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No	Official Standard Name	Standard Owner	SO's Country	Standard version & date	Date of Original Recognition	Date of Latest Recognition
1	The Ecotourism Ireland Criteria Booklet	Sustainable Travel Ireland (former Ecotourism Ireland)	Ireland	15 August 2019	Monday, 21 May 2012	Thursday, 15 August 2019
2	The European Ecotourism Labelling Standard EETLS-GR	PRISMA Ltd & hellenic Ecotourism Society non-profit NGO	Greece	2nd revised version July 2019	Monday, 17 September 2012	Saturday, 20 July 2019
3	Biosphere Hotels and TO standard	Responsible Tourism Institute (ITR BIOSPHERE)	Spain	version 3.0 19 July 2021	Wednesday, 19 September 2012	Thursday, 09 December 2021
4	Biosphere Destination Standard	Biosphere Responsible Institute	Spain	version 3.0 19 July 2021	Thursday, 02 October 2014	Thursday, 13 January 2022
5	Earthcheck Company Standard	EarthCheck Pty Limited (Company Standard)	Australia	version 4.1 25 August 2020	Wednesday, 19 September 2012	Wednesday, 09 September 2020
6	EarthCheck Community Standard	EarthCheck Pty Limited	Australia	version 3.0 November 2020	Thursday, 05 March 2015	Wednesday, 16 December 2020
7	EarthCheck Evaluate Standard	EarthCheck Pty Limited (Evaluated Standard)	Australia	version 2.0 April 2020	Monday, 30 January 2017	Saturday, 18 April 2020
8	Asian Ecotourism Standard for Accommodations (AESAs) Former name: Environmentally Sustainable Accommodations International Standard (ESAIS)	Asian Ecotourism Network/AEN	Thailand	version 2.0 24 July 2019	Wednesday, 07 November 2012	Tuesday, 30 July 2019
9	TourCert Criteria Catalogue	TourCert (CSR Tourism)	Germany	NA	Thursday, 21 February 2013	Thursday, 8 April 2021
10	Ecotourism Australia - ECO Certification	Ecotourism Australia Ltd	Australia	version: ECO V May 2019	Sunday, 03 March 2013	Saturday, 15 June 2019
11	SUSTAINABLE TOURISM CERTIFICATION	Ecotourism Australia Ltd (Sustainable Tourism Certification)	Australia	version 2.0 30 November, 2022	Wednesday, 30 November 2022	Wednesday, 30 November 2022
12	Malta Tourism Authority ECO Certification requirements	Malta Tourism Authority	Malta	version 3.0 June 2019	Tuesday, 20 August 2013	Friday, 26 July 2019
13	Certificación de Sostenibilidad Turística	The Costa Rican Tourism Board	Costa Rica	version 2 21 May 2020	Wednesday, 28 August 2013	Tuesday, 9 June 2020
14	Sustainability Certification Program "Hoteles más Verdes"	Asociación de Hoteles de Turismo Argentina (AHT)	Argentina	version 2 June 2017	Saturday, 28 December 2013	Tuesday, 19 May 2020
15	"Sustainable Tourism Distinction " system applicable to Tourist Accommodation Services in Chile	SERNATUR (Hotels)	Chile	Version 3 2020	Thursday, 13 February 2014	Wednesday, 03 June 2020
16	The Green Globe Certification Standard - Hotels & Resorts	Green Certification Inc. dba Green Globe	USA	version 1.8 updated on 27 November 2019	Friday, 31 October 2014	Wednesday, 04 December 2019
17	Green Star Hotel Criteria	Egyptian Hotel Association	Egypt	version 3.0 (2020) Revision # 4 26 March 2020	Saturday, 13 December 2014	Sunday, 05 April 2020
18	Green Growth 2050 Global Standard	Green Growth 2050	Australia	version 4 6 February 2019	Tuesday, 20 January 2015	Thursday, 14 February 2019
19	Global Ecosphere Retreats Standard	Zeitz Foundation	Kenya	version 15 March 2019	Wednesday, 15 April 2015	Sunday, 31 March 2019

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20	PUG AUDIT Criteria and Indicators	PUG audit (TOFTigers)	United Kingdom	version 6i 11 May 2019	Monday, 22 June 2015	Sunday, 19 May 2019
21	HI-Q&S (Hostelling International Quality and Sustainability Management System)	Hostelling International	United Kingdom	version 1 July 2018	Thursday, 14 January 2016	Sunday, 16 June 2019
22	Green Key Eco-Rating	Hotel Association of Canada (Green Key Global)	Canada	version 4.0	Tuesday, 16 February 2016	Sunday, 09 April 2023
23	Green Destinations Standard	Green Destinations	Netherlands	version 2.0	Friday, 04 March 2016	Friday, 19 February 2021
24	Green Tourism Active (GT-Active)	Green Tourism Active	South Africa	31 March 2019	Sunday, 13 March 2016	Tuesday, 14 May 2019
25	Green Key Hotel criteria and explanatory notes 2022-2025	Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE)	Denmark	14 April 2021	Wednesday, 23 March 2016	Monday, 04 February 2019
26	Sustainable Tourism Destination Standard for Indonesia	Ministry of Tourism of Republic of Indonesia	Indonesia	NA	Monday, 15 August 2016	Monday, 15 August 2016
27	Suwon City Sustainable City Standard (Not Korea Sustainable City Tourism Destination Standard in the application)	Suwon Special City	South Korea	NA	Friday, 26 August 2016	Friday, 26 August 2016
28	Ecotourism Standard for Tourist Accommodation Facilities	Ecotourism Kenya	Kenya	version 3 March 2019	Thursday, 20 October 2016	Friday, 21 June 2019
29	Seychelles Travel SSTL	Tourism Department - Ministry of Tourism	Seychelles	version 2.6 May 2019	Saturday, 07 January 2017	Monday, 10 June 2019
30	The Mountain IDEAL Sustainable Destination Standard	Walking Mountain Science Center - Sustainable Travel International (Destination)	United States	version 2.0 25 October 2021	Monday, 14 August 2017	Monday, 25 October 2021
31	Actively Green Standard	Walking Mountain Science Center - Sustainable Travel International (H and TO)	USA	version 2.1	Tuesday, 13 February 2018	Tuesday, 13 February 2018
32	Travelife Sustainability System for tour operators and travel agencies	Travelife TO & TA	Netherlands	version v 22 November 2017	Saturday, 02 December 2017	Saturday, 02 December 2017
33	Sustainable Tourism Management Standard of DASTA (MASCI, Thailand)	DASTA (Destiantion - ST Management)	Thailand	April 2021	Friday, 13 April 2018	Tuesday, 14 September 2021
34	Community Based Tourism Development for Thailand	DASTA (Destination - CBT)	Thailand	February 2019	Sunday, 08 July 2018	Sunday, 08 July 2018
35	Sustainable Destination Norway, Standard 3.0	Innovation Norway	Norway	version 3.0 09 February 2022	Tuesday, 17 April 2018	Tuesday, 8 March 2022
36	Travelife Sustainability System for hotels	Travelife Ltd	United Kingdom	version 3.0 (including Appendices) 9 March 2023	Saturday, 12 March 2022	Sunday, 12 March 2023
37	Austrian Ecolabel for Tourism and leisure-time industry	The Austrian Federal Ministry of Sustainability and Tourism (Österreichisches Umweltzeichen)	Austria	EL 200 version 7.0 4 October 2018	Thursday, 01 November 2018	Thursday, 01 November 2018
38	Mauritian Standard on Sustainable Tourism (MS 165:2019)	Mauritius Standards Bureau	Mauritius	Third edition 1 April 2019	Friday, 26 April 2019	Friday, 26 April 2019

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39	TO-02 NEPCon Sustainable Tourism Standard for Accommodation	NEPCon (former RA) (Hotel)	Guatemala	version 25 June 2019	Wednesday, 26 June 2019	Wednesday, 26 June 2019
40	TO-03 NEPCon Sustainable Tourism Standard for TO	NEPCon (former RA) (TO)	Guatemala	version 25 June 2019	Wednesday, 26 June 2019	Wednesday, 26 June 2019
41	Adventure Green Alaska Summit Standard for Accommodations	Alaska Travel Industry Association (Hotel)	Alaska	version 1.0 July 2019	Monday, 05 August 2019	Monday, 05 August 2019
42	Adventure Green Alaska Summit Standard for TOs	Alaska Travel Industry Association (Tour Operator)	Alaska	version 1.0 July 2019	Monday, 05 August 2019	Monday, 05 August 2019
43	GreenStep Sustainable Tourism Standard	GreenStep (Hotels and TO)	Canada	version 2.0	Tuesday, 13 October 2020	Tuesday, 13 October 2020
44	GreenStep Sustainable Tourism Destination Standard	GreenStep (Destination)	Canada	version 1.1 21 October 2021	Tuesday, 16 November 2021	Tuesday, 16 November 2021
45	Japan Sustainable Tourism Standard for Destinations	Japan Tourism Agency, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, transport and Tourism	Japan	March 2021	Friday, 12 March 2021	Friday, 12 March 2021
46	Sakura Quality an ESG Practice Standard	Sakura Quality Management Co., LDT	Japan	version 1 17 March 2022	Monday, 21 March 2022	Monday, 21 March 2022
47	Sustainable Tourism Standard South Tyrol	IDM Sudtiroi - Alto Adige	Italy	23 December 2021	Friday, 18 February 2022	Friday, 18 February 2022
48	GreenSign Certification Catalog	InfraCert GmbH	Germany	27 April 2022	Thursday, 19 May 2022	Thursday, 19 May 2022
49	SOCOTEC Sustainability Management System Applicable for Hotels	SOCOTEC	France	version 1	Tuesday, 02 August 2022	Tuesday, 02 August 2022
50	Sustainable Berlin	Berlin Tourismus & Kongress GmbH / Visit Berlin	Germany	Version 1, 4 January , 2023	Friday, 06 January 2023	Friday, 06 January 2023
51	ECOSTARS STANDARDS	ECOSTARS ECOLOGICAL HOTEL RATING, SL	Spain	v3.0 27 March 2023	Wednesday, 03 May 2023	Wednesday, 03 May 2023
52	Nature's Best Sweden Standard	Nature's Best Sweden	Sweden	April 13 2023	Sunday, 30 April 2023	Sunday, 30 April 2023
53	Green Hospitality Platinum Award Criteria	Hospitality Solutions Consulting Ltd	Ireland	v13.8 May 2023	Thursday, 04 May 2023	Thursday, 04 May 2023
54	The Pacific Sustainable Tourism Destination Standard	Pacific Tourism Organisation (SPTO)	Fiji	15 May 2023	Monday, 29 May 2023	Monday, 29 May 2023
55	Sustainability for Tourist Accommodation - Requirements (NCV 023:2021) Sustainability for Tour Operators - Requirements (NCV 024:2021)	Cape Verde IGQP (H and TO)	Cabo Verde	29 December 2021 for TO and HO	Sunday, 4 June 2023	Sunday, 4 June 2023
56	Sustainability for Destinations - Requirements (NCV 025:2022)	Cape Verde IGQP (D)	Cabo Verde	19 April 2022	Sunday, 4 June 2023	Sunday, 4 June 2023

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57	Eco-check Standard	Intertek Cristal	UK	version 03 June 2023	Monday, 12 June 2023	Monday, 12 June 2023
58	Miosotis Azores Standard	Regional Government of the Azores	Portugal	version 01 June 2023	Sunday, 25 June 2023	Sunday, 25 June 2023
59	QUALMARK SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS TOURISM (STB) CRITERIA & KNOWLEDGE BASE	Qualmark New Zealand	New Zealand	version 1.2 July 2023	Saturday, 12 August, 2023	Saturday, 12 August, 2023
60	Ambassador Level of La Buena Huella's standard set out in "ARC360.LA BUENA HUELLA. V.7. 18.09.2023.xlsx"	La Buena Huella	Spain	version 7 18 September 2023	Sunday, 24 September, 2023	Sunday, 24 September, 2023

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1	The Ecotourism Ireland Criteria Booklet	Accommodations/tour operators/attractions & activity providers	English	Republic and Northern Ireland
2	The European Ecotourism Labelling Standard EETLS-GR	Accommodations combined with ecotourism activities in protected areas or other areas with ecotourism potential in all areas of Greece	English	Greece
3	Biosphere Hotels and TO standard	Accommodations; Hotels; Tour Operators	English, Spanish	Global
4	Biosphere Destination Standard	Destinations in general	English, Spanish	Global
5	Earthcheck Company Standard	Accommodations; Hotels	English	Global
6	EarthCheck Community Standard	Destinations in general	English	Global
7	EarthCheck Evaluate Standard	Accommodations; Hotels; Tour Operators	English	Global
8	Asian Ecotourism Standard for Accommodations (AESAs) Former name: Environmentally Sustainable Accommodations International Standard (ESAIS)	ecolodges and ecoresorts or nature-based lodges in Asia Pacific	English	Asia Pacific
9	TourCert Criteria Catalogue	Accommodations, Hotels, Tour Operators; Travel agencies	English	Europe & Latin America & East Africa
10	Ecotourism Australia - ECO Certification	Accommodations; Cultural Sight; Hotels; Tour Operators (ecotourism/nature-based operation)	English	Australia and New Zealand
11	SUSTAINABLE TOURISM CERTIFICATION	Accommodations, Hotels; Tour Operators (urban, non-ecotourism and non-nature based)	English	Australia
12	Malta Tourism Authority ECO Certification requirements	Accommodations; Hotels	English	Malta
13	Certificación de Sostenibilidad Turística	Accommodations; Hotels, Tour Operators	English	Costa Rica
14	Sustainability Certification Program "Hoteles más Verdes"	Accommodations; Hotels	English, Spanish	Argentina
15	"Sustainable Tourism Distinction " system applicable to Tourist Accommodation Services in Chile	Accommodations; Hotels	English, Spanish	Chile
16	The Green Globe Certification Standard - Hotels & Resorts	Hotels and Resorts	English	Global
17	Green Star Hotel Criteria	Accommodations; Hotels	English	Egypt
18	Green Growth 2050 Global Standard	Accommodations; Hotels	English	Global (30 countries)
19	Global Ecosphere Retreats Standard	Accommodations; Hotels; tourism-related business	English	Global

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20	PUG AUDIT Criteria and Indicators	Accommodations;Hotels	English	South Asia
21	HI-Q&S (Hostelling International Quality and Sustainability Management System)	Hostels and Head Offices	English	Global
22	Green Key Eco-Rating	Accommodations; Hotels	English	Global
23	Green Destinations Standard	Municipalidad, regiones:protected areas, private destinations	English	Global
24	Green Tourism Active (GT-Active)	Accommodations; Hotels	English	South Africa
25	Green Key Hotel criteria and explanatory notes 2022-2025	Accommodation facilities and tour operators	English	Global
26	Sustainable Tourism Destination Standard for Indonesia	Destinations in general	English	Indonesia
27	Suwon City Sustainable City Standard (Not Korea Sustainable City Tourism Destination Standard in the application)	Urban destination	English, Korean	South Korea
28	Ecotourism Standard for Tourist Accommodation Facilities	Accommodations; Hotels	English	Kenya
29	Seychelles Travel SSTL	Accommodations	English	Seychelles
30	The Mountain IDEAL Sustainable Destination Standard	Resorts, rural, recreation and Gateway Communities in USA.	English	Vail, Colorado, United States
31	Actively Green Standard	Accommodations; Hotels; Tour Operators; Travel agencies	English	Eagle County, Vail, Colorado, United States
32	Travelife Sustainability System for tour operators and travel agencies	Tour Operators	English	Global
33	Sustainable Tourism Management Standard of DASTA (MASCI, Thailand)	Cultural Sight; National Park; Protected Areas; Destinations in general	English	Thailand
34	Community Based Tourism Development for Thailand	Community; Destinations in general	English, Thai	Thailand
35	Sustainable Destination Norway, Standard 3.0	Destinations in general	English, Norwegian	Norway
36	Travelife Sustainability System for hotels	Accommodations; Hotels	English	Global
37	Austrian Ecolabel for Tourism and leisure-time industry	Accommodations; Hotels	English, German	Austria
38	Mauritian Standard on Sustainable Tourism (MS 165:2019)	Accommodations, Hotels; Tour Operators	English	Mauritius & Rodriguez

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39	TO-02 NEPCon Sustainable Tourism Standard for Accommodation	Accommodations and Lodging Services of any type (Hotels, Resorts, Lodges, etc)	English	Global
40	TO-03 NEPCon Sustainable Tourism Standard for TO	Inbound Tour Operators and DMCs	English	Global
41	Adventure Green Alaska Summit Standard for Accommodations	Hotels, Inns, B&B, Lodges	English	Alaska
42	Adventure Green Alaska Summit Standard for TOs	Tours, activities, transportation, shore excursions	English	Alaska
43	GreenStep Sustainable Tourism Standard	tourism operators including hotels, tour operators, tourism facilities and sites (i.e. wineries, ski resorts, suspension bridge)	English	Canada
44	GreenStep Sustainable Tourism Destination Standard	Destination management and marketing organizations (DMOs) and community tourism associations that represent individual communities and/or tourism regions	English	Global (currently only used in Canada)
45	Japan Sustainable Tourism Standard for Destinations	Destinations	English, Japanese	Japan
46	Sakura Quality an ESG Practice Standard	Hotels	English, Japanese	Japan
47	Sustainable Tourism Standard South Tyrol	Destinations	English, German	Autonomous Province of Bozen/Bolzano, Italy
48	GreenSign Certification Catalog	hotels and other lodging establishments	English, German	Germany, Europe, Adrica, Asia
49	SOCOTEC Sustainability Management System Applicable for Hotels	Hotels	English	Global
50	Sustainable Berlin	Hotels & Tour Operators	English, German	Berlin, Germany
51	ECOSTARS STANDARDS	Accommodations, Hotels	English	Global
52	Nature's Best Sweden Standard	Accommodations, Hotels; Tour Operators, other activities	English	Sweden
53	Green Hospitality Platinum Award Criteria	Accommodations, Hotels	English	Ireland
54	The Pacific Sustainable Tourism Destination Standard	Destinations , Potentially the standard will be adopted as the Pacific Sustainable Tourism Standard for all SPTO member nations	English	Pacific Region Up to 20 member nations of the Pacific Tourism Organisations (SPTO)
55	Sustainability for Tourist Accommodation - Requirements (NCV 023:2021) Sustainability for Tour Operators - Requirements (NCV 024:2021)	Accommodations, Hotels; Tour Operators	English	Cabo Verde
56	Sustainability for Destinations - Requirements (NCV 025:2022)	Destination	English	Cabo Verde

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57	Eco-check Standard	Accommodations, Hotels	English	Global, more than 100 countries
58	Miosotis Azores Standard	Accommodations, Hotels; Tour Operators	English, Portuguese	Autonomous Region of the Azores, Portugal
59	QUALMARK SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS TOURISM (STB) CRITERIA & KNOWLEDGE BASE	Accommodation, Tour Operators, Activities	English	New Zealand
60	Ambassador Level of La Buena Huella's standard set out in "ARC360.LA BUENA HUELLA. V.7. 18.09.2023.xlsx"	Tourist accommodations	English, Spanish	Europe and all over Americas