



Bonsucro

Certification of Sustainable Sugarcane

What is it?

Bonsucro is a performance-based sugarcane certification program developed by a multi-stakeholder group that includes some of the world's largest environmental organizations, sugar producers, and brand name companies. Bonsucro is the most recognizable certification label for sugar products used in consumer foods and sugarcane ethanol.

The Bonsucro standard raises the bar of social and environmental practices for sugarcane farmers and mills around the world, ensuring an even playing field for the industry.

There are two types of certifications available

- 1. Production Standard:** Applies to the primary sugarcane production systems, including the central processing mill and the farmers and plantations that supply directly to it.
- 2. Chain-of-Custody Standard:** Used by any entity that handles or trades in products made from sugar, including the trade of Bonsucro credits.

Why you need it?

- Approved to demonstrate compliance with the EU Renewable Energy Directive (RED).
- The sustainability standard preferred by global brands, such as Coca-Cola, Pepsico, Unilever, and others who insist on certification for sugar they purchase.



Steps to Certification

1 Scoping and Project Initiation

- Client submits application and requests a quote for services.
- SCS confirms the project scope and provides the client a no-obligation price quote.
- Client signs Work Order and returns to SCS to begin the audit process.



2 On-Site Audit

- SCS conducts a pre-assessment to evaluate client readiness for certification (optional).
- Client provides SCS documentation for review prior to the on-site audit.
- SCS auditor conducts an on-site audit of client operations.
- SCS provides client with a report of findings on compliance to the Bonsucro standard.

3 Corrective Actions

- Client responds to any necessary corrective actions.
- SCS reviews the audit report and corrective action documentation.

4 Final Certification Decision

- SCS head office makes a certification determination and informs Bonsucro if approved.
- Upon successful certification, client is issued a certificate, provided access to the Bonsucro trademark, and listed on the Bonsucro website.

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