

## Plastic Pollution Reduction Standard (PPRS)

### Summary of Version Changes

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Version No.	Publishing Date DD.MM.YYYY	Significant Version Changes
1	02.04.2020	First Release: The Plastic Neutral Pact
2	30.06.2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inclusion of promotional activities in the measurement of Plastic Footprint</li> <li>- Provision of a Footprint Calculator</li> <li>- Minimum Offset credit commitment/Plastic Neutral Certification Period changed to two years</li> </ul>
3	30.08.2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Change in measure of Plastic Credit from per metric ton to per kilogram of plastic waste</li> <li>- Introduction of Plastic Crediting Process</li> <li>- Specified the material/ plastic types that qualify for plastic crediting</li> <li>- Specified the activities (aggregation and/or processing) that generate plastic credits</li> <li>- Collection and banking of Plastic Credits for one (1) year</li> <li>- Detailing of documentations required from Aggregators and Processors as proof of actual plastic waste recovered and processed</li> <li>- Inclusion of conditions on Plastic Neutral Certification suspension or termination</li> <li>- Introduction of Safeguard Systems in the conduct of the activities related to the Plastic Neutral Pact</li> </ul>
4	16.03.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Standard name changed from Plastic Neutral Pact to Plastic Pollution Reduction Standard</li> <li>- Inclusion of Conservativeness, Traceability, and Industry Best Practices as Guiding Principles to the PPRS</li> <li>- Change in measure of Plastic Credit from per kilogram of plastic waste to per metric ton</li> <li>- Inclusion of Accreditation Process for Operating Partners</li> <li>- Addition of Gender Equality and Social Inclusion in PPRS Safeguard Systems</li> </ul>
5	10.07.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Definition of certifying companies and organizations as Plastic-Free and Plastic Negative in addition to the existing Plastic Neutral Certifications.</li> <li>- Specifications that the Offset Buyer should offset at least the same weight of the same type of plastic or opt for plastic that is deemed more harmful to the environment.</li> <li>- Updates on the inclusion of the blockchain ledger as the platform of the Plastic Credit Registry.</li> <li>- Appendix 01 as guide for Aggregating Partners whether community collection or institutional.</li> <li>- Specifications that PCX reserves the right to qualify Partner Auditors based on PCX's due diligence and assessment.</li> <li>- Updates on Appendix 04 Specific Guidelines and Requirements for Businesses applying for Plastic Neutral/Negative Certification.</li> </ul>
6	20.01.2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Requirement for baseline analysis to establish Additionality for Aggregating and Processing Partners;</li> <li>- Inclusion of definitions for Global Plastic Debt, Industry Working Group and Post- Consumer Plastic;</li> <li>- Introduction of the Global Plastic Debt estimate based on PCX analysis;</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inclusion of the PCX mission and vision statement;</li> <li>- Emphasis on Plastic Credits as part of a solution set for organizations and not an excuse to pollute;</li> <li>- Inclusion of Additionality as a Guiding Principle;</li> <li>- Alignment of PPRS with the UN Sustainable Development Goals;</li> <li>- Alignment of the PPRS with EPR principles and policies and harmonization with other standards and certifications;</li> <li>- Inclusion of certification details for products with recycled content based on DIN specifications;</li> <li>- Specification of the requirement for compliance to the UNEP Basel Convention Technical Guidance for Co-processing Plants;</li> <li>- Inclusion of the certification requirements for Plastic-Free / Neutral / Negative Event;</li> <li>- Alignment of Plastic Footprint Calculation tools with the WWF ReSource or other EPR toolkit as long as the minimum required information are present; and</li> <li>- Inclusion of Grievance and Feedback channel at the PCX.</li> </ul>
7	23.09.2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Standard has been modularized</li> <li>- Use of Net-Zero Plastic Waste in lieu of Plastic Neutral</li> <li>- Suspension of Certification for Plastic Negative</li> <li>- Introduction of Plastic Avoidance Credit</li> <li>- Differentiation of Plastic Credits according to credit generating activity.</li> <li>- Detailing of the Accreditation, Plastic Crediting and Certification Processes</li> <li>- Inclusion of PPRS Governance Module (Module 6)</li> <li>- Inclusion of forms and templates</li> </ul>
8	05.06.2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refinement of existing and additional definitions in an effort to harmonize with globally accepted definitions</li> <li>- Elaboration of Environmental and Social Safeguards</li> <li>- Transition from project baseline approach to regional baseline approach, and quantitative, and qualitative determination of additionality</li> <li>- Elaboration of Project Registration Processes and Requirements and formalization of the Validation and Verification Model for Project Registration</li> <li>- Elaboration of Plastic Credit Verification and Issuance and establishing links to the PCX Solutions Supply Registry</li> <li>- Transition from Net Zero Plastic Waste to provision of guidance for self-declared claims in alignment with ISO 14021:2016 and UNEP Guidelines for Providing Product Sustainability Information (2017)</li> </ul>