Sustainability that pays

TÜV NORD CERT – Certification of "Corporate Carbon Footprint" and "Carbon Neutral Organization"

Environmental catastrophes as a result of global warming are a threat to humans and the natural world and give rise to unforeseeable and enormous costs. Climate change is therefore considered to be one of the major challenges of the 21st century. Companies are under increasing pressure to take voluntary measures to combat global warming over and above their basic legal obligations.

These include certification of the "Corporate Carbon Footprint" and certification as "Carbon Neutral Organization" by TÜV NORD CERT, which enable companies and other organizations to demonstrate sustainable behaviour. Certification of the carbon footprint forms the basis for active measures with regard to



climate protection, for example for targeted emission reduction. Additionally, organizations wishing to demonstrate carbon neutrality can undertake a further certification, which testifies that they have purchased CO₂ certificates from recognized climate protection projects in order to compensate for their own emissions. The TÜV NORD "Carbon Neutral Organization" mark is issued after the compensation has been verified. The certification is based on Standard TN-CC 020, which was specially developed by TÜV NORD following internationally-recognised directives and guidelines and drawing on the extensive experience of TÜV NORD CERT in the national and international climate protection sector.

Target groups for certification

The voluntary certification is directed at companies, local governments, official authorities and associations who actively engage in the theme of climate change and who consider its consequences seriously – and as a result wish to reduce their CO_2 emissions and demonstrate their sense of responsibility to the outside world.

Benefits of certification

Certified organizations receive confirmation from a competent and independent body that they have recognized the significance of climate change, have drawn the right conclusions and are following a responsible route. This strengthens the loyalty of environmentally-aware consumers. CO₂ emissions are also becoming increasingly important when it comes to regional funding and investors' decisions; here, certification provides the necessary transparency. A further benefit is that monitoring of emission sources reveals savings potentials and can contribute to overall cost reduction in the organization.



Preconditions for certification

The prerequisite for certification is calculation of a carbon footprint of the organization in accordance with the TÜV NORD Standard. This can be performed by the organization itself or by a specialist consultant. TÜV NORD CERT will provide support in the selection of such a consultant if required.

For the certification as a "Carbon Neutral Organization", valid CO_2 certificates from climate protection projects should also be available in order to compensate for the CO_2 emissions that have been calculated.

Our know-how for your success

TÜV NORD CERT is a well-established and reliable partner for inspection and certification services throughout the world. Our experts and auditors have extensive knowledge based on experience and are in general permanently employed by TÜV NORD. This guarantees independence and neutrality, and also means that we can offer continuity in supporting our clients. The benefit to you is clear: our auditors accompany and support the development of your company and provide you with objective feedback.

TÜV NORD CERT has comprehensive knowledge and extensive national and international references in the area of climate protection. We are accredited by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to validate, verify and certify international climate protection projects. To date we have performed these services for around 2,000 projects (Clean Development Mechanism, Joint Implementation, Voluntary Offset).

The route to the certificate

Offer from TÜV NORD CERT based on the information provided

Order for certification

Agreement on framework conditions between TÜV NORD CERT and the client – such as objectives, criteria and system boundary

Verification of the calculation of the carbon footprint and the associated documentation submitted by the client

Inspection of emission sources and of evidence regarding the data used as a basis for the footprint during an on-site audit

Rectification of identified nonconformities or deviations

For "Carbon Neutral Organization": examination of the procurement and withdrawal from the market of the corresponding number of emission reduction certificates

Creation of report and issuance of certificate. For "Carbon Neutral Organization": issuance of the mark of conformity, valid for one year

Are you interested?

Please send us your response by fax. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

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Yes, I am interested in "Corporate Carbon Footprint"
and "Carbon Neutral Organization" certification.
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