



Equivalence Assessment of the German Waste Monitoring System (ASYS)

ISCC has conducted an equivalence assessment of the German Waste Monitoring System (Abfallüberwachungssystem – ASYS) against the ISCC requirements for waste materials. According to [ISCC System Document 202-5 Waste and Residues](#), ISCC can recognise the equivalence of existing systems operated by governmental authorities that ensure compliance with the waste and residue requirements under ISCC. Equivalence of such systems must be assessed and approved by ISCC. ASYS is a common monitoring system used by public authorities in various German federal states. Using ASYS, public authorities can manage, process and monitor the proper disposal of hazardous waste. For the classification and identification of waste material, European and National waste codes are being applied. ASYS contains relevant information on points of origin, collectors and other economic operators handling hazardous waste, including waste transfer documents, licenses of operators, etc. If an ISCC certified collecting point is handling transactions of hazardous waste in ASYS (via database applications connected to ASYS) it can provide the ISCC auditor access to the respective database to verify compliance with several ISCC requirements.

Based on the findings of the equivalence assessment, ISCC has come to the conclusion that ASYS is a system operated by governmental authorities that demonstrates compliance with several requirements under ISCC. Particularly, ASYS ensures:

- the traceability of waste from the collecting point back to the point of origin and the respective licenses of the operators,
- the correct identification or classification of the material according to national legislation,
- the correct determination and documentation of waste quantities.

If the auditor can fully verify compliance with the above requirements during the audit, the respective collecting point does not have to receive and manage self-declarations from the supplying points of origin. In addition, a risk-based auditing of the points of origins and depending collecting points as part of the certification process of the collecting point is generally not required (unless there is indication of non-conformity or fraud). This applies irrespective of the amount of waste generated by the point of origin.

However, ASYS does not authorize auditors from certification bodies, staff of ISCC and inspectors from national bodies to conduct on-site examinations also at points of origin if required. This may be required, for instance, to verify the claims made by the collecting point. Such an authorization must be granted by the points of origin explicitly, e.g. as part of the contractual agreement with the certified collecting point. This means, for all points of origin it must be ensured that auditors from certification bodies, staff of certification schemes and inspectors from national bodies (if applicable) are allowed to conduct on-site examinations to verify whether the relevant ISCC requirements for points of origin are met (if required).

Collecting points using ASYS still need to become certified individually based on an on-site certification audit and can only sell material as sustainable under ISCC that is included on the ISCC list of materials. Auditors must explicitly indicate in the ISCC audit procedures if the certified collecting point is registered with and handling waste in ASYS and how the authorisation for third parties to access the point of origin is granted (e.g. as part of a contractual agreement with the certified collecting point).