This report outlines the major changes made to the Upcycled Certified™ Standard v2. The goal of the Upcycled Certified™ Program, which is informed by the Standard, is to spread awareness about upcycled food. Our program allows consumers to reduce food waste and participate in the #1 solution to mitigate the climate crisis\(^1\) every time they purchase an Upcycled Certified™ product. The long-term vision of the Standard is to guide the food system towards increased economic and environmental sustainability. All major changes outlined in this report were approved by the UFA Board of Directors and Upcycled Certified™ Standards Committee. Omitted from this report are minor, editorial, and grammatical edits.

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**UI, PUI, AND MINIMAL CONTENT (LESS THAN)**

1) **Upcycled Ingredients**

Upcycled Ingredients (UIs) can now be consumer-facing under the condition that the UI follows the same labeling requirements as a Product Containing Upcycled Ingredients (PUI) and is subject to the same labeling review.

- **Rationale:** Standard v1 allowed single-Input PUIs to be consumer-facing which is not different from a UI conceptually.
- **Section(s) Affected:** Section 3, Table 1, Figure 1

UIs now allow multiple Inputs.

- **Rationale:** PUIs with multiple Inputs can be sold wholesale (B2B), they should be eligible for designation of UI if they meet the requirements.

2) **Products Containing Upcycled Ingredients**

PUIs that contain ≥95% Inputs are now eligible for the designation of UI.

- **Rationale:** PUIs that contain ≥95% Inputs should be marketed and used as an ingredient if desired.

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3) Minimal Content PUIs
The name of the certification type “Less Than PUI” has changed to “Minimal Content PUI”.

- **Rationale:** To allow better marketability. To clarify the certification type.

CERTIFICATION SCOPE

1) Food Service
Updated Standard language to include food service within scope.

- **Section(s) Affected:** 1.1, examples throughout the standard

2) Scope Criteria
UIs, PUIs, and Minimal Content PUIs must now be all of the following: Consumer Good, Non-durable Good, and in alignment with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 12.3.

- **Section(s) Affected:** Section 1.2

Relevant language throughout the standard updated to better align with SDG 12.3.

- **Section(s) Affected:** Section 1.2

- **Note:** The changes in this section were made to create a more inclusive Standard, clarify the scope of the Standard, and better align with the intent of the Standard.

OTHER

1) “Made with” Elements
Removed Section 10.3.2 (made with elements) from the Standard.

- **Rationale:** Restrictions were removed to grant more freedom around use of romance language on-label.

- **Section(s) Affected:** Section 10.3.2 (formerly)

2) Food Waste Assessment
Clarified the “Food Waste Assessment and Reduction Plan” requirement and changed the name to “Food Loss and Waste Assessment”.

- **Rationale:** Establish clearer parameters and understanding of this requirement. To better align with SDG 12.3.
• **Section(s) Affected:** Section 4.6

3) **Language Clarifications**
Clarified use of the terms: “Input(s)”, “input(s)”, “ingredient(s)”, “upcycled ingredient(s)”.

• **Rationale:** These terms were previously used interchangeably, now only “Input(s)” is used for clarity and consistency.

4) **Graphic in Nature**
Along with romance language, content that is graphic in nature shall not be used to refer to any Inputs within Minimal Content PUIs. Content that is graphic in nature must be accurate, truthful, and not misleading.

• **Rationale:** Content that is graphic in nature can be misleading to consumers.

5) **Introduction and Intent**
Removed standard v1 introduction and replaced with an expanded intent section.

• **Rationale:** For transparency regarding the intention of the current standard and future standards. To serve both as an educational resource and a reference from which future standards may be built.

• **Section(s) Affected:** Introduction, Section 1: Overview

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**UNCHANGED SECTIONS**

1) **Tonnage Diverted**
The percentage and tonnage diverted thresholds remain the same.

• **Rationale:** When modeling potential changes to the percentage and tonnage diverted thresholds, models showed a non-significant potential to increase the reduction of food loss and waste.

2) **Impact Measurement**
Impact measurement requirements, i.e. Food Loss and Waste Assessment (formerly FWARP) and GHGE requirements, remain in place.

• **Rationale:** Impact measurement requirements are valuable to better understand the impact of certification and to guide the revision of future versions of the standard. Changes to impact measurements are not warranted at this time.