

# OCEAN BOUND PLASTIC

## CERTIFICATION PROGRAM RECOGNITION OF OTHER STANDARDS AND AUDITS



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## **Guidance Documents**

ISEAL Sustainability Benchmarking Good Practice Guide Version 1.1 September 2020 was used when realizing the benchmark exercise necessary for the elaboration of these guidelines.

## **Reference Documents**

OBP Standards and documents:

- Zero Plastic Ocean OBP Collection Organization Standard V2.1 effective as of 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 (OBP-COL-STD)
- Zero Plastic Ocean OBP Recycling Organization Standard V2 effective as of 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 (OBP-REC-STD)
- Zero Plastic Ocean OBP Plastic Producers & Users Standard V1.2 effective as of 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 (OBP-PRO-STD)
- Zero Plastic Ocean OBP Plastic Neutralization Services Provider Standard V2 effective as of 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 (OBP-NEU-STD)
- Zero Plastic Ocean OBP FAQ V1 effective as of 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 (OBP-FAQ-GUI)
- Zero Plastic Ocean OBP Program Definitions and Annexes V1 effective as of 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 (OBP-DEF-GUI)

Other standards:

- Textile Exchange Global Recycled Standard 4.0 effective as of 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2017 (GRS Standard)
- Textile Exchange Recycled Claim Standard 2.0 effective as of 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2017
- Social Accountability International SA8000:2014 effective as of June 2014



## **Revisions and Updates**

This document shall be revised as required in particular to adapt to the evolutions of OBP Standards and the other standards mentioned in this document. It may also be revised as opportunities to recognize other standards or other standards audit results arise. Please send any comment you have regarding this document to [contact\(at\)obpcert.org](mailto:contact(at)obpcert.org).

## **Revision history**

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

The aim of Zero Plastic Oceans is to protect oceans from the continuous leakage of Plastic waste from land-based activity by developing incentives and models that promote the collection of Ocean Bound Plastic<sup>1</sup> (OBP).

The **OBP Certification Program** was designed to encourage the removal of OBP from the environment by adding value in effectively collecting and treating it before it reaches oceans. The scheme is composed of two subprograms; the **OBP Recycling Subprogram**, and the **OBP Neutrality Subprogram**.

When OBP is commercially recyclable<sup>2</sup>, its collection and Recycling can be encouraged by certifying its origin and traceability, giving it a higher market value. This model is certified using the OBP Collection Organization Standard and the OBP Recycling Organization Standard, for the OBP Recycling Subprogram.

When OBP is not commercially recyclable<sup>3</sup>, its collection and final treatment can be encouraged by certifying this process through the Ocean Bound Plastic Neutrality model. In this model, Plastic producers or users can offset their Plastic consumption or production, by removing a determined volume from the environment through the acquisition of OBP Credits. This model is certified using the OBP Neutralization Services Provider Standard and the OBP Plastic Producers & Users Standard, for the OBP Neutrality Subprogram.

Organizations may certify themselves for one, or both subprograms as they are complementary solutions. Working with both subprograms makes sense in terms of economic efficiency, given all OBP is collected and marketed at once. It also makes sense from the environmental perspective, since it is only by addressing both, Commercially and Non-Commercially Recyclable OBP, that we will be able to make a real impact.

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<sup>1</sup> Ocean Bound Plastic, is, as defined in OBP-DEF-GUI, Plastic litter that will be carried away to oceans in particular by the effects of currents, winds, river flows or tides.

<sup>2</sup> Commercially recyclable OBP as defined in OBP-DEF-GUI, means that OBP is technically recyclable and that it can be sold locally to recyclers for a price that renders its collection attractive to waste pickers or collection organizations. Currently, especially in countries where OBP is leaking into the oceans, a significant portion of technically recyclable OBP is unfortunately not commercially recyclable.

<sup>3</sup> Not commercially recyclable OBP as defined in OBP-DEF-GUI, means that OBP cannot be sold for an attractive price but also includes products or packaging which are technically not recyclable (because of the resin used, the mix of different materials or because they are too damaged).



## 2. TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Capital letters are used throughout the document to signal the words that are included in the definitions available in OBP-DEF-GUI. Acronym's significance is also available in the same OBP-DEF-GUI document.

## 3. SCOPE

This document applies to all Audits performed against any of the OBP Standards within the requirements described in section 5 and 6.

## 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

The dispositions in these guidelines are effective on the release date.

## 5. RECOGNITION OF OTHER STANDARDS' AUDIT RESULTS

### 5.1. SOCIAL REQUIREMENTS

#### 5.1.1. RECOGNITION WITH THE GLOBAL RECYCLING STANDARD - GRS

For Organizations that want to get certified with the OBP-REC-STD or the OBP-PRO-STD Standards, if they are already certified under the GRS, the audit results of section B of the GRS, can be recognized and used by OBP Auditors to demonstrate compliance for requirements 5.1 b) 5.1 c) and 5.1 d) of both OBP Standards

For Organizations that want to get certified with the OBP-COL-STD or the OBP-NEU-STD Standards, if they are already certified under the GRS, the audit results of section B of the GRS can be recognized and used by OBP Auditors to demonstrate compliance for requirements 5.1 b) and 5.1 c) of both OBP Standards.

For Organizations that are not purchasing OBP to Independent Collectors, then the audit results of the GRS section B can also be used to demonstrate compliance for requirement 5.1 d). If however the Organization is purchasing OBP to Independent Collectors, in order to demonstrate compliance for requirement 5.1 d), independent verification is needed.



## 5.1.2. RECOGNITION WITH THE SA8000 STANDARD

For Organizations that want to get certified with the OBP-REC-STD or the OBP-PRO-STD Standards, if they are already certified under the SA8000 standard, the audit results of section 1,2 and 8 of the SA8000 standard, can be recognized and used by OBP Auditors to demonstrate compliance for requirements 5.1 b) 5.1 c) and 5.1 d) of both OBP Standards

For Organizations that want to get certified with the OBP-COL-STD or the OBP-NEU-STD Standards, if they are already certified under the SA8000 standard, the audit results of section 1 and 2 of the SA8000 standard can be recognized and used by OBP Auditors to demonstrate compliance for requirements 5.1 b) and 5.1 c) of both OBP standards.

For Organizations that are not purchasing OBP to Independent Collectors, then the audit results of the SA8000 standard section 8 can also be used to demonstrate compliance for requirement 5.1 d). If, however the Organization is purchasing OBP to Independent Collectors, in order to demonstrate compliance for requirement 5.1 d), independent verification is needed.

## 5.2. ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

### 5.2.1. 5.2.1 RECOGNITION WITH THE GLOBAL RECYCLING STANDARD - GRS

For Organizations that want to get certified with the OBP-REC-STD and are already certified under the GRS, the audit results of section C2.5 of the GRS, can be recognized and used by OBP Auditors to demonstrate compliance for requirements 5.8 a) and 5.8 b) of the OBP Standard.

For Organizations that want to get certified with the OBP-PRO-STD and are already certified under the GRS, the audit results of section C2.5 of the GRS, can be recognized and used by OBP Auditors to demonstrate compliance for requirements 5.7 a) and 5.7 b) of the OBP Standard.

## 6. RECOGNITION OF OTHER STANDARDS

There are currently no other standards recognized as equivalent to any of the OBP Standards.

