



ISCC Technical Stakeholder Meeting – Circular Economy and Bioeconomy

10 October 2024



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ISCC Introduction & Updates on ISCC PLUS

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Welcome

from the ISCC Association



The ISCC Regional and Technical Stakeholder Committees are events of the ISCC Association.

We'd like to warmly welcome our valued members.

Your engagement helps drive the ISCC System and the further development of sustainability certification.

Welcome to our System Users, Certification Bodies and all other stakeholders.

THANK YOU!

For your tremendous engagement!



Jason Pierce
Eastman

&



Dr Frederic Dreux
Unilever

First ISCC Event
Regional Stakeholder
Meeting
North America 2019



Co-chaired **9**
Committee
Meetings



Supported **10+**
Working
Groups

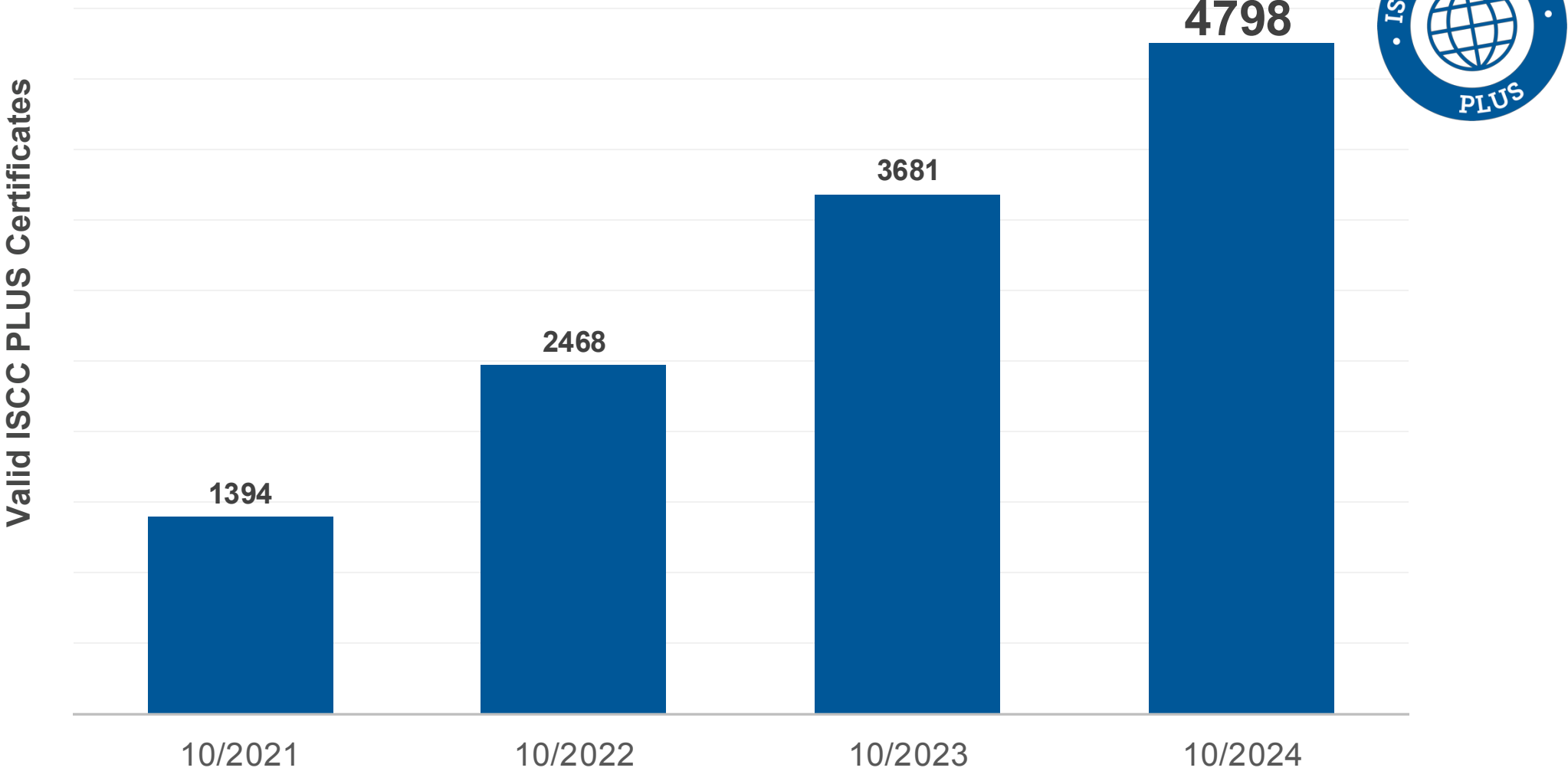


Sustainability
Conference, North
American Regional
Committee and more



Attended **25+**
Different formats
over the past 4 years

The number of ISCC PLUS certificates has increased significantly for several years



Since the last Technical Committee meeting in Nov 2023...

1100+

New
ISCC PLUS
Certificates



210+

Trained
ISCC PLUS
Auditors



20+

External
conferences



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ISCC PLUS
Trainings
conducted
(One onsite
in Korea)

Feb 2024

ISCC PLUS
stream at the
ISCC Global
Sustainability
Conference



ISCC PLUS
Conference^[SEP] in
the Republic of
Korea
(second PLUS
conference
upcoming in Japan)



Several working
Group meetings
and pilots (GHG,
logos & claims,
mass balance and
attribution)



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New ISCC Logos,
Claims & Licensing
Trainings carried out
(One onsite in USA)

Update on Working Groups' (WG) activities

04 and 09
2024

Logos, Claims and Licensing



- Discussion on communications and claims under Mass Balance
- Feedback on upcoming developments for brand owner reporting and traceability

02 and 10
2024

Greenhouse Gases (GHG)



- Recent developments of ISCC CFC
- Discussion of draft concepts of ISCC CFC: PCFs of mass-balanced PLUS products under CFC.

Upcoming

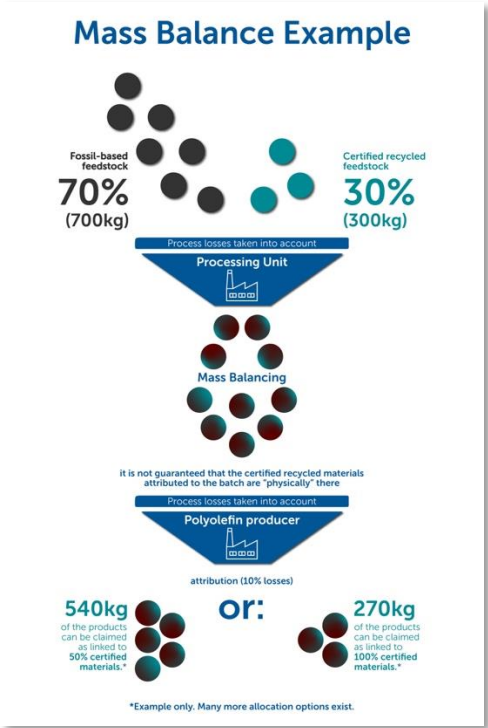
Mass Balance (MB)



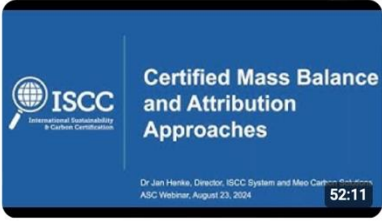
- Discuss and clarify definitions and terms under MB to create a common level of understanding
- Review of MB attribution options and their limitations

Communications related to ISCC and ISCC certified products across different platforms

Transparent and understandable public communications in several collaborations and for complex topics



ISCC System | Explaining the Mass Balance Approach



Certified Mass Balance and Attribution Approaches with Dr Jan Henke | ISCC



Overview of upcoming ISCC PLUS developments



Guidance documents

(Mass balance and Fuel-use excluded approach)



Interpretation document for ISCC PLUS requirements



Ocean-Bound Plastic requirements



New approach on ISCC PLUS material list



Dedicated Expert Trainings on various topics

(e.g. Mass balance, Fuel Use Excluded approach)

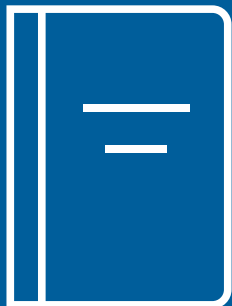


Social criteria for value chain

Mass Balance Guidance Document

Goal of the document: Further improve level of understanding

- Clarification of **terms & definitions**
- Alignment with the **wording from upcoming regulations**
- Practical examples



Next steps:

- **Having a working group** on the terms and definitions, applications
- Publication of the document by **end of 2024**
- Regularly **updating the document** with market specific examples



Guidance for Ocean- Bound Plastic

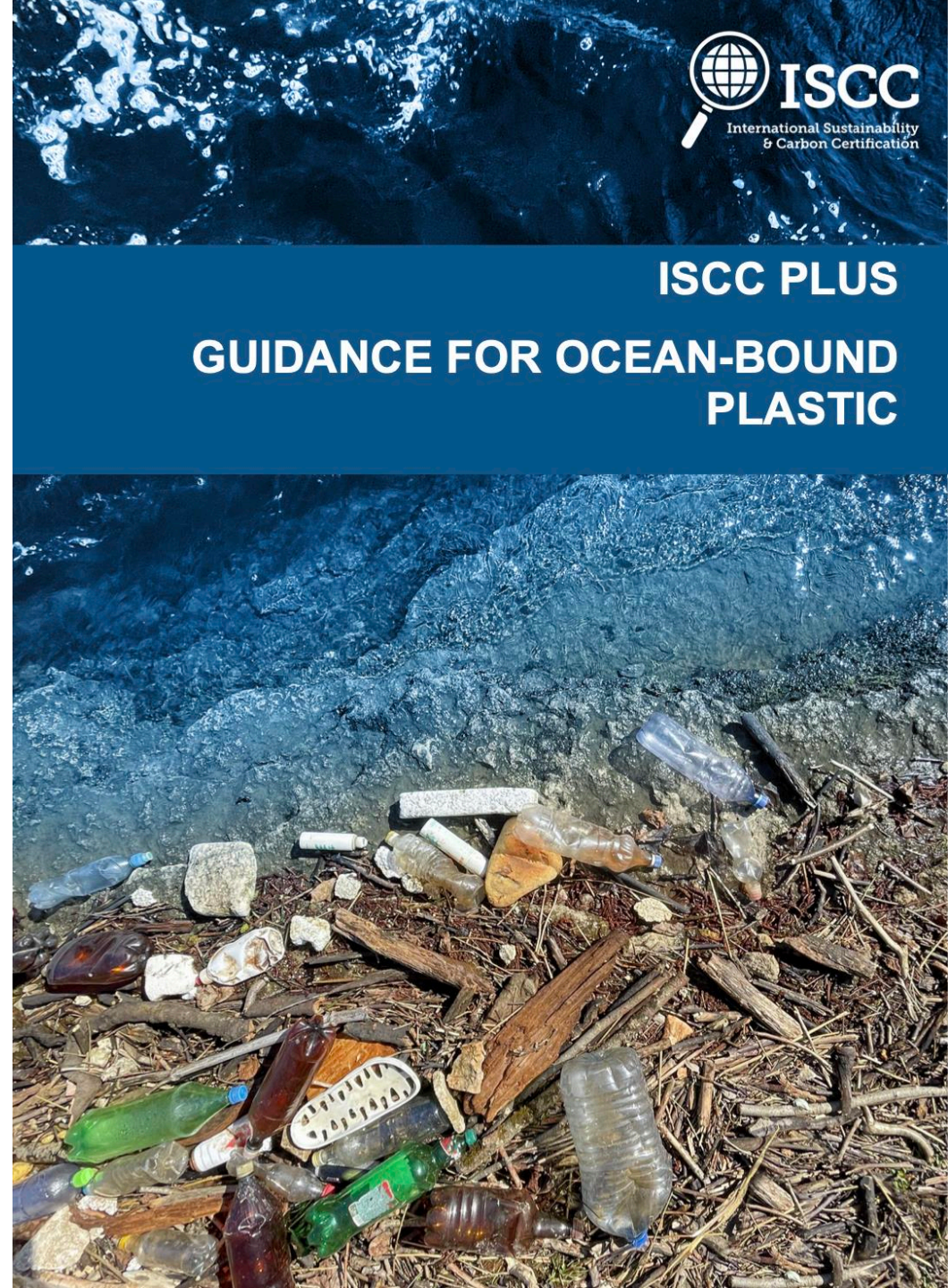
Goal of the document

- **Additional guidance and clarity** towards OBP certification
- **Separate social requirements** for Ocean Bound Plastic (OBP) that must be met for ISCC PLUS certification

Further information:

- Possible to make **claims that include OBP** as part of the ISCC certified material
- System Users considering to certify OBP please reach out to ISCC
- **Public consultation concluded** recently for the Guidance document

ISCC PLUS GUIDANCE FOR OCEAN-BOUND PLASTIC



ISCC PLUS Social Criteria



**Safe working
conditions**



**Employment
conditions**



**Social
development**




**Social
compliance**

- Based on ISCC Principles for Agricultural and Forest Biomass and ILO Conventions
- Criteria categorised per scopes (e.g., Processing Unit, Trader, Final Product Refinement)
- Development of country level Risk Assessment tool for conducting audits
 - Low risk: less detailed check of criteria
 - High risk: each criteria is fully checked
- Possible alignment with CSRD/CSDDD

Overview of some ongoing developments of plastic regulations worldwide

EU	Single Use Plastic, Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation, ...
UK	Plastic tax since 2022. ISCC joined a number of roundtable discussions
SPAIN	Plastic tax since 2023. ISCC under accreditation process
ITALY	Plastic tax start postponed
KOREA	ISCC PLUS is recognized under the Post-consumer Plastic Recycled Content Labelling Policy
JAPAN	Japan's policy for bioplastics towards 2030 and 2050
USA	FTC Green Guides, EPA National Recycling Strategy, EPA (draft) Plastics Pollution Prevention, ...
AUSTRALIA	National framework for recycled content traceability. ISCC submitted self-assessment tool
CANADA	Recycled content and labelling rules for plastics regulatory framework



ISCC offers a one-stop solution for EUDR requirements with the EUDR Add-on

- EUDR Add-on **available from end of October 2024**
- EUDR Obligations applicable **as of December 2024** but EC just proposed extra year of phasing in time



Deforestation-free
check



Legality
check



Traceability

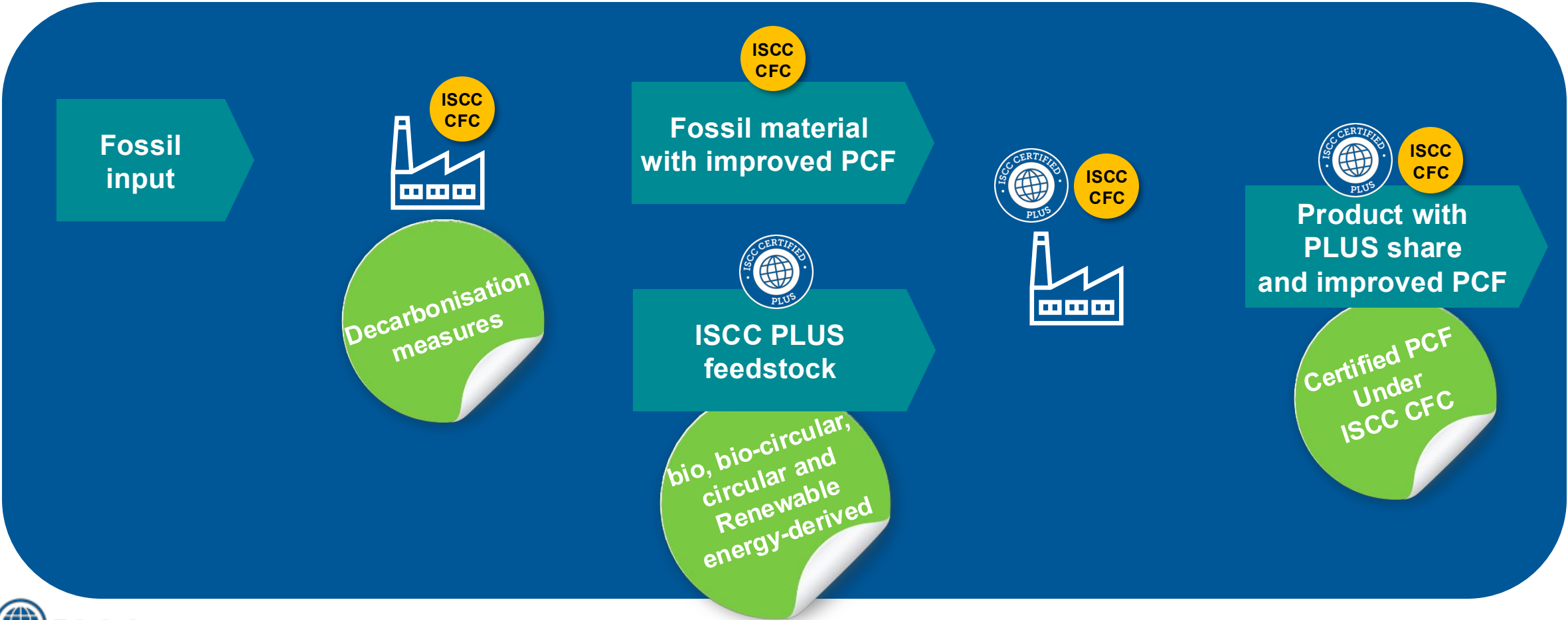


On-site
audits



Provision of
necessary data
for DDS

The ISCC Carbon Footprint Certification (CFC) will allow to assess the environmental benefit of products independent of the feedstock



The Trilogue Meeting for the Green Claims Directive is planned for Q4 2024



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COMMISSION

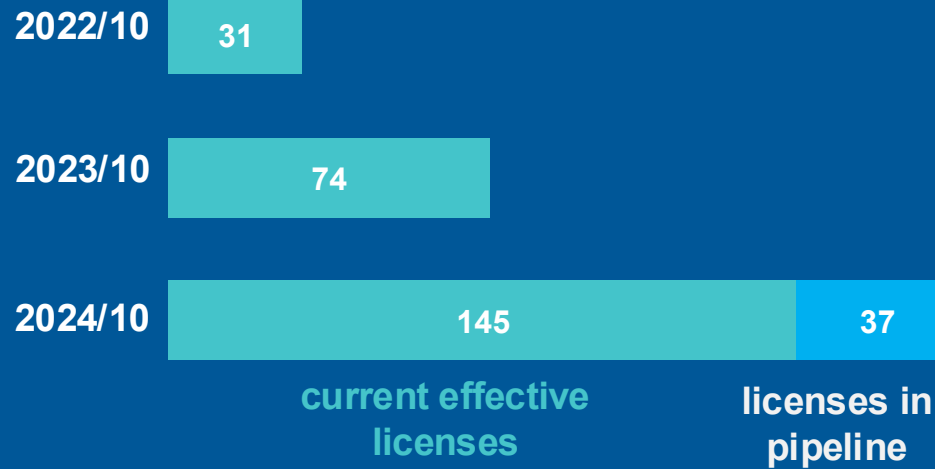
The **Green Claims Directive** aims to regulate and **standardize environmental claims** made by companies to prevent "greenwashing" and **ensure transparency for consumers**.

Actions by ISCC:

- **Stakeholder Engagement** (e.g. ISCC working group meetings with brand owners, joining an ISEAL task force)
- **Market Monitoring** (reviews market trends and aims for compliance with GCD)
- **Discussions with EC**

The ISCC Licensing Scheme is a tailor-made solution for brand owners to support the use of credible communication

License development



- Around **4500** certified/licensed products on the market
- Large share is wearing the **ISCC logo and/or claim**
- Many products are badged with **Climate Pledge Friendly on Amazon**

ISCC currently valid licensee overview

Selection



Examples of ISCC certified products and packaging



Stakeholders expect credible and substantiated claims – proper guidance through an ISCC certification and/or license



Join the **ISCC Logos, Claims and Licensing Training** on **22 October** to learn more about how to communicate your sustainability efforts credibly and transparently. → **Register on the ISCC website**

Last TC meeting in November 2023

- "Fuel use excluded" pilots successfully completed
- Intensive discussions with regulators and work on potential recognitions
- Analyse relevant regulations and initiatives and be prepared to enable certification accordingly
- Intensify activities in SEA, NA



- Continue to work on connecting mass balance and carbon footprint (through ISCC CFC)
- Work on EPD mass balance acceptance



- Transition to ISCC PLUS V3.4.2



- To develop a different system for claims for B2B and B2C applications
- Additional guidance and support to provide transparent and honest communications



- Development of a Social criteria add-on under ISCC PLUS
- Demonstrate strength of system, rigidity, and show examples from other sectors to extend recognition



Outlook 2025



Follow potential opportunities for recognition (in particular SUP, PPWR)



Continue global multi-stakeholder process and PLUS working groups



Continue development of certification options for new materials, processes and markets



Focus on additional regions (initiate events)



Fully implement SUP requirements once available



Further integration of carbon footprint calculations and claims (ISCC CFC)



Continue to monitor Green Claims Directive and analyse implications



Social criteria under ISCC PLUS



Improved marketing and communication strategies

ISCC PLUS & SAF Conference

Sustainability certification in Japan

21 - 23 January 2025



Wrap up and next steps

- ISCC PLUS will continue working on both voluntary and (in future) regulated markets
- Monitor regulation like SUPD, PPWR, Green Claims Directive
- Try and align ISCC PLUS where required and possible
- Look at CAL AB1305; EPD and mass balance; etc.
- Further educate stakeholders. In particular also in other regions, e.g. by commenting on reports, public consultations, etc.
- Further improve and scale up communication activities
- Continue developing ISCC CFC in an iterative approach by engaging interested parties and stakeholders





Thank you!

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