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Introduction

All Milieukeur certification schemes are designed and administered by SMK (Stichting Milieukeur). The certification for Milieukeur is carried out by independent certification bodies (CBs) with whom SMK has signed a licensing agreement. The certification scheme describes the requirements which the Milieukeur applicant (or holder) must meet and how the CBs must check and evaluate. The document further contains specific conditions for the certification procedure (these apply in conjunction with the General Certification Conditions).

The certification scheme is designed in such a way that companies that want to obtain (or retain) the Milieukeur certificate for their products or services, or other interested parties, can quickly form an idea of the requirements which the product or service has to meet.

Chapter 1 describes in greater detail which products can be awarded a Milieukeur certificate. This Milieukeur certification scheme concerns compostable non-food products: for the time being criteria are established for kitchen and garden waste-bags (KGW-bags) and cat litter. No criteria are available for other compostable non-food products. If there is interest for the application for Milieukeur certification for such products, criteria development will be considered.

The core of the certification scheme for compostable products consists of the Milieukeur requirements which the product and the used raw materials must meet (chapter 2). The Milieukeur product criteria consist of environmental criteria (paragraph 2.1), criteria to the functionality (paragraph 2.2) and criteria for external communication by Milieukeur applicants and holders (paragraph 2.3). These criteria are important in the first place for Milieukeur applicants and holders. Each criterion mentions the subject (this is sometimes expressed as a goal), the requirement, and the method to comply.

The Milieukeur requirements are non-statutory; only in special cases is legislation referred to. It is a condition for Milieukeur certification that a business adheres to the (inter)national and regional legislation and regulations.

Chapter 3 describes the requirements of the certification procedure. Of particular importance for Milieukeur applicants (and holders) are the conditions set for the CBs procedures (paragraph 3.1) and the evaluation method (paragraph 3.2).

Questions about the application and certification process can best be addressed to one of the CBs. Information on the CBs is published on www.milieukeur.nl. The certification costs consist of an application fee, the costs of the CB, and a fee to SMK for using the label (the rates of SMK can be found on the website).

1. The scope of the product group 'compostable products'

This certification scheme is applicable to the product group compostable products. For the time being, criteria are established for kitchen and garden waste-bags (KGW-bags) and cat litter. Below will be defined which KGW-bags and cat litter qualify under this certification scheme.

KGW bags

The criteria concern compostable KGW bags made of paper and biodegradable plastics with a capacity of 120 to 350 litres. "KGW bags" denotes bags for the collection, storage and, where applicable, transport of kitchen and garden waste. This includes both 'liners' for roll containers, as well as smaller pedal bin bags e.g. for kitchen use. 'Stand-alone' bags are not included in this product group.

Cat litter

The criteria concern absorbents, intended for use as cat litter. This should be mentioned on the packaging.

If in the certification scheme is spoken of 'litter + inner bin', the corresponding requirements apply only to products consisting of such a combination.

2. Milieukeur product criteria

2.1 Environmental criteria

| Environmental aspect | Requirement | Method | Level ^{a)} |
|----------------------------------|---|--|---------------------|
| <i>Compostability</i> | | | |
| 2.1.1 Compostability | <i>KGW bags (including printed words/printing inks) are compostable in accordance with CEN 13432^{b)}</i> | <i>cat litter + inner bin compostable in accordance with CEN 13432^{c)}</i> | Major |
| | - characterisation (except for the heavy metals, see 2.1.2) - biodegradation - compost quality | - characterisation (except for the heavy metals, see 2.1.2) - biodegradation - compost quality | |
| 2.1.2 Contaminants ^{d)} | - <i>KGW bags</i> - <i>cat litter + inner bin</i> (mg/kg ds) | <i>cat litter exclusively (without inner bin)^{e)}</i> (mg/kg ds) | Major |
| | Cd ≤ 0,35 Cr ≤ 25 Cu ≤ 15 Hg ≤ 0,1 Ni ≤ 5 Pb ≤ 32,5 Zn ≤ 37,5 As ≤ 2,5 | Cd ≤ 0,5 Cr ≤ 25 Cu ≤ 30 Hg ≤ 0,15 Ni ≤ 10 Pb ≤ 50 Zn ≤ 100 As ≤ 8 | |
| 2.1.3 Desintegration | <i>KGW bags</i> | <i>cat litter + inner bin:</i> | Major |
| | within 12 weeks in accordance with CEN 13432 | 90% smaller than 2 mm within 6 week | |

| Environmental aspect | Requirement | Method | Level ^{a)} |
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| 2.1.4 EOX content of paper products (chlorinated hydrocarbons) | ≤ 2 mg/kg ds | NEN 5735 | Major |
| 2.1.5 Consumer packaging | <i>KGW bags</i> | <i>cat litter</i> | Technical file (incl. raw material suppliers documentation) |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 100% recycled (post consumer) paper or the same material as the KGW bag (paper or biodegradable plastic which meets the environmental requirements for KGW bags which enable the Milieukeur logo to be awarded; for bags manufactured from biodegradable plastic, the same packaging may be used as for bags manufactured from paper. KGW bags of biodegradable plastic are thus allowed to be packaged in compostable paper). - the use of non-compostable adhesive tape or metal staples for securing a wrapper or band is not permitted; - adhesive of starch originating from genetically modified plants is not permitted. | | |
| 2.1.6 Cat litter: organic content ^{f)} | $\geq 35\%$ m/m ds | NEN 6620 (reproducibility 5%) | Major |
| 2.1.7 Cat litter: PAK content wood products (polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons) | 10 PAK (IBS) ≤ 1 mg/kg ds | HPLC C85-11 (reproducibility 20%) | Major |

| Environmental aspect | Requirement | Method | Level ^{a)} |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| <i>Raw material input</i> | | | |
| 2.1.8 Paper KGW bags | - maximum 80 g/m ² single-ply paper - only starch-based adhesives are permitted - starch originating from genetically modified plants is not permitted | Technical file; tolerance limit 10% Technical file Technical file | Major |
| 2.1.9 Plastic KGW bags | - maximum 60 µm - starch originating from genetically modified plants is not permitted | Technical file; tolerance limit 10% Technical file | Major |
| 2.1.10 Cat litter | The applicant shall be in the possession of documentation from the supplier which shows that the base material (more than 95% of the product) is produced from by-products or waste ^{g)} . Peat products are not allowed. | Technical file (incl. raw material suppliers documentation) | Major |
| 2.1.11 Inner bin cat litter | The applicant shall be in the possession of documentation from the supplier which shows that the input for the inner bin contains 100% recycled paper, consisting of 100% medium or ordinary grades. | Technical file (incl. raw material suppliers documentation) | Major |
| <i>Chemicals</i> | | | |
| 2.1.12 Use of chemicals | <i>KGW bags</i> | <i>inner bin cat litter</i> The applicant shall be in the possession of documentation from the supplier which shows: a. that the following chemicals are not applied: - bleaching agents - optical brighteners b. which colorant agents up to a maximum of 0.1% (w/w) are added to the inner bin. | Technical file (incl. raw material suppliers documentation) Major |
| | optical brighteners are not permitted | | |

- a) Nonconformities are subdivided into the levels major and minor. In the event of a major nonconformity, a period of one month will be agreed for adapting the situation, with a minor a period of a maximum of six months (see paragraph 3.3).
- b) Heavy metals are governed by the requirements in section 2.1.2. Compliance with these requirements is guaranteed by the Milieukeur logo (see additional requirements). Products which have passed the tests DIN V 54900-1 to 3 and ASTM D 6400-99, whether or not they have been awarded the IBAW logo or the OK-Compost logo, can demonstrate by means of these tests/certificates that the relevant requirements have been met. If the test reports (in accordance with EN, DIN, ASTM) are older than 3 years, it should be demonstrated by means of -a 'fingerprint analysis' that the composition of the material used in the product is the same as the material stated in the test report. For this, use may be made of the analyses set out in the certification schedule 'Products made of compostable materials' issued by DIN CERTCO (3rd revision, May 2002, Annex C), or equivalent testing methods.
- c) This requirement applies only to the combination of cat litter and inner bin. For the requirements for heavy metal and disintegration (also aspects of CEN 13432) reference is made to the items 2.1.2 and 2.1.3 of the certification scheme.
- d) Sample preparation: the digestion method for all the metal analyses consists of digestion with aqua regia (NvN 5770) or an equivalent method, accredited by an IAF member accreditation body. The reproducibility should be < 10% for all methods.
- e) The certification body will take into account the actual percentage (m/m) in relation to the degradation of cat litter during composting, if there are sound reasons to believe that this percentage is substantially different from the 50 percentage used in this environmental requirement (applied on the values from the "Uitvoeringsbesluit Meststoffenwet"). ("Substantial" is here regarded as an actual percentage of > 65 or < 35).
- f) The certification body will take into account the actual percentage (m/m) in relation to the degradation of cat litter during composting, if there are sound reasons to believe that this percentage is substantially different from the percentage used in this environmental requirement (applied on the value from the KIWA Guideline regarding KGW compost). ("Substantial" is here regarded as an actual percentage of > 65 or < 35).
- g) By-products or waste: material generated by households/consumer or material that is released, in addition to the produced material/product, as waste or by-product of the main process of the manufacturer and that can not be used in the production any more (production does not include raw material extraction).

2.2 Functionality criteria

| Functionality aspect/ property | Requirement | Method | Level |
|--|--|--|-------|
| <i>KGW bags</i> | | | |
| 2.2.1 Dimensions: - length x width x height - capacity | in accordance with product information | NEN-ISO 6591 ISO 8281/1 | Minor |
| 2.2.2 Durability of paper KGW bags (max.80 grams paper) ^{a)} - tensile strength (dry) - tensile strength (wet) - elongation - elongation energy absorption - resistance to penetration by abrasion - bursting strength - air resistance | MD >4,64 kN/m CD >2,80 kN/m >1,4 kN/m MD >2,2 % CD >5,5% MD >82 J/m ² CD >130 J/m ² MD >700 mN CD >800 mN >450 kPa <25 s/100ml | Technical file based upon: ISO 1924/2 ISO 3781 ISO 1924/2 ISO 1924/2 ISO 1974 ISO 2758 ISO 5636/5 | Minor |
| 2.2. Durability of KGW bags made of biodegradable plastic ^{b)} - resistance to abrasion - tensile strength | minimum 3000 cN/mm minimum 13 MPa | ISO 6383 ISO R527 | Minor |


a) Machine Direction (MD); Cross Direction (CD); conditioning at T 23°C +/- 2°C and RV 50% +/- 5%.

b) Conditioning at T 23°C +/- 2°C and RV 50% +/- 5%.

| Functionality aspect | Requirement | Method | Level |
|---------------------------|-------------|---|-------|
| <i>Cat litter</i> | | | |
| 2.2.4 Moisture absorption | > 80% m/m | <p>Westinghouse. Before applying the method, the sample must be conditioned 48 hours (65% humidity; 20°C)</p> <p>Material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - pair of scales; - cone sieve cloth with meshgrootte No. 60, base diameter 65 mm. and height 80 mm; - measuring cup + water (SAE-10 of SAE-20). <p>Method:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - take a representative sample of 20 grams of absorbent grains (P1); - put the monster in the cone; - weigh the sample and cone together (P2); - dip the cone completely in the water bath and allow to stand for 30 minutes; - take the cone out of the bath and let it drain (water 30 minutes); - weigh the filled cone (P3). <p>Calculation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - percentage absorbed= $\frac{P3 - P2}{P1} \times 100\%$ - P3 - P2 = number of grams absorbed water; - P1 = number of grams absorbent grains <p>Sampling should take place at points of sale.</p> | Minor |
| 2.2.5 Dust content | < 3% m/m ds | <p>≤ 0,063 mm sieve ASTM E 11-81/BS 410/IS 24/AS 1152/SABS 197/NEN 2560</p> | Minor |
| 2.2.6 Grain size | < 5% m/m ds | <p>> 10 mm sieve ISO-565/ DIN 4188/AFNOR 11-610</p> | Minor |

| Functionality aspect | Requirement | Method | Level |
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| <i>Inner bin</i> | | | |
| 2.2.7 Functionality properties inner bin | Upkeep of the functional properties of the inner bin for 5 days, with average use by 1 cat. | Technical file | Minor |
| 2.2.8 Tear resistance inner bin and visual control | The inner bin may not give rise to problems with regard to visual control, and tear resistance in the process of collection, handling and processing/composting. | Technical file | Minor |

2.3 Communication requirements

| Communication aspect | Requirement | Method | Level |
|---|---|--|--------------|
| <p>2.3.1 Logo Milieukeur</p>  | <p>Milieukeur is a registered quality mark of SMK and is intended for Milieukeur certified products and services. Use of the logo by quality mark holders is not obligatory. The following conditions apply to the use of the Milieukeur (logo) and wording:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application of the Milieukeur logo and wording is only permitted after prior written permission from the certification body (CB). Permission will be granted to the Milieukeur holder responsible for the correct use of the Milieukeur logo and wording; - The Milieukeur logo must be placed in a clearly visible position on the KGW bag - On collection, the Milieukeur logo must be clearly visible on the inside of the vegetable, fruit and garden waste bag at the top of the container. The Milieukeur logo must also be clearly visible after unloading and/or when the bag is cut open at the composting plant. It is assumed that this requirement is met if a nontransparent bag has Milieukeur logo's all around the inside of the top edge and if there are Milieukeur logo's along the whole length. As regards transparent bags, several Milieukeur logo's printed on the outside of the bag will be sufficient, provided that the Milieukeur logo is clearly visible around the top edge of the bag and along the whole length of all the sides. - The minimum diameter of the Milieukeur logo is 3 cm; - The use of the Milieukeur logo and wording is permitted on invoices and letterheads, on packaging and service-related communications and on promotional material such as websites, brochures and catalogues. A condition for this is that there is a clear relationship with the certified products or services. Their use for instance on the letterhead is not possible if the letterhead is also used to communicate non-Milieukeur-certified products and services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Permitted (for example): <i>'Business X has Milieukeur for product/service Y'</i>; - Not permitted (for example): <i>'Business X has Milieukeur'</i>; - If a Milieukeur logo is used, the unique registration number allocated by the CB must also be shown; - The unique registration number must always show the name or abbreviation of the CB; - The use of the Milieukeur logo and the unique registration number is only permitted in a business's own communications in relation to their own products or services with Milieukeur; the Milieukeur logo can be used with or without '<i>Een duurzame keuze</i>' by the certificate holder in communications. | <p>Observation by inspection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - websites - advertising brochures - packaging - advertisements - posters - etc. <p>Supervision by CB and SMK: In order to retain trust in the Milieukeur quality mark (for both buyers, consumers and other quality mark holders) the rules lodged for the use of the Milieukeur name and logo are adhered to. In this context see the Milieukeur Certification System Regulation of 11 March 2010, Articles 4 (Image) and 5 (Legal protection of Milieukeur) and lodging of the collective word/image at the Benelux Trademarks Office (12-08-1992/registration number 0516647). The general terms and conditions of the Environmental Advertising Code also apply.</p> | <p>Minor</p> |

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| | <p>- The Milieukeur logo or wording must not exceed the size and impact of the product, brand and/or trade name. Only communication and presentation as a quality mark is permitted. Any suggestion that Milieukeur is a trade mark is not permitted.</p> <p>For requirements for (graphic) depictions of the logo please consult the 'Milieukeur logo guidelines'. These can be downloaded at: www.milieukeur.nl or requested at smk@smk.nl.</p> <p>Milieukeur product information If text about Milieukeur is placed on product packaging or in relation to a service, the following may be stated: 'The criteria of Milieukeur were developed by SMK and are realised with the cooperation and input from producers, retailers, government, scientists, environmentalists and consumer organisations.' If you would like more information about Milieukeur please contact SMK, Alexanderveld 7, 2585 DB Den Haag, or visit our website at www.smk.nl.</p> <p>Milieukeur logo Milieukeur is a registered quality mark of SMK and is intended for Milieukeur certified products and services. The conditions of this certification scheme apply to any application of the Milieukeur logo and wording.</p> <p>Milieukeur - a sustainable choice The slogan '<i>Milieukeur - een duurzame keuze</i>' (Milieukeur - a sustainable choice) is registered with the Slogan Committee of the Advertising Association (GvR) under number 1001033.</p> | | |
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| Communication aspect | Requirement | Method | Level |
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| 2.3.2 Other environmental claims and logos | <p>KGW bags: the IBAW/ BCPN logo or the OK-Compost logo is permitted.</p> <p>If any environmental claims other than Milieukeur or other environmental logos are shown with the Milieukeur logo, prior written approval from SMK is required.</p> <p>The environmental advertising code <i>Milieu Reclame Code</i> must be complied with, in particular with regard to designations and symbols in Article 7, '<i>aanduidingen en symbolen</i>'.</p> | <p>Observation by inspection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - websites - advertising brochures - packaging - advertisements - posters - etc. | Minor |
| 2.3.3 Information about Milieukeur | If information about Milieukeur is provided on the product, a written permission of SMK shall be obtained. | Observation by inspection of website and written permission of SMK | Minor |
| 2.3.4 Complaint file | <p>The Milieukeur holder has a complaints file pertaining to Milieukeur products, concerning as a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A documented procedure for registering complaints. - An obligatory registration, handling and settlement of complaints about products/services with the Milieukeur logo / in direct relation to the certification scheme in question. - Complaints recorded within two working days of receipt. - Complaint is recorded with serial number, date, complainant's name, brief description of the settlement incl. time limit, date of settlement. <p>Registrations filed for two years.</p> | Check presence of and adherence to execution of procedure (at least yearly inspection) ^{a)} | Minor |
| 2.3.5 Product changes | The company shall inform the CB of its intention to change (certain specifications of) the certified product, or to change (possibly) relevant aspects related to the certification requirements (for example a change in the production process) ^{b)} . | At least yearly inspection) whether changes of product specifications have been passed to the CB | Minor |

a) In the event of a complaint the CB is entitled to instigate an independent investigation.

b) The CB will determine whether an additional inspection is necessary. If a change has been implemented which still needs to be investigated, the CB will suspend the certification. If a change is contrary to the certification conditions or outside the scope of the certification scheme the CB will terminate or withdraw certification according to the general procedure.

| Communication aspect | Requirement | | Method | Level |
|---------------------------|--|---|-------------|-------|
| 2.3.6 Product information | <p><i>KGW bags</i></p> <p>When purchasing the product, the following information must be visible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The information that the product can be handed over with the kitchen and garden waste it contains (or words of similar meaning). - Directions for use, including the maximum duration of use. - Information should be provided on how the packaging is to be disposed of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • either with the kitchen and garden waste, if the packaging is made of the same material as the KGW bag and is therefore compostable; or • with the waste paper collection; - Address of the supplier, or another accessible way providing the opportunity to customers to have contact with the supplier about the purchased product, if desired. | <p><i>cat litter</i></p> <p>The manufacturer submits a list with all the ingredients of the product (ingredients declaration) to the CB. When purchasing the following information must be visible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The basic material of which the product is manufactured, including an inner bin, if available. - Instructions for use, including a dosing prescription. If the cat litter comes as measured quantity in an inner bin, a dosing prescription is not needed. - If the packaging is manufactured of paper, it must be mentioned that the packaging should be discarded after use with the paper waste collection. - If the packaging is a polyethylene multiple usable flask, it should be mentioned that this flask is refillable. - A text about the regularly removing of feces out of the bin, so that the bin as a whole needs to be changed less often. If the cat litter comes as measured quantity in an inner bin, this information is not needed. - The information that the cat litter, including the inner bin, if available, can be discarded with the kitchen and garden waste. It should be mentioned that if the product is used to absorb other materials, Milieukeur no longer applies and the product cannot be discarded with the kitchen and garden waste anymore. | Observation | Minor |

3. Requirements for the certification procedure

3.1 Certification body's inspection method

The inspection process by the CB meets the requirements of NEN-EN-ISO/IEC 17020:2012 (paragraph 7.1). For inspection of the product a composite test sample shall be composed of three spread samples, purchased in different shops, not being of the same company, of different size and/or origin, or from at least three different batches: product material manufactured, in three different production runs from different size and/or origin. The assessment report shall establish sufficient proof that the used samples are representative for the to-be-certified product. To this end, the sample shall be taken by the CB, or by an independent organisation under the supervision of, or commissioned by the CB. The CB possesses a documented procedure for taking and managing samples. The general inspector or product inspector concerned must be able to take samples according to this procedure. If questions arise on the test results, the results obtained with the analyses of the reference sample shall take precedence over the first test results.

If inspection is based on administrative records of the applicant, the sample shall cover a period of at least one month.

The 'technical file' should include statements of third party laboratory investigations and/or of third party verified data e.g. on design, construction, specifications of materials, and certificates of suppliers (registered by the applying manufacturer). For colouring and aromatic substances, a supplier's testimony that the criteria / requirements are met is sufficient. When the applicant is required to provide declarations, documentation, analyses, test reports or other evidence to demonstrate compliance with the criteria, these may originate from the applicant and/or their supplier(s). Should all or part of the investigation focus on laboratory investigation, the CB must verify whether the laboratory concerned:

- is recognised by the Dutch Accreditation Council or an equivalent certifying body that is affiliated with the International Accreditation Forum (IAF), and/or the European co-operation for Accreditation (EA) according to ISO 17025 or an equivalent international standard. As part of this, at least the scope of the accreditation in terms of field of action, technology, and testing methods must correspond to the tests specified in this certification scheme

or

- demonstrably complies with the applicable ISO 17025 standards. The CB maintains a record of laboratories that have not been accredited. This record includes a reasoning and account as to why these laboratories feature in the record. The CB carries out a test in these laboratories twice a year in order to ensure that the laboratory continues to operate according to the applicable ISO 17025 standards.

The CB uses a procedure which monitors and assesses how the laboratories operate. The concerned product inspector is able to identify any risks to the independence of the investigation.

Laboratory results received prior to the request for certification are valid for a maximum period of three years prior.

If necessary, the certification body may request additional documentation, carry out independent checks or send a witness to a laboratory for verification purposes, or reference can be made to specific laboratory results. At the initial inspection the CB must determine that all the requirements have been met. Initial inspection that may consist of a number of part-inspections means the inspection prior to certification.

During the periodic product evaluation once every two years the contaminants cadmium and lead (environmental aspect in requirement 2.1.2) shall be tested by a laboratory. For the periodic product evaluation, samples shall be taken by the CB in accordance with the documented procedure of the CB for sampling and management in accordance with NEN-EN-ISO/IEC 17020:2012 (Art. 7.1.4 and Art. 7.2.1), or by an independent organisation under the supervision of the CB, or commissioned by the CB, during a physical inspection, or directly from the market, or from the company's trade / warehouse stocks. The annual inspection shall determine if the certified product is still precisely the same and evaluate the customer complaint files (communication requirement 2.3.4). In every case, the complaints file must be assessed (communication requirement 2.2.6).

Inspection shall take place based on an inventory list, including for example, raw materials, suppliers, identification/entry checks and inspection of administrative data, for example with regard to procurement. After the granting of the label, company inspections can be carried out as part of inspection.

3.2 Evaluation method of the Certifying Body

If the product does not meet one of the requirements during annual or in-between inspections, the end result is insufficient. The criteria can be of one of three levels: **minor, major, and critical major**. The environmental criteria in this certification scheme are concerned as major non-conformities during annual or in-between inspections, with the exception of the requirement to consumer packaging that is considered a minor. A deviation regarding the requirements for the criteria on the functionality and communication are considered minor non-conformities. This Milieukeur certification scheme has no critical major non-conformities.

3.3 Period of transition

A period of transition may be instigated to give existing certificate holders the opportunity to implement the new requirements after revision of the certification scheme. Within a transition period the certificate holders have the option to base the inspections on either the previous certification scheme or the existing certification scheme. New certificate holders must always comply with the current certification scheme. At the inspection following the completion of the transit period the criteria from the current certification scheme must be met. It is determined per publication of a revised certification scheme whether or not a transit period will be included, and if so, the applicable duration. No transition period applies for this certification scheme.