

Certification services and ESG solutions

WHY CERTIFICATION MATTERS?

In today's global landscape, certification is more than a checkbox — it's a strategic advantage. It demonstrates an organisation ability to meet international and regulatory standards, fostering trust and compliance across markets.

Certification also demonstrates commitment to transparency, sustainability, and sound governance, reinforcing reputation among stakeholders.

By proactively addressing supply chain risks and labour violations, certification helps mitigate operational vulnerabilities.

It also contributes to improved performance and enhanced brand value, offering measurable benefits beyond compliance.

Finally, leveraging proven frameworks empowers internal systems, driving consistent quality and efficiency throughout operations.



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OUR CORE SERVICES

Management Systems Certification

We help businesses demonstrate quality across their operations and meet ISO and sector-specific standards:

- ISO 9001, 14001, 45001, 27001, 50001 and more
- Intellectual Property & Information Security
- Sector-focused schemes for finance, IT, manufacturing, logistics, etc.

Product Certification

Cotecna offers a range of different product certification schemes for clients to ensure their products meet required national and international standards.

Verification

We help businesses verify that their systems, products and services comply with various recognised regulations and standards.

Audit

Our audit services help ensure your business has the competence, compliance and capabilities to meet contractual requirements.

AGRI AND FOOD CERTIFICATIONS

Cotecna provides certification services for the agri-food sector, with a focus on food safety, organic standards, traceability, and sustainability. We help companies ensure compliance, build trust in their supply chains, and meet global regulatory and market demands.

Our services include:

Organic certifications

- **EU Organic** – Authorized in Italy only
- **NOP (USDA)** – Authorized globally (except the U.S.)
- **JAS (Japan)** – Authorized by Japan's Ministry of Agriculture
- **China Organic** – Certified to Chinese standards

Geographical Indications

(EU Reg. 1151/2012) (Italy only)

- **P.D.O.** – Protected Designation of Origin
- **P.G.I.** – Protected Geographical Indication
- **T.S.G.** – Traditional Specialities Guaranteed

Food Safety

- ISO 22000 / HACCP
- FSSC 22000
- IFS
- BRCGS (Food, A&B, CP, PM, S&D, ETRS)

Sustainable Agriculture & Traceability

- GLOBAL G.A.P. IFA SMART v.6 – Plants (fruit & vegetables)

UNI 11233:2009 – Integrated production systems (Italy)

ISO 22005 – Food/feed traceability



ESG SERVICES

We help organisations meet regulatory demands, build stakeholder trust, and drive long-term value through targeted ESG assessments, certifications, and reporting solutions.

Environmental (E)

- **ISO 50001** – Energy Management System / Energy Audit
- **FSC* / CFCC** – Forestry Chain of Custody (Forest Stewardship Council / China Forest Certification Council)
- **MSC** – Marine Stewardship Council (Sustainable Fishing)
- **Ocean Bound Plastic Certification**
- **RSPO** – Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil
- **ISCC** – International Sustainability and Carbon Certification (EU RED III compliance, etc.)
- **RTRS** – Round Table on Responsible Soy
- **GMP+** – Good Manufacturing Practice for Animal Feed
- **Textile Exchange Certifications**
- **BCI** – Better Cotton Initiative
- **GOTS** – Global Organic Textile Standard
- **ISO 14001** – Environmental Management System
- **ISO 14064** – Greenhouse Gas Accounting and Verification
- **ISO 14067** – Carbon Footprint of Products
- **ISO 14068 / PAS 2060** – Carbon Neutrality Certification
- **Higg FEM** – Facility Environmental Module (by Sustainable Apparel Coalition)
- **BRCGS** – Brand Reputation Compliance Global Standards

Social (S)

- **SA8000** – Social Accountability Standard
- **Security Audit** – Workplace and Supply Chain Security Assessment
- **ISO 45001** – Occupational Health & Safety Management System
- **SLCP** – Social & Labor Convergence Program

- **SMETA** – Sedex Members Ethical Trade Audit
- **Second-Party Code of Conduct Audits** – Custom audits based on brand-specific codes of conduct

Governance (G)

- **Sustainability Report Assurance** – Independent verification of sustainability/ESG reports
- **Amfori SCGM** – Supply Chain Grievance Mechanism
- **ESG Second-Party Auditing** – Custom audits based on Environmental, Social, and Governance criteria

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OUR CERTIFICATION SERVICES NETWORK

Europe

Italy
Switzerland

Southeast Asia

Cambodia
Indonesia
Laos

Malaysia
Singapore
Thailand
Vietnam

North Asia

China
Japan

South Asia

India

Middle East

Egypt
UAE

Latin America

Argentina

For details of which Cotecna entities offer certification, verification and audit services on a global, regional or country level, please contact us on the details below.

LET'S BUILD VALUE TOGETHER

Cotecna is a global leader in testing, inspection, and certification services, supporting safer and more efficient supply chains worldwide. Founded in Switzerland, we have grown into an international network of over 7,400 professionals across 180 offices and laboratories in approximately 50 countries.

For over 50 years, we have been supporting agriculture, food and pharma, minerals and metals, and consumer products supply chains all over the world. We provide services to help our clients navigate evolving regulations, ensure product compliance, and support their sustainability journey.

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