

## Revision of the scheme

### Why are we changing the scheme?

The [OK biobased](#)<sup>®</sup> scheme was first introduced 15 years ago and has now been revised to reflect today's market requirements. The update improves transparency of claims in line with the European Directive 2024/825 on empowering consumer for the green transition, provides clearer differentiation between end-of-life options and material origins, and responds to market demand for greater visibility of products with high biobased content.

### What's new?

- A fifth class for biobased content has been introduced to provide greater visibility for products with very high biobased content (97-100%).
- The previous star system has been translated into ranges corresponding to the existing classes.
- As the OK biobased<sup>®</sup> scheme is a certification handling the origin of raw materials, we took the opportunity to update the background color of the label to blue.

## 1. What is the difference between the logos?

For certificates issued before 01/01/2026:

The number of stars on the logo refers to the Biobased Carbon Content (BCC) class obtained:

- 1 star:  $20\% \leq \text{BCC} < 40\%$
- 2 stars:  $40\% \leq \text{BCC} < 60\%$
- 3 stars:  $60\% \leq \text{BCC} < 80\%$
- 4 stars:  $80\% \leq \text{BCC}$



For certificates issued starting from 01/01/2026:

The range on the logo refers to the Biobased Carbon Content (BCC) class obtained:

- 20 - 39 %:  $20\% \leq \text{BCC} < 40\%$
- 40 – 59 %:  $40\% \leq \text{BCC} < 60\%$
- 60 – 79 %:  $60\% \leq \text{BCC} < 80\%$
- 80 – 96 %:  $80\% \leq \text{BCC} < 97\%$
- 97 – 100 %:  $97\% \leq \text{BCC} \leq 100\%$



## 2. How long can I use the old logo?

We value our partnership and want to ensure you have sufficient time to adapt, especially if adopting the updated logo requires changes to your processes or products. To support a smooth transition, please plan to implement the new logos by **January 1, 2031**. You are more than welcome to adopt them earlier if that better suit your operations.

## 3. What if my certificate can be upgraded?

Some current certifications may qualify for a higher OK biobased class under the revised scheme. We identified certificates that clearly fall into the new Class 5 (>97% biobased content) and contacted those holders directly.

If you think that your certificate also is eligible to move to a higher class and did not receive any information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

## 4. What is the difference between OK biobased<sup>®</sup> and OK compost<sup>®</sup> or OK biodegradable<sup>®</sup> certificates?

The main difference is that OK biobased<sup>®</sup> treats the origin of the product (what is the product made of?), whereas certificate OK compost<sup>®</sup> or OK biodegradable<sup>®</sup> concerns the end-of-life of a product (how to dispose after use?).

Subsequently the test and evaluation methods of both certifications are completely different.

#### **5. I know my products are biobased. What are the advantages of having the OK biobased® certificate/logo ?**

The logo of an independent third party shows the attention you pay to the credibility of your product in the eyes of your customers.

Your product and those of your competitors are all evaluated according exactly the same rules. This increases transparency and fair play on the market.

#### **6. Can I also use the logo without the ranges?**

No. The range must always be present in the logo. It is not allowed to modify the logo. The logo application technique (printing, embossing, ...) must allow the range obtained to be clearly visible.

#### **7. May I show further information about the environmental aspects of my product alongside the logo ?**

Yes, you may but you have to bear in mind that as an OK biobased® licensee you are responsible for the accuracy of the information.

For example: an OK biobased® certified product, that was not certified for compostability or biodegradability may not be accompanied by "This product is compostable / biodegradable".



**The OK biobased® logo may be featured only if the relevant product has been formally certified by TÜV AUSTRIA.**

#### **8. What does the logo's S number represent ?**

The logo's "Sxxxx" code refers to the license holder of the certificate, who is responsible for ensuring the product complies with the requirements of the OK biobased® certification program.

#### **9. Does the certificate number have to be featured on the product?**

No, the product certificate number is not featured on the product, solely the licensee's S code, which allows the product to be traced precisely.

#### **10. My material is OK biobased® certified. May the logo be used by those who process my product?**

No, because you do not know what the processor may add to your product (ink, glue, ...). Your product being OK biobased® certified is no guarantee that every product into which it is incorporated complies with the requirements of the OK biobased® program.