

A wide-angle photograph of a beach heavily littered with plastic waste, including bottles, bags, and other debris. In the background, a city skyline is visible across the water under a clear blue sky.

OBP MEMBERS CONSULTATION RESULTS

FOR THE UPCOMING SEPTEMBER 2026 REVISION OF THE OBP PROGRAM

1. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONSULTATION

OVERVIEW

OBP Members (past and current certified companies and certification bodies) were consulted during Q1 2026, in preparation for the regular annual revision of the OBP program.

OBJECTIVES

The consultation was carried out to evaluate the need for a major revision of the program and to get orientation from the members on how to evolve some specific points of the program.

CONSULTATION'S SUBJECT

- Social requirements
- Supply Chain Models
- Program simplification
- Update propositions from members

2. RESULTS:

SOCIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REC STANDARD

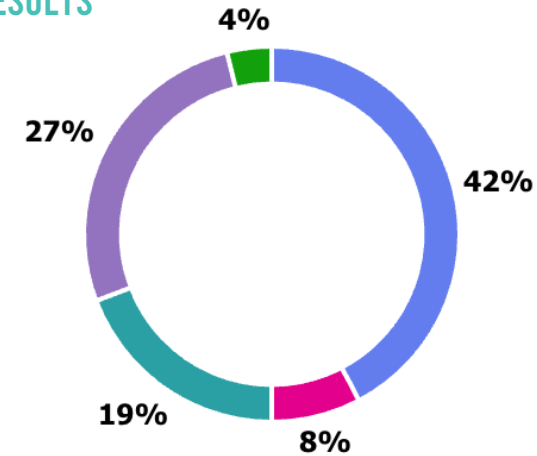
QUESTION

1. Social requirements for the OBP-REC-STD (Recycling Organization Standard)

We have noted the following:- The current social requirements of the standard are often perceived as insufficient for large corporations - The REC standard is mostly used for traceability purpose, not for social aspects (other social standards are used in complement)
Therefore we would like to know what you feel is the better way to improve this aspect of the REC standard.

- ☐ Eliminate the Social requirements from the standard. This option only makes sense if an other standard is used in complement. Then the REC standard would be used mostly for Chain of Custody of OBP
- ☐ Enhance the requirements of the standard very significantly so that they are equivalent to an usual social standard (this would also mean significantly extended audit time and higher costs)
- ☐ Eliminate our social requirements but request that companies are certified to at least one other social standard.
- ☐ Do not change anything, leave it like it is now.
- ☐ Other

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DECISION TAKEN FOR THE UPCOMING REVISION

The Auditor will be given the possibility to validate the social requirements of the OBP standard based upon the presentation of a valid certification from a recognized social standard covering the OBP criteria. The OBP requirement will be maintained and not modified. This possibility will be extended to other standards of the OBP program. Proposed recognized social standards by respondents in question 2 will be considered in the revision.

2. RESULTS: SOCIAL+ EXPANSION

QUESTION

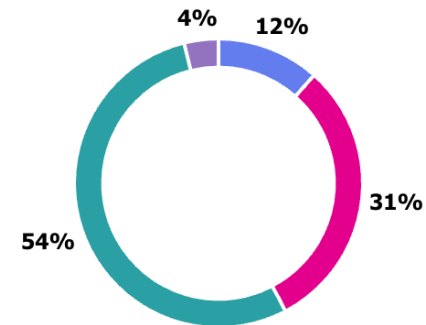
3. Making the SOCIAL+ option obligatory for all collection organizations.
We have released an option, only available to organizations certified to the collection Standard (OBP-COL-STD) that offer highly enhanced benefits to informal waste pickers, with the intent to provide them with equivalent benefits as formal workers. Naturally this means the OBP collected under Social+ is significantly more costly. Do you think we should merge the Social+ requirement with the Collection Standard in order to ensure that all certified OBP can be claimed as Social+ (this could be done over a period of time, possibly with progressive compliance)?
Please use other to leave any comments or other options.

- ☐ Yes this is a good idea even if the cost will be higher and it should be done right away.
- ☐ Yes this is a good idea but the compliance should be progressive (maybe 3 years period)
- ☐ No, this is a nice intention but the market will not pay significantly higher prices to compensate the social benefits. It should stay as an option.
- ☐ Other

DECISION TAKEN FOR THE UPCOMING REVISION

Even though responses are positive towards a possible future expansion of Social+ criteria to the collection standard, the majority still thinks the cost impact is too high for present market conditions. We shall monitor how this evolves in the coming year(s) and readdress this question for a coming revision.

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2. RESULTS: IPM ELIMINATION

QUESTION

4. Elimination of the Identity Preserved Supply Chain Model

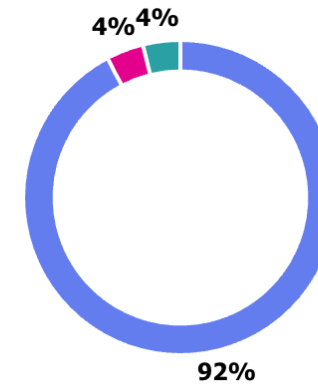
We have noted that only the Segregation and Mass Balance Model are used by our certified organization. We are suggesting to eliminate the 3rd unused option which the Identity Preserved. Do you agree? You can also leave a comment in the "other" option.

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Other

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DECISION TAKEN FOR THE UPCOMING REVISION

The supply chain model Identity Preserved will be removed from the supply chain options

2. RESULTS: PRO STANDARD ELIMINATION

QUESTION

5. Elimination of the OBP-PRO-STD

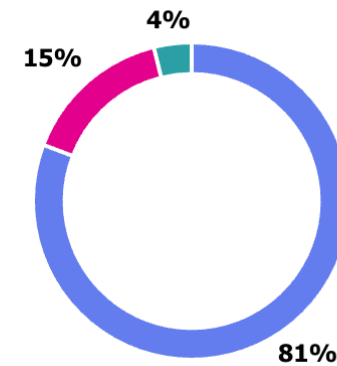
The PRO standard in the Neutrality Subprogram, aimed at allowing Plastic Neutral scope is not relevant anymore due to the low perception of plastic neutrality in the market. We are proposing to discontinue it. If you have any comments please add them in the "other" section.

☒ I agree

☐ I disagree

☐ Other

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DECISION TAKEN FOR THE UPCOMING REVISION

The OBP-PRO-STD will not yet be removed from the program as it is still used by some companies, **but** it will not be proposed to new CBs and we will evaluate the opportunity in the future to adapt it to new legal requirements such as the Green Claims directive.

2. RESULTS: OTHER KEY ITEMS

QUESTION

6. Do you think other key items of the OBP standard should be looked at, if yes please cite below your ideas so we can consider them in the revision process.

PROPOSITIONS RECEIVED

ZPO'S COMMENTS

Implement formal plastic collection credit registry similar to neutralization	Our current framework rewards collection and treatment combined and exclusively for commercially non-recyclable OBP. Collection credits that deviate from this 2 principles would be unjustifiable from the point of view of additionality.
The revision should focus on strengthening traceability and practical implementation for PET recyclers while avoiding duplication of standards and unnecessary cost burdens on recycling operations.	We understand this is the spirit of this revision aiming at simplifying requirements where the OBP specificity is not present and trying to rely on other standards as much as practically possible
It would be useful to have a dedicated SC and/or IC section in the OBP-REC-STD, as the criteria are currently mixed into other sections, making them difficult to follow.	We understand but prefer to maintain only one document for definition to avoid multiple repetition of the same information across different documents
Yes. The environmental and chemical management of processing OBP.	We believe that would complexify the standard and not really bring benefit as these requirements are covered by other standards used in parallel with OBP by most certified companies.
We would like to propose that it would also be highly beneficial to consider plastic that can be prevented from entering other water bodies such as lakes, ponds, and similar freshwater ecosystems. Many areas have smaller ponds, larger ponds, and lakes that are equally vulnerable to plastic pollution. These water bodies often act as intermediate points where plastic accumulates before eventually flowing into rivers and, ultimately, the oceans. By addressing plastic waste at these earlier stage, before it reaches larger water systems, we can significantly reduce the overall impact of plastic pollution. Therefore, we believe the scope should be broadened to include the protection of all types of water bodies, including lakes, ponds (both large and small), and other freshwater sources. In essence, any water body that is at risk of plastic contamination should be considered within the framework, as preventing plastic from entering these systems is an important step toward reducing environmental pollution as a whole.	Our current framework allows this. All water bodies that eventually flow into the ocean are considered applicable for the Waterways OBP category. Even in cases where this flowing into the ocean is due to periodic event such as regular floods or monsoon causing usually independent bodies such as ponds to become connected to the river network.