

## Particulars

### About Your Organisation

#### 1.1 Name of your organization

BCS Öko Garantie Colombia S.A.S.

#### 1.2 What is/are the primary activity(ies) or product(s) of your organization?

- Grower
- Processor and/or Trader
- Consumer Goods Manufacturer
- Retailer and/or Wholesaler
- Bank and/or Investor
- Social and/or Development NGO
- Environmental and/or Conservation NGO
- Supply Chain Associate
- Affiliate

#### 1.3 Membership number

8-0200-17-000-00

#### 1.4 Membership category

Organisations

#### 1.5 Membership sector

Affiliate

## Affiliate

### 1. Operational Profile

#### 1.1 What are the main activities of your organisation?

BCS ÖKO GARANTIE COLOMBIA S.A.S. belongs to the KIWA GROUP.

Kiwa BCS Öko Garantie has more than 25 years of experience in organic certification. In 1992, BCS was the first German certificate to be registered in accordance with the European Union Organic Regulation (EEC 2092/91). According to its versatile accreditations, records and collaborations, Kiwa BCS is able to provide access to all organic markets (Global Organic Market) all over the world at one time. Kiwa BCS provides services in around 70 countries in the world with its local branches and local auditor network.

We are Kiwa, a world top 20 leader in Testing, Inspection and Certification (TIC). With our certification, inspection, testing, training and consultancy services, we create trust in our customers' products, services, processes, (management) systems and employees.

We do so in a wide variety of markets segments, ranging from construction and energy supply to drinking water, healthcare, food, feed & farming. Areas of expertise include management systems, corporate social responsibility and lab testing, among many others.

We have clients in manufacturing and process industries, (business) services, public and private utilities, governments and international institutions.

Kiwa employs over 4, 300 people in more than 100 offices in over 40 countries across the world, mainly in Europe, Asia and Latin America.

We have accreditation to provide RSPO Certification with the following geographical scope: Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama and Peru??.

#### 1.2 Does your organisation use and/or sell any palm oil?

No

#### 1.3 Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in the reporting period.

We have published on social networks such as twitter, Facebook, on the Kiwa website, motivating the RSPO certification.

We had a stand at the Forty-sixth National Congress of Cultivators of Palma de Aceite in June 2018 held in Cali, Colombia.

#### 1.4 What percentage of your organisation's overall activities focus on palm oil?

10%

#### 1.5 Did members of your staff participate in RSPO working and/or taskforce groups in the reporting period?

Yes

#### 1.6 Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards CSPO?

No

#### 1.7 How is your work on palm oil funded?

Once obtained the accreditation, we depend on the sales we make for the provision of the service

### 2. Actions for Next Reporting Period

#### 2.1 Outline activities that you will take in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil along the supply chain.

A restructuring of the service fees is made to make access to certification more affordable.

Promote the seal through meetings with clients, participation in rsपो events, seal advertising on our social networks and web pages

### 3. Challenges

**3.1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?**

- Awareness of RSPO in the market
- Difficulties in the certification process
- Certification of smallholders
- Competition with non-RSPO members
- High costs in achieving or adhering to certification
- Human rights issues
- Insufficient demand for RSPO-certified palm oil
- Low usage of palm oil
- Reputation of palm oil in the market
- Reputation of RSPO in the market
- Supply issues
- Traceability issues
- Others

**Other:**

Delays in responding by competent authorities on legal issues

**3.2 In addition to the actions already reported in this ACOP, how has your organisation supported the vision of RSPO to transform the market for sustainable palm oil in other ways? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)**

- Engagement with business partners or consumers on the use of CSPO
- Engagement with government agencies
- Promotion of CSPO outside of RSPO venues eg trade workshops industry associations
- Promotion of physical CSPO
- Providing funding or support for CSPO development efforts
- Research & Development support
- Stakeholder engagement
- Others

**Other:****3.3 Please attach or add links to any other information from your organisation on your palm oil policies and activities (e.g.: sustainability reports, policies, other public information)**

No files were uploaded

RSPO Certification

Link:

[www.kiwa.com/lat/es/productos/certificacion-rspo/?fbclid=IwAR1fL8bsmphYxqeHWv1mwqXa9TONwkCBSPan5eiws3uOwTT75ciMww1POro](http://www.kiwa.com/lat/es/productos/certificacion-rspo/?fbclid=IwAR1fL8bsmphYxqeHWv1mwqXa9TONwkCBSPan5eiws3uOwTT75ciMww1POro)

Corporate social responsibility

<https://www.kiwa.com/en/about-kiwa/corporate-social-responsibility-csr/>