

1. What do the stars mean?

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

- 1 star: 20 – 40 % BCC
- 2 stars: 40 – 60 % BCC
- 3 stars: 60 – 80 % BCC
- 4 stars: > 80 %

2. What is the difference between OK biobased® and OK compost INDUSTRIAL® ?

The main difference is that OK biobased® treats the origin of the product (what is the product made of?), whereas OK compost INDUSTRIAL® 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.

3. I know my products are renewable/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.

4. Can I also use the logo without the stars?

No. The number of stars must always be present in the logo. It is not allowed to modify the number or the position of stars allocated to the specific product. The logo application technique (printing, embossing, ...) must allow the stars obtained and non-obtained to be clearly visible.

5. 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 (see the column on the left for the difference between OK biobased® and OK compost INDUSTRIAL®) 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.



6. 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.

7. May the logo also be used without an S number ?

The logo may be used without the S number solely for commercial and information purposes (on flyers, websites, information panels, etc...), unlike a logo featured on a product or promotional material: this must always be formally certified and feature a logo with the S code.

8. 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.

9. 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.

