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your commitment
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**Standard CAAE
Sustainable
materials**

**Ancillary
industry**



Experience in certification



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Certification of
**SUSTAINABLE
MATERIALS**

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customers

+ 30 years
of Experience



CAAE Certification Standard

Sustainable materials

New European and national regulations oblige manufacturers to minimise waste at source, increase the recyclability of their products and manage the waste generated. Moreover, more and more people are choosing more **sustainable and environmentally friendly products in their purchasing choices.**

This standard focuses on the certification of **raw materials, processed products, containers and packaging**, as well as their quality control, offering customers real guarantees of the sustainable origin of these products.



On the other hand, this standard also offers a **control of the sustainability commitment** with regard to packaging of companies and organisations, verifying the degree (percentage) of input and use of sustainable packaging in these companies.

**The future of the planet
is at stake athome.**

What is your scope?

Ancillary industry

Raw materials



Packaging



Packaging industry



1

All manufacturers of materials (cardboard, paper, glass, plastic, etc.) who want to certify their **ecological / recycled origin**, and optionally also their compostability.

2

All companies transforming these sustainable materials that manufacture products and/or packaging, and that want to certify to their customers the **sustainability principles of the materials used in their processes**, as well as their transformation process (quality control, non-use of carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic substances, etc.).

3

All manufacturing companies (food, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, etc.) that want to certify the **percentage of sustainable packaging** they use in their processes.



What is the **objective** of the standard?

CAAE contributes to the development of sustainability by extending the control and certification on packaging.



The objective of this standard is divided into 3 parts depending on its scope:

- 1.** Verify the sustainable origin (ecological and/or recyclable) of the raw materials that are part of the material.
- 2.** Verify the principles of sustainability, as well as a correct manufacturing process and quality control of transformed products or packaging made with sustainable materials.
- 3.** Verify the commitment to sustainability with respect to packaging (containers and packaging) of companies. In other words, through this standard, companies will be able to guarantee the degree (percentage) of sustainable packaging they use in their processes.



What are the **advantages** of the standard?



The main advantage of this standard is **security and confidence for the end customer.**

This standard will offer the customer guarantees that the raw materials (cardboard, glass, etc.) are sustainable, as well as the products, containers and packaging that are manufactured from raw materials with a correct quality system to avoid cross-contamination and the use of inappropriate products that can harm the environment.



CAAE is a leading Certification Body with more than 30 years of technical experience in the organic and food safety sector, with more than 35,000 customers. The structure of the company, its technical knowledge and experience as a certification body, guarantee quality and efficiency in the provision of the service.

What are the principles to achieve certification?

1

Sustainable raw materials:

- Materials shall be made from raw materials from recycled sources (waste or by-products) and/or from certified ecological or sustainable sources.
- For higher categories, the materials in addition shall be compostable.

2

Quality system:

- All stages of processing and distribution of processed materials or products (or packaging) shall be designed to avoid cross-contamination.
- Cleaning procedures shall be in place to avoid possible cross-contamination.
- Products must be properly traced and labelled to ensure that the consumer receives all information clearly and correctly.

3

Substances used

- The use of carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic substances or heavy metals shall be prohibited in the manufacturing process of sustainable materials and their transformation into processed products or packaging.
- In addition, the waste must be managed adequately.

4

Certification in companies: sustainable packaging.

- Companies must use packaging certified (or not) with sustainability principles.
- The principles of sustainability as well as the percentage of sustainable packaging inputs (at least 1% must be sustainable) will be certified.
- The certificate shall indicate the percentage

THE STANDARD

SCOPE

OBJECTIVE

ADVANTAGES

PRINCIPLES

CERTIFICATION

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Certification process





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