

On Course for Expansion: Bioplastics Certification Now Part of TÜV AUSTRIA Group

Vienna/Brussels. As of 1 December 2017, TÜV AUSTRIA Group is taking over the *OK compost* label from the independent Belgian testing institute Vinçotte and integrates these activities into TÜV AUSTRIA Belgium. Plans are underway to expand the product certification service, which labels bio-based, biodegradable and compostable products.

TÜV AUSTRIA Group will integrate the *OK compost* activities into TÜV AUSTRIA Belgium as of 1 December 2017. "The product certification service *OK compost* ideally complements TÜV AUSTRIA Group's portfolio, especially in times when reducing the volume of plastic products has become a global trend. Rob Bekkers, executive director of Life, Training & Certification at TÜV AUSTRIA Group, explained the *OK compost* take-over, saying, "We're going to develop the label further in the near future and want to offer this service worldwide soon, thus contributing once again in matters of environmental protection issues".

Sustainable Product Certification

In existence since 1995, *OK compost* identifies products either made of bio-based materials or which are biodegradable or compostable. With its broad product certification portfolio, *OK compost* is the clear number one in Europe and, together with its network of partners outside Europe, it operates in more than 40 countries. This certification can be applied to a wide variety of product groups, including plastic bags, films and various packaging materials, such as foodstuffs.

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