ISCC-EU certification process

ISCC is a global certification system for the sustainability certification of biomass, electricity/heat, biofuels and bioliquids that ensures compliance with the binding legal requirements of the Renewable Energy Directive (2018/2001/EC - RED II). The ISCC-EU certification secures your access to the European biofuel market.

GUTcert has been certifying according to the ISCC standard since 2009 and therefore has extensive experience in this field. Certification is mandatory for the following interfaces: agricultural traders, collectors of waste and residues, conversion plants and suppliers. Warehouses, farmers and points of origin are audited on a sample basis as part of the certification of their associated interface.

How does an ISCC certification process work?

1. Registration at ISCC

▶ Before the actual certification process can begin, you need to register as a company with the ISCC system. Please note that the registration has to be done separately for every facility/plant you wish to certify.

▶ After your registered data has been checked, a system contract is made with the ISCC.

▶ ISCC will send a registration e-mail to you and GUTcert as the certification body.

2. Audit preparation

▶ With the order confirmation, we will send you the current ISCC checklist and a list of all required documents.

▶ You will provide us with a list of all external operating sites, warehouses and suppliers. Please note that audit planning is **not possible** without this information.

▶ If necessary, we will validate your individual GHG calculation in advance of the audit

▶ The commissioned auditor will contact you personally to arrange an appointment and will send you the audit plan in due course.

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3. Audit procedure

▶ During the audit, there are both general questions about the management system and processes (e.g. operational structure, documentation, mass balance system) and scope-specific requirements. The scale of the scope-specific requirements varies depending on the registered scope.

▶ If your interface receives deliveries from farmers or points of origin with a self-declaration or uses external warehouses or other operating sites, they have to be audited as part of a sample audit. We will inform you which locations have been selected before the audit.

4. Review of audit documents and issuance of certificate

▶ Once all open non-conformities have been completed, the auditor submits all relevant documents to GUTcert.

▶ Next, we examine the audit documents in a formal review.

▶ As part of a subsequent technical review, all documents are checked by an authorized ISCC auditor.

▶ If all checks have been successfully completed, we will send the certificate to the BLE and ISCC (maximum 60 days after the audit). You will then receive the checklist from the audit and the certificate in pdf format.

▶ The ISCC certificate is valid for 12 months. To extend the validity, an annual recertification audit is required. Please note that the certificate is only valid from the date of issue and is not valid retroactively.

Further information and system basics

The ISCC-EU system is available for sustainability certifications in the biofuel sector. Here you will find all ISCC system documents and further information material on certification according to ISCC. When generating electricity and heat, you can alternatively choose certification under the SURE system, which we provide as well.