

ISCC and the Global SAF Market: Certification in an Evolving Landscape

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Japan is emerging as a major SAF demand center

The role of Japan in the global SAF market

- Japan is at the global forefront in emissions reductions planning, with the aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 46% by the year 2030
- In this context, Japanese authorities introduced a SAF mandate to help cut GHG emissions from the aviation sector by 2030
- Japanese Green Innovation Fund (METI) contemplates supports, including exploring certification frameworks (e.g. ICAO CORSIA)
- ISCC, as a leading global certification organization in sustainable fuels, can play a pivotal role in the country and help foster expansion and achievement of targets

The ISCC Association is accelerating SAF progress through collaboration with industry leaders Sample Selection

- Many leading organizations in the field of SAF are ISCC System Users and Association Members
- ISCC is observer at the CAEP Fuels Task
 Group within ICAO that is working on the further development of CORSIA eligible fuels
- ISCC is an active partner of ICAO's 'ACT-SAF' program, helping States in developing their full potential in SAF deployment
- With its members, ISCC is conducting pilot projects on innovative feedstocks, smart agricultural practices, voluntary claims, and Power-to-Liquids





ISCC is actively engaged in advancing Japan's SAF marketplace





Driving SAF Success: ISCC's Impact in Japan and Asia

Examples of recent press releases



JAPAN'S SAFFAIRE SKY ENERGY SECURES ISCC CERTIFICATION FOR SAF

Saffaire Sky Energy, a joint venture between Japan's Cosmo Oil, JGC, and Revo International, said it recently secured the International Sustainability and Carbon Certification (ISCC) CORSA certification for its sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) produced at the Sakai plant, currently under construction.

Source: SAF Investor

Pertamina Patra Niaga achieves ISCC certification for sustainable aviation fuel

PT Pertamina Patra Niaga, a subsidiary of State oil and gas company PT Pertamina, has strengthened its commitment to sustainability by securing the International Sustainability and Carbon Certification (ISCC) for its Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) under the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) and the Renewable Energy Directive–European Union (RED–EU).

Source: Indonesia Business post



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Neste, Itochu and Caltex collaborate on sustainable fuel for purchase in Japan

Neste, ITOCHU and GS Caltex have collaborated to make the first batch of CORSIA-eligible ISCC-certified sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) available for purchase at Narita International Airport in Japan.

Source: Riofuels International

Cathay Pacific Completes its First Commercial Flight Overseas Using SAF

Made from 100% used cooking oil, this pure SAF meets the **European Union's International Sustainability and Carbon Certification (ISCC)** standards. The SAF can decrease greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by nearly 90% over its lifecycle compared to traditional jet fuel, providing an air transport and air cargo solution with lower GHG emissions.

Source: aviacionline



Why sustainability certification in SAF?

Certification is key in ensuring that SAF production is sustainable & leads to quantifiable GHG emission reductions

Sustainability certification aims to ensure:



Sustainability in feedstock, waste/residue generation and fuel production



Traceability and chain of custody through fuel supply chains



Ensuring quantifiable GHG emissions reductions



ISCC offers three certification systems

Tailored to market needs and the evolving global regulatory market

ISCC EU



- Officially approved by the EU Commission
- Used to demonstrate compliance with the EU RED II sustainability criteria
- ISCC EU certified SAF can be claimed under EU ETS, UK ETS and, once in effect, ReFuelEU Aviation
- Officially recognized for RFNBOs and RCFs (thus including eSAF)

ISCC PLUS







- Applicable for mostly voluntary markets
 - Energy and renewable fuels outside the EU RED II market
 - Industrial applications
 - · Food and feed markets
- Recognized for Ethanol/ETBE imports to Japan

ISCC CORSIA



- Officially approved by ICAO
- Used to demonstrate compliance with the ICAO CORSIA sustainability criteria
- ISCC CORSIA certified SAF can be claimed under CORSIA
- ISCC CORSIA certified SAF explicitly recognized by the Science-Based Targets Initiative (SBTi)

Sustainable Aviation Fuels



Harmonization between the three ISCC systems

Combined audits and alignment provide increased access to global markets









Multistakeholder driven



Quality and risk management



Integrity Program



Requirements for certification bodies



Requirements for conducting audits

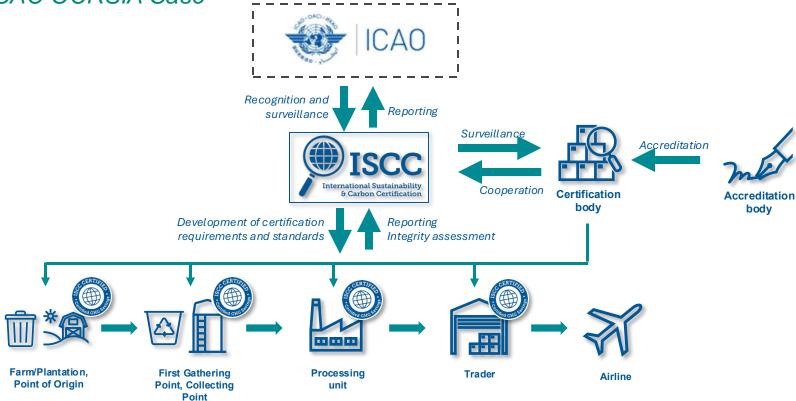


Registration and certification process



The certification "Ecosystem" in the regulated market

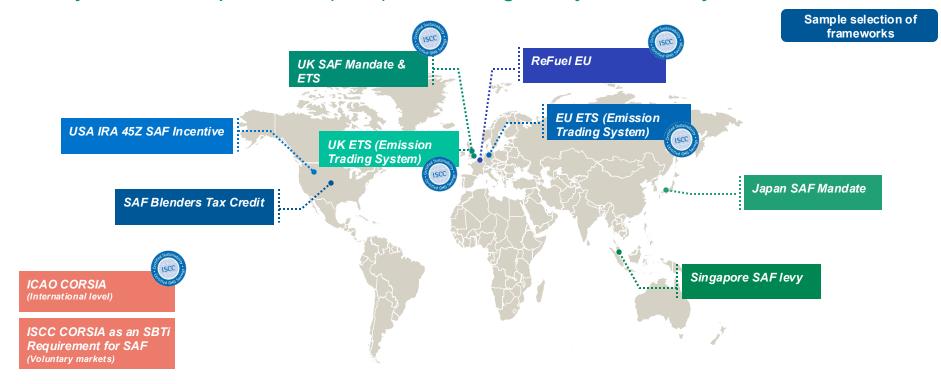
The ICAO CORSIA Case





Powering SAF sustainability through certification

A key tool for compliance in (inter)national regulatory & voluntary frameworks



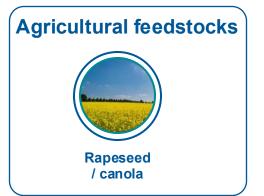




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ISCC Certification: Unlocking Key Feedstocks for Japan's SAF Industry

Example of certified feedstocks for Japan







ISCC can certify nearly all feedstocks that are used to produce SAF.

Applicable regulatory frameworks determine the eligibility of specific feedstocks.



354* companies certified under the ISCC CORSIA system





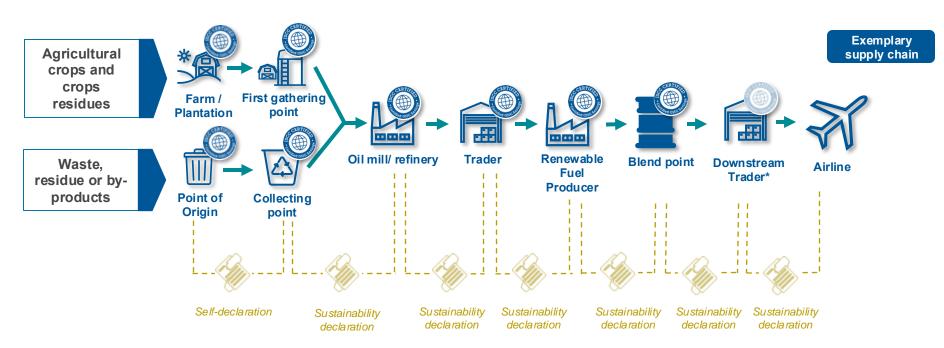






Each supply chain element is certified to ensure full traceability

Information is forwarded through the chain via sustainability declarations





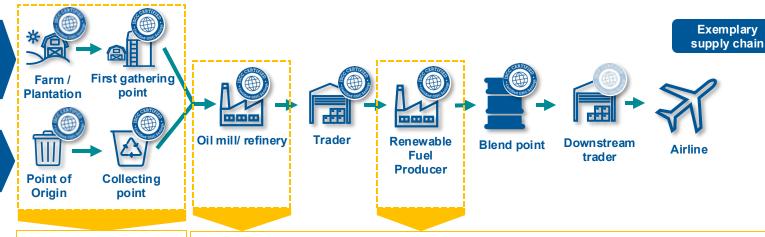
*Under ICAO CORSIA, certification is mandated up to and including to the SAF Blend Point. Further downstream certification is voluntary.

Tracing emissions: the final carbon footprint

GHG Emissions are calculated along every step along the chain

Agricultural crops and crops residues

Waste, residue or by-products



Feedstock production and collection

- Emissions from feedstock cultivation
- Emissions from direct land use change (DLUC)
- Emission savings from soil carbon accumulation
- Emissions from upstream transport

Processing; upstream and downstream transport and distribution

- · Emissions from processing
- · Emission savings from carbon capture and storage
- Emissions from transport and distribution (upstream and downstream)
- Emissions from combustion



The GHG emissions value calculated at each step must be audited and verified by a certification body before it can be forwarded in the supply chain.



Global auditor network supporting ISCC certification

67 Certification Bodies deliver worldwide capacity, including Japan



Continuous development of the ISCC System through active stakeholder committees



Technical Stakeholder Committees

Solid Biomass Est. 2011 Waste, Residues, and Advanced Low Carbon Fuels Est. 2018

Circular Economy & Bioeconomy
Est. 2020

Sustainable Aviation Fuels Est. 2021

Alternative Marine Fuels Est. 2023 Renewable Fuels of Non-Biological Origin (RFNBOs) Est. 2023







ISCC CORSIA

GUIDANCE FOR LOW LUC RISK CERTIFICATION



ISCC CORSIA Low LUC-risk* presents significant opportunity

ILUC value of zero for certified agricultural products

- ISCC certifies Low LUC risk feedstocks under ISCC CORSIA. Two options for compliance:
 - Yield increase approach
 - Unused land approach
- Certified feedstocks have an ILUC value of zero, decreasing the final CI of SAF
- Three ISCC CORSIA Low LUC-Risk certificates issued: Gremca Agricultura (palm oil), São Martinho (sugarcane) and FS (corn) in Colombia and Brazil, respectively.
- ISCC has succesfully conducted extensive pilot projects proving the feasibility of ISCC CORSIA Low LUC Risk Certification around the globe

The ISCC Credit Transfer System

Ensuring credible SAF claims & unlocking voluntary market opportunities for Japan

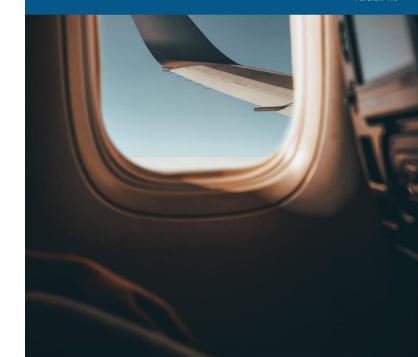
- Existing certification systems lack coverage for airlines and corporate end-customers, leading to transparency gaps and potential inaccuracies in voluntary claims
- ISCC Credit Transfer System links certified SAF supply chains to airlines and corporate Scope 1 and 3 claims
- This system ensures transparency and credibility through clear sustainability rules, secure transfers, and a robust digital registry
- Officially launched, the ISCC Credit Transfer System is rapidly expanding its adoption





ISCC Credit Transfer System

Version 1.0





ISCC is developing certification approaches for Power-to-Liquids

- Integration of electricity as a feedstock is gaining importance, including for eSAF production
- Under ISCC PLUS, PtX solutions (including eSAF) can be certified, ensuring key sustainability parameters are met
- Under the EU Renewable Energy Directive, ISCC was recently granted official recognition by the EU COM for RFNBOs* and RCFs** certification. First certificates already issued!
- Under ICAO CORSIA, ISCC is taking part in dedicated subgroups/ad-hoc groups to monitor and participate in relevant discussions (HEI CEF***)

^{*}RFNBOs = Renewable Fuels of Non-Biological Origin

^{*}RCFs = Recycled Carbon Fuels

^{***}HEI CEF = High-Electricity Input CORSIA Eligible Fuels

ISCC certification of SAF fuels new opportunities in Japan

- Increasing number of regulatory frameworks around the globe, including in Japan, offering incentives and ensuring demand certainty through SAF mandates
- ISCC and sister companies are in the position to support the Japanese market for SAF certification:
 - Strong presence of ISCC in Japan across all certification schemes, including ISCC CORSIA
 - Many relevant feedstocks are already covered by ISCC
 - New certification approaches (e.g. Low LUC, PtL, LCAF)
 offer unique opportunities and access to new markets
 - ISCC collaborating on a joint project with MRI/JCAB for SAF producers in Japan for ISCC CORSIA certification
 - Rapidly expanding presence and recognition in voluntary
 markets





Thank you!

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