines and certifies regulations such as the BRC Global Standard for suppliers in the food industry and which, in cooperation with the Institute of Packaging (IoP), has obtained the quality seal BRC-IO P (for manufacturers of packaging materials for primary and secondary food packaging) – the standard status outside of Great Britain.



## ce-mark

Product Economy  
Conformité Européenne - marc  
[www.cemarking.net](http://www.cemarking.net)

CE designation (Conformité Européenne), European prescribed Directive for products destined for the EU market. Can only be issued if all EU Directives for the corresponding product have been fulfilled, and is a precondition for the initial marketing (or commissioning) of the product. Although obligatory, not a certificate or test seal but rather an administrative mark.

## CMP

Product Economy  
Certificate Management Protocol

CMP (Certificate Management Protocol), protocol developed by the IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force) in accordance with the X.509 Standard for managing digital certificates in a Public Key Infrastructure (PKI). Ensures the interaction between the components of a PKI, such as the certifying body (CA) or the registration body (RA), and an application or user.



## DIN EN 13356

Product Economy

[www.din.de](http://www.din.de)

DIN EN 13356, European standard for warning accessories for the non-professional sector (highest standard for warning protection accessories).



## DIN

Product Economy

[www.din.de](http://www.din.de)

DIN (Deutscher Institut für Normung e.V., Berlin), most important German standardisation organisation, founded 1917. The DIN Standards are developed under the management of DIN working committees.



## DIN EN 471

Product Economy

[www.din.de](http://www.din.de)

DIN EN 471, until October 2013 authoritative European standard for safety and warning vests. The new EN ISO 20471 has been applicable since June 2013.



**DIN EN 71ff**

Product Economy

[www.din.de](http://www.din.de)

DIN EN 71ff., European standard for toy safety with requirements in particular in terms of the mechanical, electrical and fire-safety characteristics.



**DIN-Zeichen**

Product Economy

[www.din.de](http://www.din.de)

DIN-Geprüft label, documents the conformity of a product, service or process with the minimum standards defined in DIN, DIN EN or DIN EN ISO standards and in certification programmes.



**EN ISO 22000**

Product Economy

[www.iso.org](http://www.iso.org)

EN ISO 22000, European takeover of the international standard ISO 22000, put into effect in 2005 as a global management system for food safety, in order to reduce the flood of standards.



**ENEC**

Product Economy

European Norms Electrical Certification

[www.enec.com](http://www.enec.com)

ENEC (European Norms Electrical Certification), European certification scheme and quality seal for electronic-engineering products under CENELEC (Comité Européen de Normalisation Électrotechnique, European Committee for Electronic-Engineering Standardisation, one of the three large standardisation organisations in Europe with registered office in Brussels).



**ETL Listed**

Product Economy

Electrical Testing Laboratories Listed

[www.intertek.de](http://www.intertek.de)

ETL Listed label (Electrical Testing Laboratories), safety test seal from Intertek for the North-American market. Certifies electrical or fuel-driven products in accordance with the relevant safety standards and minimum requirements.



**ETL Sanitation**

Product Economy

Electrical Testing Laboratories Sanitation

[www.intertek.de](http://www.intertek.de)

ETL Sanitation label (Electrical Testing Laboratories), safety test seal from Intertek for the North-American market. Certifies products from the sanitation field in accordance with the applicable standards under ANSI (American National Standards Institute), NSF (National Sanitation Foundation) and EN (European Standards).



**ETL-EU**

Product Economy

Electrical Testing Laboratories

European Union

[www.intertek.de](http://www.intertek.de)

ETL-EU label (Electrical Testing Laboratories), Europe-wide production safety label from Intertek for electrical products and components, sold throughout Europe and for which an additional test label is not prohibited on the basis of the statutory provisions. Confirms the independent verification of the European product safety standards.



**GS**

Product Economy

Geprüfte Sicherheit

[www.tuv.com](http://www.tuv.com)

GS (Geprüfte Sicherheit), safety test seal for products that satisfy the quality and safety standards under the German Product Safety Act (ProdSG).



## IEC CB Scheme

Product Economy  
International Electrotechnical Commission  
[www.iecee.org](http://www.iecee.org)

IEC CB Scheme (International Electrotechnical Commission), international process of the IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission, Geneva) for product certification in accordance with a harmonised standard, also commonly referred to as IECEE (International Electrotechnical Commission on the Rules for the Approval of Electrical Equipment). The IEC uses the abbreviation for the “IEC System for Conformity Testing and Certification of Electrotechnical Equipment and Components”. As a result, a product certified with a CB Report has the basis for downstream national certification such as GS. The CB Scheme originally stems from the CEE (formerly European “Commission for Conformity Testing of Electrical Equipment”) and was integrated into the ICE in 1985.



## IECEE CB Scheme

Product Economy  
International Commission on the Rules  
for the Approval of Electrical Equipment  
[www.iecee.org](http://www.iecee.org)

IECEE (International Electrotechnical Commission on the Rules for the Approval of Electrical Equipment), international process of the IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission, Geneva) for product certification of electrical products in accordance with a harmonised standard, better known as IEC CB Scheme.



## Institut Fresenius Qualitätssiegel

Product Economy  
[www.qualitaetssiegel.net](http://www.qualitaetssiegel.net)

SGS Institute Fresenius, one of the leading providers of non-medical laboratory analysis in Europe and part of the international SGS Group (Geneva). Examines and certifies the value-added chain of products from the fields food, cosmetics, hygiene, cleaning and everyday items.



## ISO 13485

Product Economy  
[www.iso.org](http://www.iso.org)

ISO 13485, defines the standards of a management system for the design and production of medical products as a norm, with the focus on product safety. Depending on the classification of the product, its application is binding by law. Available in Germany as DIN EN ISO 13485.



## S Mark (by Intertek)

Product Economy  
[www.intertek.com](http://www.intertek.com)

S Mark, is an exclusive Intertek label that identifies the electrical safety conformity of relevant products in the EU.



## SGS Fresenius

Product Economy  
Société Générale de Surveillance  
[www.institut-fresenius.de](http://www.institut-fresenius.de)

Institute Fresenius quality seal, awarded on the basis of a holistic quality approach by the SGS Institute Fresenius to products that satisfy additional criteria well beyond the statutorily prescribed rulings on social and ecological sustainability. Examines and certifies the value-added chain of products from the fields food, cosmetics, hygiene, cleaning and everyday items.



## SZU

Product Economy

SZU, Czech certifier operating internationally – including in cooperation with the EU – with test laboratories, and owner of the test seal of the same name for products, management systems and persons.





**Tick Mark**

Product Economy

[www.intertek.com](http://www.intertek.com)

Tick Mark, quality seal, an exclusive Intertek label for products and services that bundles and identifies the independently verified compliance with EN, ISO, DIN standards as well as REACH conformity etc.



**WH Warnock Hersey**

Product Economy

Warnock-Hersey

[www.intertek.com](http://www.intertek.com)

WH (Warnock Hersey), quality seal and exclusive Intertek label for product safety and fitness for purpose of building products in accordance with the building regulations as well as requirements on product safety and fitness for purpose under the relevant standards, such as ASTM, CCMC, ULC, ICBO, CSA, ANSI, UL and EPA.



**UL**

Product Economy

Underwriters Laboratories

[www.ul.com](http://www.ul.com)

UL (Underwriters Laboratories), internationally operating organisation and owner of the fee-based quality seal of the same name for products, components, materials and systems.



**CB-FCS**

Product Economy

Certification Body Full Certification Scheme

[www.iecee.org](http://www.iecee.org)

IECEE CB-FCS (IECEE Certification Body Full Certification Scheme), an extension of the international process of the IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission, Geneva) for product certification of electrical products in accordance with a harmonised standard, better known as IEC CB Scheme.



**VCCI**

Product Economy

Voluntary Control Council Interference

[www.vcci.jp](http://www.vcci.jp)

VCCI, voluntary label for the independently tested EMC (Electro-Magnetic Compatibility) of IT products.



# PRODUCT ECOLOGY

Taking ecological responsibility for one's products beyond the legal requirements is a meaningful distinguishing feature of a sustainability-oriented corporate policy. Eco-friendly production and the use of resource-friendly, recyclable materials is the order of the day. See below for relevant product ecology certificates.



## Austria Bio Garantie

Product Ecology

[www.abg.at](http://www.abg.at)

ABG (Austria Bio Garantie GmbH, A-Enzersfeld), Austria's leading organic control body. Organic products are tested from the original product through to the final processor, and certified with code number AT-BIO-301. Controls are carried out throughout Austria and in neighbouring countries.



## BDIH

Product Ecology  
Bundesverband der Industrie- und  
Handelsunternehmen

[www.kontrollierte-naturkosmetik.de](http://www.kontrollierte-naturkosmetik.de)

BDIH - Kontrollierte Natur-Kosmetik (label of the Bundesverband der Industrie- und Handelsunternehmen für Arzneimittel, Reformwaren, Nahrungsergänzungsmittel und kosmetische Mittel e.V., Mannheim), defines and checks uniform standards for natural cosmetics. Raw materials must originate predominantly from controlled organic growing. Certification and marketing of the English logo variant worldwide is handled by the International Organic and Natural Cosmetics Corporation.



## Bio Siegel

Product Ecology

[www.bio-siegel.de](http://www.bio-siegel.de)

Bio-Siegel, quality and test seal, identifies controlled products from ecological land cultivation. The term Bio is protected Europe-wide by EU law. The German Bio-Siegel was created in 2001 and must only be used in addition to the EU Bio logo. Every product with Bio-Siegel must be registered with the Bio-Siegel information body before being launched onto the market.



## Blauer Engel

Product Ecology

[www.blauer-engel.de](http://www.blauer-engel.de)

Blauer Engel, German environmental label, introduced in 1978, for products and services that are more environmentally friendly than comparable products and services. Manufacturers can equip their products with the label awarded to them. The environmental label does not however certify the complete ecological harmlessness of a product.



## bluesign

Product Ecology

[www.bluesign.com](http://www.bluesign.com)

bluesign or bluesign system, independent Swiss standard for the consistently sustainable production of textiles, oriented towards the strictest regulations and threshold values worldwide in terms of consumer and environmental protection: consumer protection, waste water, exhaust air, occupational health and safety, and resource productivity.



### Cradle to Cradle

Product Ecology

Cradle to Cradle (C2C), principle of a waste-free economy without health and environmentally damaging materials, which is why all materials chosen are used without exception as nutrients for natural circular flows or closed technical circular flows. C2C certification does not correspond to an ecological audit in the sense of a critical check by an independent expert assessor.



### DIN EN 13432

Product Ecology

[www.din.de](http://www.din.de)

DIN EN 13432, European standard, defines scientific methods for evidencing the biological compostibility or biodegradability of materials. Materials and products tested successfully under DIN EN 13432 are entitled to use the compostibility label.



### DLG

Product Ecology

Deutsche Landwirtschafts-Gesellschaft

[www.dlg.org](http://www.dlg.org)

DLG seal (Deutsche Landwirtschafts-Gesellschaft (German Agricultural Society)), distinguishes food products that pass through an annual quality audit as Gold, Silver and Bronze. Auditing is through laboratory tests according to the DLG 5-point scheme®: appearance, smell, taste, consistency. Performed as obligatory or random checks depending on the product group. Products are not tested for harmful substances.



### DLW

Product Ecology

[www.dlw.de](http://www.dlw.de); [www.naturecore.de](http://www.naturecore.de)

DLW Naturecore, designer floor covering on a linoleum basis from natural raw materials without PVC and softeners.



### ECARF

Product Ecology

European Centre for Allergy Research Foundation

[www.ecarf.org](http://www.ecarf.org)

ECARF quality seal (European Centre for Allergy Research Foundation, Berlin), has been distinguishing allergy-sufferer-friendly products and services since 2006.



### eco-INSTITUT

Product Ecology

[www.eco-institut.de](http://www.eco-institut.de)

eco-INSTITUTE Cologne, testing body for testing the emissions and harmful substances of building and furnishing products. The eco-INSTITUTE Label serves the purpose of quality assurance based on the strictest criteria.



### ECOCERT "Natürliche Kosmetik"

Product Ecology

[www.ecocert.de](http://www.ecocert.de)

ECOCERT "Naturkosmetik", certification label of ECOCERT (Europe's largest control & certification association in the environmental field, main office in France). Prerequisite: at least 50 % of the constituent substances must be of natural origin, and 5 % of the vegetable substances must stem from organic growth.



### ECOCERT "Öko- & biologische Kosmetik"

Product Ecology

[www.ecocert.de](http://www.ecocert.de)

ECOCERT "Naturkosmetik", certification label of ECOCERT (Europe's largest control & certification association in the environmental field, main office in France). Prerequisite: at least 95 % of the constituent substances must be of natural origin, and 10 % of the vegetable substances must stem from organic growth.



## ENERGY STAR

Product Ecology

[www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)

Energy Star, US environmental label for identifying energy-saving devices, building materials and both public and commercial buildings or residential buildings. Label can be used by any manufacturer who believes its device conforms to the standard. Notification to the authorities is sufficient, no test is carried out.



## EPD

Product Ecology

Environmental Product Declaration

[www.bau-epd.at](http://www.bau-epd.at)

EPD (Environmental Product Declaration), based on independently verified data from ecological audits, life cycle inventory analyses and further information modules that conform to the product-related standards of the ISO 14040 family of standards.



## EU-BIO-Logo

Product Ecology

European Union Bio Logo

[www.ec.europa.eu](http://www.ec.europa.eu)

EU Bio Seal, has been prescribed since 2010 for all pre-packed organic food products from ecological and organic agriculture in the EU, since 2012 indicating the control-body code and the origin of the ingredients. Non-packed organic products can be marked with Bio logo on a voluntary basis.



## EU-Ecolabel

Product Ecology

European Union - Ecolabel

[www.eu-ecolabel.de](http://www.eu-ecolabel.de)

EU Ecolabel, recognised EU environmental label for products and services on a voluntary basis. Can be applied for to the responsible national body – in Germany RAL GmbH.



## EU-Gütezeichen

Product Ecology

European Union - Gütezeichen

[www.ec.europa.eu](http://www.ec.europa.eu)

EU quality label, label in 3 variants for identifying, protecting and promoting traditional and regional food products: „g.U.“ (protected designation of origin), “g.g.A.” (protected geographic indication) and “g.t.S.” (guaranteed traditional speciality).



## fair for life

Product Ecology

[www.fairforlife.org](http://www.fairforlife.org)

fair for life, alternative Fair Trade certification of the Swiss Bio Foundation for product groups such as cosmetics, textiles and agricultural products. The programme supplements existing Fair Trade systems and is based closely on the ILO standards, SA8000, the standards of the Fairtrade Labelling Organisations (FLO) as well as the social criteria of the IFOAM. Certification is exclusively by the IMO Group (Institute for Market Ecology).



## Fair Wear Foundation

Product Ecology

[www.fairwear.org](http://www.fairwear.org)

FWF (Fair Wear Foundation, Amsterdam), non-profit organisation, sponsored by non-governmental organisations, trade unions and company associations. Objective: Improving working conditions in the textile and clothing industry, above all in the processing of materials into textile products. Members undertake to comply with the FWF Code of Labour Practices, based on the ILO Conventions) in their supply chains.



## Fairglobe

Product Ecology

FAIRGLOBE, trademark and Fair label of the discounter Lidl. Fairglobe products mainly also bear at least the Fair Trade seal.





## Fairtrade-Programm

Product Ecology

[www.fairtrade-deutschland.de](http://www.fairtrade-deutschland.de)

FAIRTRADE programmes exist for cocoa, sugar and cotton, and bring together Fairtrade producers and customers for the Fairtrade raw materials. Objective: fair purchasing of raw materials, not certification of individual products as with the Fairtrade seal.



## Fairtrade-Siegel

Product Ecology

[www.fairtrade-deutschland.de](http://www.fairtrade-deutschland.de)

The FAIRTRADE seal is awarded to products that are produced and traded under defined social and in part also ecological conditions. As a rule, the seals are awarded by national organisations that have amalgamated in the umbrella association Fairtrade Labelling Organizations International (FLO).



## FoodSafe

Product Ecology

[www.foodsafe.ca](http://www.foodsafe.ca)

FoodSafe, comprehensive training programme for ensuring food safety in the gastronomy of British Columbia and Canada. There are two certification levels.



## FSC

Product Ecology

Forest Stewardship Council

[www.fsc-deutschland.de](http://www.fsc-deutschland.de)

FSC (Forest Stewardship Council, Bonn), international non-profit organisation that has initiated the international FSC certification system for the forestry industry. Ten globally applicable principles guarantee the origin of wood and paper products with FSC seal from sustainably managed forests. The FSC has three label categories.



## FSC 100%

Product Ecology

Forest Stewardship Council 100%

[www.fsc-deutschland.de](http://www.fsc-deutschland.de)

FSC 100% Label, certifies wood-industry products that their materials are 100 % from FSC certified forests.



## FSC Mix

Product Ecology

Forest Stewardship Council Mix

[www.fsc-deutschland.de](http://www.fsc-deutschland.de)

FSC MIX, labelling for products of the wood industry for which materials from both FSC-certified forests and/or recycling material from controlled sources have been used. Use of at least 70% FSC-certified or post-consumer recycling material is prescribed.



## FSC Recycled

Product Ecology

Forest Stewardship Council Recycled

[www.fsc-deutschland.de](http://www.fsc-deutschland.de)

FSC Recycling Label, labelling for products of the wood industry containing exclusively recycling material.



## GEPA Fair Trade Company

Product Ecology

Gesellschaft zur Förderung der Partnerschaft

- The Fair Trade Company

[www.gepa.de](http://www.gepa.de)

GEPA – The Fair Trade Company (Gesellschaft zur Förderung der Partnerschaft mit der Dritten Welt mbH, Wuppertal), the largest European importer of fair traded food and craftsmen's products from the southern countries of the Earth.



**GEPA Fair Trade Company +**

Product Ecology  
Gesellschaft zur Förderung der Partnerschaft  
- The Fair Trade Company +  
[www.gepa.de](http://www.gepa.de)

fair+ label, initiated by GEPA as a signal that the general fair trade criteria have been exceeded. Not a seal.



**GOTS**

Product Ecology  
Global Organic Textile Standard  
[www.global-standard.org](http://www.global-standard.org)

GOTS (Global Organic Textile Standard), global standard for the processing of textiles from organically generated natural fibres. It defines ecological and social standards along the value-added chain that are ensured through independent certification.



**I'm green**

Product Ecology  
[www.braskem.com/site.aspx/Im-green](http://www.braskem.com/site.aspx/Im-green)

I'm green, independent seal and registered trademark of the Brazilian chemical group Braskem for plastic products, produced from at least 85 % of the renewable raw material sugar cane, are capable of recycling, protect resources and save CO<sub>2</sub>.



**IFS**

Product Ecology  
International Featured Standard  
[www.ifs-certification.com](http://www.ifs-certification.com)

IFS (International Featured Standard, formerly International Food Standard), standard for the auditing and certification of food manufacturers, processors and packers in terms of food safety and quality of the processes, products and services.



**ISO 14040**

Product Ecology  
[www.iso.org](http://www.iso.org)

The ISO 14040:2006 standard describes the principles and requirements of the ecological audit (LCA): definition and determination of objective and examination framework as well as life cycle inventory analysis.



**ISO 14044**

Product Ecology  
[www.iso.org](http://www.iso.org)

The ISO 14044:2006 standard specifies the requirements and existing guidelines of the LCA.



**LamuLamu Label**

Product Ecology  
LamuLamu Öko Fair Tragen  
[www.lamulamu.de](http://www.lamulamu.de)

LamuLamu Eco Fair Wear (also: LamuLamu Öko Fair Tragen), own brand of Landjugendverlag GmbH, subsidiary of the Katholische Landjugendbewegung (KLJB) and created in 1998 from the campaign "Öko-fair tragen" (Eco Fair Wear). Independent auditing and certification is carried out for cotton clothing in whose value-added chain the defined minimum ecological and social standards as per GOTS have been implemented.



**Lebensbaum**

Product Ecology  
[www.lebensbaum.com](http://www.lebensbaum.com)

Lebensbaum, German producer of tea, coffee and spices on the basis of long-term partnerships with producers and the use of highest-quality organic raw materials as well as CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral production and the support of educational and nutrition initiatives on site.



## LFGB

Product Ecology  
Lebensmittel- und Futtermittelgesetzbuch

LFGB (Code of Law for Food and Animal Food Products), umbrella law of German food law for maximum food safety, covers all production and processing stages along the food value-added chain, is also applicable to its commodities as well as to animal feed products and cosmetics.



## LGA

Product Ecology  
LGA InterCert GmbH  
[www.lga-intercert.com](http://www.lga-intercert.com)

LGA tested, neutral test label of the internationally operating LGA InterCert GmbH, a subsidiary of TÜV Rheinland Group. A product is tested and certified for a selected individual aspect, e.g.: safety, performance characteristics, fitness for purpose, EMC and hygiene.



## NaTrue

Product Ecology  
[www.natrue.org](http://www.natrue.org)

NaTrue, NaTrue, independent European seal, used worldwide to distinguish exclusively natural cosmetic products in three categories: 1. Natural cosmetics, 2. Natural cosmetics with organic share and 3. Organic cosmetics.



## Naturland

Product Ecology  
[www.naturland.de](http://www.naturland.de)

Naturland Bio Siegel, label of Naturland - Verband für ökologischen Landbau e.V., which certifies producing farmers and further-processing companies in accordance with the Naturland Guidelines (stricter than the EU Organic Regulation). Organic food produced can use the Naturland Bio Siegel on packaging.



## Naturleder IVN zertifiziert

Product Ecology

Naturleder IVN certified, independently controlled quality seal of the Internationaler Verband der Naturtextilwirtschaft e. V. (IVN) for leather goods, produced via the value-added chain on the basis of high qualitative, ecological and social standards.



## Naturtextil IVN zertifiziert

Product Ecology  
[www.naturtextil.de](http://www.naturtextil.de)

Naturtextile IVN certified, former quality seal of the Internationaler Verband der Naturtextilwirtschaft e. V. (IVN), as such template for GOTS and further developed by the IVN into the current quality seal Naturtextile IVN zertifiziert BEST.



## Naturtextil IVN zertifiziert BEST

Product Ecology  
[www.naturtextil.de](http://www.naturtextil.de)

Naturtextile IVN zertifiziert BEST, independently controlled quality seal of the Internationaler Verband der Naturtextilwirtschaft e. V. (IVN), whose criteria are still above the minimum standards of GOTS, and therefore map the current maximum standard for natural textiles with the highest requirements. The criteria take account of the entire production process on the basis of the highest qualitative, ecological and social standards.



## NSF

Product Ecology  
National Sanitation Foundation/  
nationale Stiftung für Gesundheitspflege  
[www.nsf.org](http://www.nsf.org)

NSF (National Sanitation Foundation International, USA), certificate of the largest global organisation for the monitoring and certification of products and materials coming into contact with food and drinking water.







## OE 100 Standard

Product Ecology  
Organic Exchange 100 Standard

OE 100 Standard (Organic Exchange), quality seal of the US TE association (Textile Exchange), controls and certifies the controls of the flow of goods along the value-added chain that uses exclusively organic cotton.



## Oeko-Tex Standard 100

Product Ecology

[www.oeko-tex.com](http://www.oeko-tex.com)

Oeko-Tex® Standard, independent and globally standardised testing and certification system of the International Community for Research and testing in the field of textile ecology (Oeko-Tex, Switzerland) for textile products of all processing stages.



## Oeko-Tex Standard 100plus

Product Ecology

[www.oeko-tex.com](http://www.oeko-tex.com)

Oeko-Tex® Standard 100plus, quality seal for textiles that have been tested for harmful substances and are environmentally friendly. The seal combines the standards of Öko-Tex Standard 100 (compliance with threshold levels for harmful substances) and Öko-Tex Standard 1000 (environmentally friendly production, waste-water disposal, energy consumption).



## ÖKOControl Label

Product Ecology

[www.oekocontrol.com](http://www.oekocontrol.com)

ÖkoControl Label, independently controlled quality seal of the ÖkoControl Gesellschaft für Qualitätsstandards ökologischer Einrichtungshäuser e.V. Furniture, mattresses and bedding are tested for the greatest possible freedom from harmful substances.



## ÖKOPapier

Product Ecology

ÖKOPapier, own brand of the German company Venceremos, the label guarantees environmentally friendly, almost white recycling paper from 100 % old paper, without the use of chlorine or other chemicals. Dyestuffs must consist of vegetable substances without solvents.



## Öko-Test

Product Ecology

Öko-Test, German-language consumer magazine of Öko-Test Verlag GmbH, Frankfurt. Tests are carried out on all end-consumer products and services. These are bought anonymously by test buyers and tested in cooperating laboratories in Germany for harmful substances and constituents in accordance with the standards of the magazine. As a rule, the evaluation criteria are stricter than the statutory requirements. Since 2010, CSR criteria have also been applied on a case-by-case basis.



## Österreichisches Umweltzeichen

Product Ecology

Austrian environmental label, government-awarded quality seal for ecological business. Environmentally friendly products and services from the fields of products, education, tourism and Green Meeting are marked.



## PEFC

Product Ecology

Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes

[www.pefc.at](http://www.pefc.at)

PEFC (Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes), seal of forest owners and the wood industry for the promotion of sustainable forest management. Is regarded more as a “soft” seal due to its generous criteria.



### Pro Planet Label

Product Ecology

[www.proplanet-label.at](http://www.proplanet-label.at)

Pro Planet Label, own label of the REWE Group for conventionally produced goods that take account of selected ecological and social criteria along the value-added chain.



### Rainforest Alliance

Product Ecology

[www.rainforest-alliance.org](http://www.rainforest-alliance.org)

Rainforest Alliance Certificate (Rainforest Alliance Certified), quality seal of the globally active New York environmental organisation Rainforest Alliance for ecological and fair-traded food and beverages grown in the tropics. The standards are repeatedly criticised as not sufficiently strict.



### RECY

Product Ecology

[www.resy.de](http://www.resy.de)

RECY label, symbol of the German Organisation für Wertstoffentsorgung GmbH (Darmstadt) for transport and outer packing from paper and cardboard that guarantees disposal and material re-use of all transport and outer packing bearing the RECY symbol. Attachment of the symbol indicates fulfilment of the requirements of the packing regulation for transport packing.



### spiel-gut

Product Ecology

[www.spielgut.de](http://www.spielgut.de)

spiel-gut, quality seal of the German Arbeitsausschuss Kinderspiel + Spielzeug e.V. (Ulm) for particular toys in terms of function, playing value, and health or ecological aspects.



### STeP

Product Ecology

Sustainable Textile Production

[www.step.org](http://www.step.org)

STeP (Sustainable Textile Production) by OEKO-TEX®, quality seal for brands, trading companies and manufacturers in the textile value-added chain, wishing to communicate their level of sustainability in a transparent manner.



### Stop Climate Change

Product Ecology

[www.stopclimatechange.net](http://www.stopclimatechange.net)

SCC (Stop Climate Change), programme and simultaneously climate label for reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, unavoidable emissions are compensated for via climate-protection projects.



### Supporting the Cotton Made in Africa Initiative

Product Ecology

[www.cottonmadeinafrica.org](http://www.cottonmadeinafrica.org)

CmiA (Cotton made in Africa), initiative and quality seal of the Aid by Trade Foundation, formed by Michael Otto (Otto Group) in Hamburg in 2005. Objective: to improve the social, economic and ecological living conditions of small cotton farmers and their families in Sub-Saharan Africa. Using an own standard, sustainable and cotton-growing methods are implemented, promoted as well as strategic partnerships and demand alliances developed.



### svenskt arkiv

Product Ecology

[www.svensktarkiv.se](http://www.svensktarkiv.se)

svenskt arkiv, Swedish service provider for cloud-based digital and physical data and archiving management. All associated branches are certified by Bureau Veritas in accordance with ISO 9001 and ISO 14001.



## TCO Certified

Product Ecology  
Tjänstemännens Centralorganisation  
(Schwedischer Dachverband für Angestellte)  
[www.tcodevelopment.de](http://www.tcodevelopment.de)

TCO Certified, quality seal of the Swedish employee and civil servant union TCO (Tjänstemännens Centralorganisation) for Green IT. The international and independent sustainability certification tests ecological and social requirements of IT products and, among other things, satisfies the requirements of the ISO 14024 Type I Environmental Label standard.



## Tierschutzlabel

Product Ecology  
[www.tierschutzlabel.de](http://www.tierschutzlabel.de)

„For More Animal Protection“, two-level animal protection label of the German Animal Protection Association with entry and premium level that documents compliance with high standards of animal protection, such as species-appropriate keeping in the production of animal-based food products.



## UTZ Certified

Product Ecology  
[www.utzcertified.org](http://www.utzcertified.org)

UTZ Certified, quality seal of the Amsterdam-based foundation for the documentation of ecological and ethically sustainably produced agricultural products bearing the same name – above all coffee, cocoa and tea.



## Viabono

Product Ecology  
[www.viabono.de](http://www.viabono.de)

Viabono, certificate of the German GmbH of the same name for the leisure-time/tourist industry for the promotion of environmentally and climate-friendly travel, based on four environmental KPIs from the areas water, waste, energy and climate as well as food.



## ABG/Austria Bio Garantie

Product Ecology  
[www.abg.at](http://www.abg.at)

Austria Bio Garantie, quality seal of the GmbH by the same name and leading Austrian organic control body, carries out national and international controls on organic products along the producer chain, and certifies compliance with statutory requirements, standards and guidelines.



## Cradle to Cradle (Bronze)

Product Ecology  
[www.c2ccertified.org](http://www.c2ccertified.org)

Cradle to Cradle Certified (C2C), German quality seal for distinguishing products that demonstrably use environmentally safe, healthy and recyclable materials while safeguarding social responsibility. A one-year certificate is awarded. This requires re-certification and enables higher certification levels through optimisation: from Basic to Silver, Gold and Platinum.



## Cradle to Cradle (Silver)

Product Ecology  
[www.c2ccertified.org](http://www.c2ccertified.org)



## Cradle to Cradle (Gold)

Product Ecology  
[www.c2ccertified.org](http://www.c2ccertified.org)



## ISO 14041

Product Ecology  
[www.iso.org](http://www.iso.org)

ISO 14041:1999 will be replaced by the new standard ISO 14040:2006. This standard describes the principles and requirements for the ecological audit (LCA): definition and determination of objective and examination framework as well as life cycle inventory analysis.



**Made in Green by Oeko-Tex**

Product Ecology

[www.madeingreen.com](http://www.madeingreen.com)

Made in Green by OEKO-TEX®, quality seal for demonstrably harmless textiles from sustainable and socially responsible production that replaces the certification systems of the OEKO-TEX® Standard 100plus as well as of the Spanish “Made in Green by Aitex” seal, whose name rights have been taken over by OEKO-TEX®.



**OCS Blended**

Product Ecology

Organic Blended Content Standard

[www.ecocert.com](http://www.ecocert.com)

OCS blended (Organic Blended Content Standard), quality seal of the US TE association (Textile Exchange), replaces the OE Blended Standard; the controls and certification cover the precise volume indication of organically grown materials (min. 5 % organic material) along the value-added chain, not however the use of pesticides and social standards.



**OCS 100**

Product Ecology

Organic 100 Content Standard

[www.ecocert.com](http://www.ecocert.com)

OCS 100 (Organic 100 Content Standard), quality seal of the US TE association (Textile Exchange), replaces the OE 100 Standard; the controls and certification cover the precise volume indication of organically grown materials (min. 95 % to 100 % organic material) along the value-added chain, not however the use of pesticides and social standards.



**OE Blended Standard**

Product Ecology

Organic Exchange Blended Standard 100

[www.ecolabelindex.com](http://www.ecolabelindex.com)

OE 100 (Organic Exchange Standard 100), quality seal of the US TE association (Textile Exchange) and since replaced by OCS 100 (Organic 100 Content Standard); the controls and certification cover the precise volume indication of organically grown materials (min. 95 % to 100 % organic material) along the value-added chain, not however the use of pesticides and social standards.





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Victorinox AG

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**Social Initiative 2016**

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**Sustainable Product Set 2016**

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