OCEAN BOUND PLASTIC

CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
RECOGNITION OF OTHER STANDARDS AND AUDITS

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Guidance Documents

ISEAL Sustainability Benchmarking Good Practice Guide Version 1.1 September 2020 was used when realizing the benchmark exercise necessary for the elaboration of these guidelines.

Reference Documents

OBP Standards and documents:

- OBP Collection Organization Standard (OBP-COL-STD)
- OBP Recycling Organization Standard (OBP-REC-STD)
- OBP Plastic Producers & Users Standard (OBP-PRO-STD)
- OBP Plastic Neutralization Services Provider Standard (OBP-NEU-STD)
- OBP FAQ (OBP-FAQ-GUI)
- OBP Program Definitions and Annexes (OBP-DEF-GUI)

Other standards:

- Textile Exchange Global Recycled Standard 4.0
- Textile Exchange Recycled Claim Standard 2.0
- Social Accountability International SA8000:2014
- ISCC 203 Traceability and Chain of Custody Version 301

Revisions and Updates

This document shall be revised as required in particular to adapt to the evolutions of OBP Standards and the other standards mentioned in this document. It may also be revised as opportunities to recognize other standards or other standards audit results arise.
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Revision history

Date	Version	Changes
12th April 2021	V1	Initial Release
8th Sept. 2021	V1.1	• Update of Zero Plastic Oceans´ reference Standard and other documents
16th June 2023	V1.2	• Addition of chapter 5.3 covering recognition of ISCC 203 Audit results.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The aim of Zero Plastic Oceans is to protect oceans from the continuous leakage of Plastic waste from land-based activity by developing incentives and models that promote the collection of Ocean Bound Plastic[1] (OBP).

The **OBP Certification Program** was designed to encourage the removal of OBP from the environment by adding value in effectively collecting and treating it before it reaches oceans. The scheme is composed of two subprograms; the **OBP Recycling Subprogram**, and the **OBP Neutrality Subprogram**.

When OBP is commercially recyclable[2], its collection and Recycling can be encouraged by certifying its origin and traceability, giving it a higher market value with the OBP Recycling Subprogram. This chain of custody is certified using the OBP Collection Organization Standard, the OBP Recycling Organization Standard and the OBP Brand Standard depending on which step on the chain an organization is.

When OBP is not commercially recyclable[3], its collection and final treatment can be encouraged by certifying the process with the OBP Neutrality Subprogram. In this model, Plastic producers or users can contribute to a better environment by removing a determined volume of plastic waste from nature through the acquisition of OBP Credits. This model is certified using the OBP Neutralization Services Provider Standard and the OBP Plastic Producers & Users Standard.

Organizations may certify themselves for one or both subprograms as they are complementary solutions. Working with both subprograms makes sense in terms of economic efficiency, given all OBP is collected and marketed at once. It also makes sense from the environmental perspective, since it is only by addressing both, Commercially and Non-Commercially Recyclable OBP, that we will be able to make a real impact.

Organizations collecting OBP willing to provide enhanced social benefits to their employees and informal collectors (Independent Collectors), may additionally certify to the Social+ OBP Component.

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[1] *Ocean Bound Plastic, is, as defined in OBP-DEF-GUI, Plastic litter that will be carried away to oceans in particular by the effects of currents, winds, river flows or tides.*

[2] *Commercially recyclable OBP as defined in OBP-DEF-GUI, means that OBP is technically recyclable and that it can be sold locally to recyclers for a price that renders its collection attractive to waste pickers or collection organizations. Currently, especially in countries where OBP is leaking into the oceans, a significant portion of technically recyclable OBP is unfortunately not commercially recyclable.*

[3] *Not commercially recyclable OBP as defined in OBP-DEF-GUI, means that OBP cannot be sold for an attractive price but also includes products or packaging which are technically not recyclable (because of the resin used, the mix of different materials or because they are too damaged).*

2. TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Capital letters are used throughout the document to signal the words that are included in the definitions available in OBP-DEF-GUI. Acronym's significance is also available in the same OBP-DEF-GUI document.

3. SCOPE

This document applies to all Audits performed against any of the OBP Standards within the requirements described in section 5 and 6.

4. EFECTIVE DATE

The dispositions in these guidelines are effective on the release date.

5. RECOGNITION OF OTHER STANDARDS´ AUDIT RESULTS

5.1. SOCIAL REQUIREMENTS

5.1.1. RECOGNITION WITH THE GLOBAL RECYCLED STANDARD – GRS

For Organizations that want to get certified with the OBP-REC-STD or the OBP-PRO-STD Standards, if they are already certified under the GRS, the audit results of section B of the GRS, can be recognized and used by OBP Auditors to demonstrate compliance for requirements 5.1 b) 5.1 c) and 5.1 d) of both OBP Standards

For Organizations that want to get certified with the OBP-COL-STD or the OBP-NEU-STD Standards, if they are already certified under the GRS, the audit results of section B of the GRS can be recognized and used by OBP Auditors to demonstrate compliance for requirements 5.1 b) and 5.1 c) of both OBP Standards.

For Organizations that are not purchasing OBP to Independent Collectors, then the audit results of the GRS section B can also be used to demonstrate compliance for requirement 5.1 d). If however the Organization is purchasing OBP to Independent Collectors, in order to demonstrate compliance for requirement 5.1 d), independent verification is needed.

5.1.2. RECOGNITION WITH THE SA8000 STANDARD

For Organizations that want to get certified with the OBP-REC-STD or the OBP-PRO-STD Standards, if they are already certified under the SA8000 standard, the audit results of section 1,2 and 8 of the SA8000 standard, can be recognized and used by OBP Auditors to demonstrate compliance for requirements 5.1 b) 5.1 c) and 5.1 d) of both OBP Standards.

For Organizations that want to get certified with the OBP-COL-STD or the OBP-NEU-STD Standards, if they are already certified under the SA8000 standard, the audit results of section 1 and 2 of the SA8000 standard can be recognized and used by OBP Auditors to demonstrate compliance for requirements 5.1 b) and 5.1 c) of both OBP standards.

For Organizations that are not purchasing OBP to Independent Collectors, then the audit results of the SA8000 standard section 8 can also be used to demonstrate compliance for requirement 5.1 d). If, however the Organization is purchasing OBP to Independent Collectors, in order to demonstrate compliance for requirement 5.1 d), independent verification is needed.

5.2. ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

5.2.1. RECOGNITION WITH THE GLOBAL RECYCLED STANDARD - GRS

For Organizations that want to get certified with the OBP-REC-STD and are already certified under the GRS, the audit results of section C2.5 of the GRS, can be recognized and used by OBP Auditors to demonstrate compliance for requirements 5.8 a) and 5.8 b) of the OBP Standard.

For Organizations that want to get certified with the OBP-PRO-STD and are already certified under the GRS, the audit results of section C2.5 of the GRS, can be recognized and used by OBP Auditors to demonstrate compliance for requirements 5.7 a) and 5.7 b) of the OBP Standard.

5.3. TRACEABILITY AND QUALITY MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

5.3.1. RECOGNITION WITH THE ISCC 203 STANDARD

For Organizations that want to get certified with the OBP-REC-STD and are already certified under the ISCC 203 standard, the audit results of the ISCC can be recognized and used by OBP Auditors to demonstrate compliance for the requirements listed in the table below. Additionally, if required, ZPO can provide a complete benchmark carried out between all the requirements of both standards.

OBP-REC-STD REQUIREMENT	ISCC 203 REQUIREMENT	COMMENTS
5.2 QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM		
5.2 a	3.2	When the Organization is ISCC certified with a specific OBP stream all requirements are covered. If not, an OBP stream shall be added to the documentation and processes created for other sustainable streams.
5.2 b	3.2.2	
5.2 c	3.2.1 and 3.2.3	
5.2 d	3.2.2	
5.3 MATERIAL SOURCING AND SUPPLIER VALIDATION		
5.3 b,c,d,e,f	3.3.1	It is essential to verify that the OBP provider is considered like a certified supplier for the ISSC certification and not like a "Point of Origin" so "3.3 General Documentation and Information Requirements" is fully applicable to the OBP Supplier.
5.3 g	3.3.1 / 3.3.2	
5.4 INTERNAL TRACEABILITY REQUIREMENTS		
5.4 a,b,c,d	3.3.5 and 3.4.7 for Traders and 3.4.8 for Recyclers	When the Organization is ISCC certified with a specific OBP stream all requirements are covered. If not, an OBP stream shall be added to the documentation and processes created for other sustainable streams.
5.6 SALES		
5.6 a	3.3.3	When the Organization is ISCC certified with a specific OBP stream all requirements are covered. If not, an OBP stream shall be added to the documentation and processes created for other sustainable streams.
5.6 b	3.3.1	
5.8 TRANSPORT, PACKAGING AND LABELLING		
5.8 a,b	3.4.9	When the Organization is ISCC certified with a specific OBP stream all requirements are covered. If not, an OBP stream shall be added to the documentation and processes created for other sustainable streams.

6.RECOGNITION OF OTHER STANDARDS

There are currently no other standards recognized as equivalent to any of the OBP Standards.