

OK Biobased APPLICATIONS

Frequently Asked Questions

Certification procedure

1  **How much does an OK biobased certificate cost?**

Depending on the type of product, the materials used and the previous OK biobased certification, the analyses may be more extensive or simpler. That is why we need to have a clear product description to be able to draw up a price quotation. If you would like to receive a price quotation, all you need to do is send us a completed application form.

2  **How long does the OK biobased certification process take and what does it consist of?**

The certification consists of the following two steps:

- 1) Compiling the dossier and collecting all required information. The duration of this step depends on how quickly all the information can be supplied by the applicant.
- 2) Analyses of the Biobased content and the TOC (Total Organic Carbon), evaluation of the test results and certification. This step takes four to six weeks.

Scope of certifiable products

3  **Which products can be certified as 'OK biobased'?**

All products which are (partially) manufactured from bioplastics and/or materials of natural origin are suitable for the OK biobased certification scheme.

Exception: fuels

4  **What are the requirements to be met by an OK biobased product?**

Each product must meet the following two requirements:

- 1) the total organic carbon content of the product is at least 30%.
- 2) the carbon content of a renewable raw material (biobased) is at least 20 %.

You will find a detailed description of the requirements for each type of product in the OK biobased test programme, which we will send you upon request.

5  **Can an OK biobased certificate also be issued for basic materials and intermediary products?**

Yes.

6  **Can a part or component of a product also carry the OK biobased label?**

No, a product may bear the OK biobased label only if the complete product is certified.

Application procedure

7 I wish to apply for an OK biobased certificate for my product: What do I actually need to do?

To start the OK biobased certification process for your product, you need to send us the following:

- 1) A comprehensive product description based on a completed OK biobased application form
- 2) Samples of your product.

8 How many samples do I have to send?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic materials: granules: 	7 separately packed samples, each of about 15 g
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic materials: film: 	7 separately packed films, each about 10 x 10 cm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intermediary products or finished products which can be measured in one go: (e.g. cups, plastic packets, yogurt pots) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - in case all constituents are OK biobased certified: - in case not all constituents are OK biobased certified: 	3 separately packed items 7 separately packed items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intermediary products or products which are too large or complex to be measured in one go: (plastic from laptop, mattress, ...) 	Please contact us regarding this.

9 What do I need to pay attention to when packing the samples?

- **Avoid contamination by other products**

While handling the samples, it is best to always wear gloves (to prevent our natural body oils from contaminating the sample). Simple plastic gloves are sufficient. These gloves may (if they are rinsed in between) be used for different samples. Avoid allowing the sample to come into direct contact with paper, since small paper fibres may stick to the sample as a result of this. The recommended packing per sample is a properly sealed plastic packet or a so-called “zip lock bag”.

- **Each separate pack must be clearly recognisable and identified.**

Each sample must be packed separately. Each pack must be provided with a clearly recognisable and unambiguous label. It is strongly advised that one finishes packing a sample (with label) completely, before packing the next sample. This excludes the possibility of samples being switched by mistake.