



VinylPlus® Product Label Certification in 6 Steps

6 Steps to obtain the VinylPlus® Product Label Certification :

1. Submission of the Standard form to VinylPlus who will verify if the candidate company meets the requirements for registration;
2. Communication to VinylPlus and BRE of the name of the Certification Body chosen for the Audit from among those accredited (by Accredia) and suitably trained in how to manage the Audit;
3. The chosen Certification Body will be from that moment fully responsible for the management of the audit process and for the costs and times of the first audit;
4. The accredited certification body will produce a detailed report on the outcome of the audit which will be made available to the audited company and to VinylPlus and BRE;
5. In case of a positive outcome of the audit, the VinylPlus Label will be granted (or confirmed) to the audited company;
6. Upon successful completion of the initial or "maintenance" audit, a certification document will be issued by VinylPlus, including the final report of the last audit and the score achieved;

The label will be valid for 2 years and must be renewed after this period. The renewal process is the same as for the first application.

Sustainable criteria

The sustainability criteria are divided into two macro-categories: mandatory and optional criteria. The label is obtained through an audit carried out by Kiwa in order to verify compliance with all mandatory criteria and assign a score to each optional criterion.

Among the mandatory criteria (scores) we find:

- Legal Compliance and Quality Management Systems
- Registered partnership with VinylPlus
- Cadmium- and lead-free formulations, except as permitted in recyclates.

In order to pass the audit and therefore obtain the label, 30 additional credit points must be obtained for meeting the mandatory criteria. In order to ensure transparency and impartiality, the audit report carried out by Kiwa will be evaluated directly by VinylPlus and BRE Global. The scheme provides the certification for both single product or a product range.

This scheme has been developed in order to demonstrate compliance by meeting the requirements in an integrated way with other recognized certification systems such as ISO 9000 and ISO 14000 Standards, officially defined and written supply chain policies, clearly defined objectives and targets and the involvement of all stakeholders.

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Do you have any questions at this point, reach out to our experts at Kiwa Italy, Water Sector via telephone +39 0514593111 or our contact form at kiwa.com/it.