

Additional decrees

On the way to PlanetProof Chain of Custody, version CoC.1

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| Criterion 1.3 Service providers | <p>Service providers should use the registration number of the certificate holder in case of communication about certified products. In the criterion about service providers will be specified how not-certified service providers, such as webshops, can communicate about the quality label:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The service provider who communicates about a certified product on behalf of a certificate holder uses the registration number of the certificate holder (the client), unless the service provider is independently certified (in which case the registration number of the certified service provider is used). | 02-12-2021 |
| Criterion 3.5 Alternative raw materials for composted products | <p>In criterion 3.5 describes some alternative quality labels for raw materials for which On the way to PlanetProof certification is not available (for example raw materials from outside Europe). In the text will be specified that organic/EKO is also count as alternative labels.</p> <p><i>To be able to sell a composed product with alternative raw materials as On the way to PlanetProof product, the product must consist of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least 75% certified raw materials (On the way to PlanetProof, organic/EKO and alternative raw materials), of which at least 50% are On the way to PlanetProof certified raw materials. | 17-02-2022 |
| Climate criteria | <p>In the climate related criteria in chapter 3 (processed and prepared products) the term CO₂-emmission is used in stead of green house gas emission. This is the case in criterium 3.19, 3.20 and 3.21. The term CO₂-emmissions will be replaced by <i>green house gas emissions</i> to avoid misunderstandings.</p> | 17-02-2022 |
| Criterion 2.5 Communication at retail | <p>The tekst in criterion 2.5 contained partially an old concept tekst. It contained a wrong reference tot he tracking tests. The tekst wille be corrected:</p> <p>Sanction in case of deviations in communication – at retail</p> <p><i>Of all unpackaged On the way to PlanetProof certified products that are selected for the tracking tests, it will be checked in the store if the communications requirements are met. The following corrective measures apply in the event of nonconformities:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0-2 deviations: in case of deviations there is 1 month resolution time, no further sanctions. | 17-02-2022 |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 deviations (minor): 1 month resolution time after observation. • 4-5 deviations (major): within 1 month after observation, make a substantiated statement of cause and resolution and preventive actions are performed • 5 deviations (major): within 1 month after observation, make a substantiated statement of cause and resolution and preventive actions are performed. In addition within 6 months an unannounced sample will be taken in the applicable store location <p><i>The above criteria remain applicable regardless of the size of the sample.</i></p> | |
| <p>Criterion 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 en 4.6 Packaging</p> | <p>There are assessment guidelines for samples added in the packaging requirements. It concerns the following grey hatched additions in the assessment guidelines:</p> <p>Assesment guideline criterion 4.2 (functional packaging)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make sure that the packaging has at least one of these features. Check this for 2 products. - The preservation effect of the packaging used must be demonstrated by a report (e.g. gas-inhibiting effect or coating in material). - The information on product use can be obtained from the usage instructions. - The distribution is demonstrated in the packaging's ability to protect fragile products and/or to enable the product to be transported. - The portioning is demonstrated by opening the packaging and checking whether a measured quantity can be obtained. - Portioning must be demonstrated with research results on the required quantity (portion size) per person. Check that the size of the portion used is consistent with this. <p>Assesment guideline criterion 4.3 (carry out the recyclecheck)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check whether the recycle check is filled in for all the packaging of On the way to PlanetProof products. - Visually check at 2 products whether the packaging meets the criterion. This may be done on the basis of a sample of the primary packaging. <p>Assesment guideline criterion 4.4 (hard plastic packaging)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check at 2 products that hard plastic packaging is not rated yellow, orange, or red. - Refer to the contribution invoice to the Packaging Waste Fund to check whether a discount has been applied for hard plastic packaging. No discount is available if the rating is yellow, orange, or red level. <p>Assesment guideline criterion 4.6 (using recycled material)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visually check at 2 products whether the packaging meets the criterion. This may be done on the basis of a sample of the primary packaging. - Determine the proportion of recycled material based on the weight of the packaging. - Check administratively whether the indication(s) used comply with ISO 14021 | <p>17-02-2022</p> |

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| <p>Criterion 3.14</p> | <p>Criterion 3.14 contains the requirement that "Green electricity is bought and/or produced for the proportion of On the way to PlanetProof products produced". There is already an transition period until 1 January 2023 for existing certificate holders. The board of experts animal products and plant products have decided that preparers and processors who still receive grey electricity can submit a proposition to realize the necessary proportion green electricity in 3 years.</p> | <p>30-06-2022</p> |
| <p>Packaging requirements</p> | <p>Question: Should plastic pots for plants apply tot he packaging requirements?</p> <p>Answer: Yes, plastic plant pots should apply to the packaging requirements and a recycle check must be carried out. The waste sector differentiate between lasting pots that are supposed to last for the entire lifespan of the plant (such pots are not seen as packaging because these pots are less part of the recycling of waste) and pots that are temporarily/not meant for the entire lifespan of the plant (these pots are seen as packaging and are part of the recycling of waste).</p> | <p>30-06-2022</p> |
| <p>Criterion 4.3</p> | <p>Question: According to the packaging requirements a recycle check should be carried out for all packaging. Does this also apply for packaging with the same main component?</p> <p>Answer: One recycle check is enough for packaging that concists of the same composition but has for example a different customer on the label. The sub-components (cap, lid, label, sleeve) must be of the same composition. For PET packaging (question PET-1 in the recycle check) there is one part that can differ. That is packaging of the same composition but of different size (for example 100, 250 and 500 ml packaging). For PET packaging up to 500 ml and bigger than 500 ml there is a differentiation. As long as this differentiation in smaller and bigger size is taken into account, the recycle check can be carried out once for packaging of the same composition.</p> | <p>30-06-2022</p> |
| <p>Criterion 4.6</p> | <p>A clarification is added on what is defined as a PET-packaging in criterion 4.6.</p> <p><i>PET plastic packaging contains partially recycled material:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>at least 40% from 2023</i> | <p>30-06-2022</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>at least 50% from 2025.</i> • <i>Recycled plastics are identified by 'R' (r-PET), and these indications must comply with ISO 14021.</i> <p><i>The proportion of recycled material is determined based on the weight of the packaging. This requirements applies to plastic packaging of which PET has the largest proportion. Aka packaging consisting of more than 50% PET.</i></p> | |
| <p>Criterion 2.2 Communication at retail</p> | <p>The Board of Experts for Animal products and for Plant products decided to admit an exemption for the use of the PlanetProof-logo without registrationnumber for retail communication.</p> <p>The following text is admitted to criterion 2.2 communication – application registration number: <i>If a retailer (scope consumer facing organizations) uses the PlanetProof logo in communication about certified products (for example in advertising brochures, advertisements, posters/street signs, website) than this is allowed without registration number as long as it is clear who the certified sender of the communication is.</i></p> <p>At the assessment guidelines is added: <i>Check if an authorised version of the logo and registration number is used:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Logo with registration number of the certificate holder, or:</i> <i>2. Logo without number, but with a GLN-number on the package</i> <i>3. Logo without number, in combination with the name of company logo of the certified retailer.</i> | <p>16-02-2023</p> |
| <p>Criterion 3.5 Alternative raw materials</p> | <p>In this criterion is stated which minimum amount of certified raw materials has to be applied, including alternative certified raw materials. How to interpreted the amount of PlanetProof certified raw material in the end product?</p> <p>This criterion is meant to provide alternatives if On the way to PlanetProof certified raw materials are not available, however other sustainability labels are permitted. The end product should always contain at least 50% On the way to PlanetProof raw materials.</p> <p>The text in this criterion is clarified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>and at least 50% of the end product consists On the way to PlanetProof certified raw materials.</i> | <p>16-02-2023</p> |

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| <p>Criterion 4.8 Disposal instruction</p> | <p>This optional measure is about a disposal instruction for packaging of products for the Dutch market. This will be clarified in the assessment guideline: - <i>The disposal instructions are meant for products for the Dutch market.</i></p> | <p>16-02-2023</p> |
| <p>Criterion 4.8 Packaging and organic waste</p> | <p>This optional measure contains a reference to organic waste. However, no packaging should be deposited at the organic waste stream. Even not biodegradable packaging.</p> <p>The Board of Experts for Animal products and for Plant products decided to delete the reference towards organic waste is deleted from the disposal instruction.</p> | <p>16-02-2023</p> |
| <p>New criterion 4.19</p> | <p>An extra optional measure is added to the theme Packaging:</p> <p>Recyclable soft plastic packaging (1 point) <i>Soft plastic packaging used for On the way to PlanetProof products is rated green or yellow in the Recyclecheck</i></p> <p>Assesment quideline: <i>Check that soft plastic packaging is not rated orange or red. If multiple packagings are used, the points are submitted when at least 2 packagings comply to this criterion.</i></p> | <p>02-11-2023</p> |
| <p>New criterion 4.20</p> | <p>An extra optional measure is added to the theme Packaging:</p> <p>Recyclable paper and cardboard packaging (1 point) <i>Paper and cardboard packaging used for On the way to PlanetProof products is rated green in the Recyclecheck.</i></p> <p>Assesment quideline: <i>Check that paper and/or cardboard packaging is not rated yellow, orange, or red. If multiple packagings are used, the points are submitted when at least 2 packagings comply to this criterion.</i></p> | <p>02-11-2023</p> |
| <p>New criterion 4.21</p> | <p>An extra optional measure is added to the theme Packaging:</p> <p>Recyclable glass packaging (1 point) <i>Glass packaging used for On the way to PlanetProof products is rated green in the Recyclecheck.</i></p> <p>Assesment quideline: <i>Check that glass packaging is not rated yellow, orange, or red.</i></p> | <p>02-11-2023</p> |

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| | <i>If multiple packagings are used, the points are submitted when at least 2 packagings comply to this criterion.</i> | |
| Packaging requirements | <p>The packaging requirements are mandatory only if On the way to PlanetProof products are packed in end/consumer packaging. An explicit statement is added in chapter 4 of the Chain of Custody scheme:</p> <p><i>Packaging requirements</i> <i>If On the way to PlanetProof product is not packed in consumer packaging, then the packaging criteria 4.1 t/m 4.7 do not apply.</i></p> | 18-04-2024 |
| Criterion 4.6 Use of recycled content | <p>The criteria about recycled PET are changed because of availability of recycled content and developments in the sector:</p> <p>Using recycled material PET plastic packaging contains partially recycled material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least 40% from 2023 • at least 50% 10% in PET-trays and at least 25% in PET-bottles from 2025. • <i>at least 25% from 2027.</i> • Recycled plastics are identified by 'R' (r-PET), and these indications must comply with ISO 15343 and/or ISO 14021. <p>The proportion of recycled material is determined based on the weight of the packaging. This requirements applies to plastic packaging of which PET has the largest proportion. Aka packaging consisting of more than 50% PET.</p> | 27-06-2024 |
| Criterion 4.18 Optional measure recycled content in secondary packaging | <p>The criteria about recycled PET are changed because of availability of recycled content and developments in the sector:</p> <p>Using recycled plastics in secondary packaging Secondary plastic packaging contains at least 50% recycled material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>at least 25% - 1 point</i> • <i>at least 50% - 2 points</i> <p>Recycled plastics are identified by 'R' (e.g. r-PET), and these indications must comply with ISO 15343 and/or ISO 14021.</p> <p>The proportion of recycled material is determined based on the weight of the packaging.</p> | 27-06-2024 |

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| <p>Criterion 4.22 Optional measure recycled content in primary packaging</p> | <p>The criteria about recycled PET are changed and a new optional measure is added:</p> <p>Using recycled plastics in primary packaging Primary plastic packaging contains recycled material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least 10% - 1 point • at least 25% - 2 points • at least 50% - 3 points <p>Recycled plastics are identified by 'R' (e.g. r-PET), and these indications must comply with ISO 15343 and/or ISO 14021.</p> <p>The proportion of recycled material is determined based on the weight of the packaging.</p> | <p>27-06-2024</p> |
| <p>Criterion 1.7 Trackingtets and mass balance on weekly basis</p> | <p><u>Question:</u> How to use a massabalans and should it be printed weekly on a weekly basis?</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> The mass balance is used by the company to check if the outgoing product amount meets the expectation (standard calculations and recipes). If deviations are detected the company should determine the cause en take the nessecary corrective actions to prefont deviations in the future. The mass balance does not have te be printed on a weekly basis, but it must be recoverable.</p> <p>A company must have a procedure to signal pssible deviations. This is claified in criterion 1.7:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The company has a procedure with which it can check if the used standard calculations (and recipes) meet the actual outgoing product amount. | <p>05-12-2024</p> |
| <p>Chapter 1 segregation. Validity period of the certificate when no certified product is purchased</p> | <p><u>Question:</u> What to do when there is no certified product at hand during inspections?</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> The certificatie-body withdrawns the On the way to PlanetProof Chain of Custody certificate when the company has not bought certified product over a year.</p> | <p>05-12-2024</p> |