

## How sustainable is your product? Make Good Environmental Choices with BSI.





...making excellence a habit."

## What is Good Environmental Choice Australia (GECA)?

GECA is an independent, not-for-profit environmental standards-setting body and owner of the Good Environmental Choice Australia Ecolabel. Since launching in 2001, GECA has become the leading Australian ecolabel standards body with a range of environmental labelling standards covering consumer, industrial and building products.

GECA's ecolabelling program complies with the international standard ISO 14024 for third party environmental labelling programs. Voluntary ecolabelling standards produced by GECA provide the benchmark for establishing compliance of products and services to the requirements of the Good Environmental Choice Label.

## **Environmental Product Certification Solutions**

Increasing awareness and concern about environmental performance and sustainability of products is driving progressive manufacturers to make environmentally preferable products. BSI's product environmental certification services aim to provide consumers, the market, regulators and manufacturers with confidence about the environmental performance claims of a range of products.

Our environmental product certification audits assess compliance of products with recognized industry benchmarks as well as product ecolabelling programs complying with the international Standard ISO 14024.

### Who we are

BSI is the business standards company that helps organizations all over the world make excellence a habit. For more than a century we have been challenging mediocrity and complacency to help embed excellence into the way people and products work.

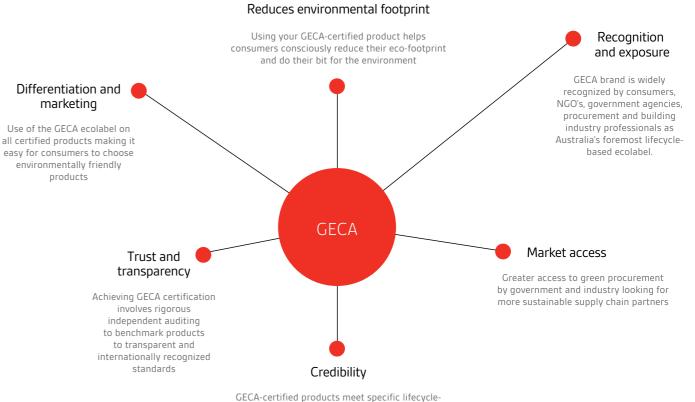
That means working with businesses how to improve performance, reduce risk and achieve sustainable growth. We acquired NCSI in May of 2013. The acquisition means that we are a genuine Australian and global market leader. By joining the two organizations together we have increased our scale and expertise, certifying more than 3,500 clients across more than 50 programs in Australia. This enables us to offer clients a greater range of integrated services and for those clients with international needs, access to a global network across 150 countries worldwide.

## What is the GECA certification process?

Stage 1 Preliminary Conformance Assessment (PCA)	Stage 2 Conformance Assessment (CA)	Milestone 1 Certificate of conformance Issued by BSI	Stage 3 Licensing	Milestone 2 Product is GECA certified Environmental Choice Australia License awarded
Following application, a Preliminary Conformance Audit (PCA) is undertaken n which we work with you to assess the reasibility of the product conforming to the relevant GECA standards. From this PCA, a conformity assessment plan is produced.	For products thought likely to conform to GECA Standards, a Conformance Assessment (CA) is carried out by BSI to audit applicable product documentation and perform site visits and product tests as required to verify that a product conforms to the relevant Standard. A vertification report is produced based on the CA.	Once we have verified conformance during the CA, a Certificate of Conformance is issued as a cover page of the Verification Report.	Once your organization has successfully completed the CA, it must then undergo the process for attaining GECA licensing.	Once stage 3 has been completed productis deemed to be GECA Certi A GECA license will be issued and will gain permission to use the C Ecolabel as a GECA licensee.

## What are the benefits?

BSI provides businesses and manufacturers of certain products and services independent certification of compliance to relevant GECA ecolabelling standards. We provide gap assessments of products against compliance with relevant GECA ecolabelling standards and conformance assessment audits of product environmental declarations to certify compliance with GECA ecolabelling standards.



GECA-certified products meet specific lifecyclebased environmental performance standards



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Once you have successfully completed GECA licensing, your organization will be responsible for participating in regular surveillance audits. If changes are made to a relevant standard or a new version of the standard is released GECA may also request that licensees participate in an 'upgrade' audit or recertification.

# What else do we do?

### Business assurance and quality management

Our quality products and services will help your business perform at its best, from implementing a quality management system to the testing and certification of your products. Investing in quality can help you save money, increase profit, win more business and satisfy more customers. We also offer sector-specific quality management schemes including aerospace, automotive, medical devices and IT service.

### Environmental and Sustainability Services

Good Environmental Choice Australia (GECA) NGERS Verification Australian Forestry Standard AS 4708 Chain of Custody AS 4707 Australian Wood Packaging Certification Scheme Product Stewardship Roundtable of Sustainable Materials (RSB) E-Waste Sustainable Events ISO 20121 Product Carbon Footprint ISO 14067 Carbon Neutrality PAS 2060 Energy Management ISO 50001 Water Management Environmental and Sustainability training courses

### Food safety

BSI believes the world should be supplied with safe, quality food and we now offer a broad range of Food Safety certification services after integrating with NCSI. We are Australia's leading food safety certification provider, with extensive auditing capacity and capability to conduct integrated audits for a wide range of Food Safety standards across the entire food and beverage supply chain. Our service solution for food safety includes certification, training, assessment, and supply chain software, providing you and your customer's assurance and enabling you to manage risk more effectively.

### Health and Safety

Taking health and safety seriously can achieve maximum return for your employees, your operations and your customers. We provide a range of products and services to help you make your workplace healthy and safe, as well as providing testing and certification services to help personal protective equipment (PPE) manufacturers meet and demonstrate compliance with relevant legislation. We offer safety management certification for AS/NZS 4801, OHSAS 18001, National (OHS) Self-Insurance and SafetyMAP schemes. A well-structured safety management system gives you an advantage over your competitors in tendering processes.

### Training

We understand that business success starts with people. We're one of the world's leading providers of training on standards, management systems and business improvement. Our trainers are recognised as leaders in the field and provide quality training to organizations of all sizes and from all sectors. We offer both public and tailored in-house training across a range of areas including Quality, Environmental and Safety management systems, as well as courses on Food Safety. Whether you're looking to gain a basic understanding of how standards can help your business, want to learn best practice for implementing standards, want to become a qualified auditor, or gain a nationally recognized diploma – we'll support you all the way.

Making a decision about product certification is an important commitment. Talk to one of our advisors today and tell us what you need. In the meantime please visit www.bsigroup.com.au for more information about product certification at BSI.

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