

# Zero Residue Certification



## What Is the Zero Residue Certification?

The <u>circular economy</u> is a production and consumption model in which **resources** are optimized and **waste** generation is minimized by **reusing**, **repairing**, **renovating**, and **recycling** existing **materials** and **products** whenever possible to create **added value**, thus extending the **life cycle** of **products**.

Under this premise, the **Zero Residue Certification** scheme from **Applus+ Certification** seeks to improve **waste management**, following a priority hierarchy aimed at **minimizing** and properly handling **waste**. The fundamental goal is to achieve **0% of waste** sent to **landfill** or **incineration**. To obtain this **certification**, it must be ensured that at least **90%** of the **waste** generated does not end up in a **landfill** or **incineration** as the final destination.

## What Are the Benefits of Zero Residue Certification?

**Zero Residue Certification** offers multiple advantages for organizations aiming to enhance their **waste management** and align with the principles of the **circular economy**:

- Promotes the **minimization** of **waste** and its correct management, reducing the impact on the environment.
- Facilitates compliance with environmental regulations, both local and international.
- Enables organizations to prepare for increasing **raw material demand** and **resource scarcity**.
- Helps lower costs associated with **waste management**, thanks to the implementation of more **efficient** practices.
- Aligns organizational goals with Spanish and European circular economy strategies.



• Fosters greater employee awareness of the importance of **waste management**, promoting a **sustainability**-oriented corporate culture.

#### Who Might Be Interested in Zero Residue Certification?

Obtaining **Zero Residue Certification** can be a key factor for organizations committed to **sustainability** and the **efficient** management of their **waste**:

- Companies from all sectors looking to implement a more **efficient waste management** system.
- Industries that generate large volumes of **waste**, such as **manufacturing**, <u>agri-food</u>, **construction**, and **retail** sectors.
- Organizations with <u>sustainability and social responsibility goals</u>, interested in demonstrating their commitment to the **environment**.
- Companies seeking to anticipate **environmental regulations** and improve their market position through **responsible** practices.
- Businesses that already have an **<u>environmental management system</u>** in place.
- Entities with **corporate social responsibility** strategies that wish to measure and certify their **sustainability** progress.

#### Why Get Certified with Applus+ Certification?

Getting certified with **Applus+ Certification** provides a guarantee of quality and reliability that positions companies as **sustainability** leaders and promoters of best practices. As an internationally recognized certification body, **Applus+ Certification** provides solid assurance that organizations meet the highest standards in **waste management** and **sustainability**.

Having the **Applus+ Certification** seal not only demonstrates a commitment to **waste reduction** and regulatory compliance, but also strengthens corporate reputation, distinguishes a company from its competitors, and facilitates access to bids and grants.