



Update: CSC-certification in the light of COVID-19

In March 2020, the worldwide propagation of COVID-19 (corona virus) led us to the implementation of the following temporary measures valid until July 31, 2020:

Recertification of existing certificates

- CSC-certificates expiring before July 31, 2020 receive an exceptional grace period of three months if you confirm, in writing to the CSC-secretariat, your intention to recertify plant(s). Recertification is necessary after the grace period to maintain CSC-certification.
- Upon recertification, the respective grace period is deduced from the validity period of the new certificate: Thus, the renewed certificate will end exactly three years after the regular expiration date of the initial/previous CSC-certificate.

Provisional certifications

- Until July 31, the CSC exceptionally offers the opportunity to receive a provisional CSC certificate.
- The fees for registering a provisional project are the same as for registering a regular project.
- A provisional CSC certificate is valid for 3 months. It can be obtained solely based on the evidence uploaded in the CSC Toolbox and confirmed by the auditor. Provisional certificates are automatically withdrawn if no site-audit takes place within 3 months after issuing the provisional certificate. Provisional certificates are transformed into regular certificates once the missing site-audits have been performed.
- The CSC does not request using additional registrations rights when transforming a provisional certification into a regular certificate. Compensation for the eventual extra-effort of the certification body needs to be agreed between the certifying party and the respective certification body.

Further instructions can be obtained via the CSC-Helpdesk or the certification body assigned with the auditing process.

As of August 1st, 2020, the CSC will return to its normal certification procedure and consequently request representative on-site audits prior to publishing new certification results on its homepage.

Plants located in areas that are severely affected by COVID 19 and where public authorities have implemented a local shutdown remain invited to get in touch with the CSC-Secretariat and request to receive an exceptional grace period in case of a recertification project or to register a provisional project in case of a new project.

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