Upcycled Certified™ is the world’s first and only third-party certification program for upcycled food ingredients and products. After the successful launch of the Upcycled Certified™ Standard v1 in 2021, the Upcycled Certified™ Standards Committee (SC) hosted the 2021 Public Comment Period with the mindset of collecting feedback from members and the public to strengthen the standard.

This feedback was incorporated into a draft standard v2 and released to the public for further feedback during the 2022 Public Comment Period. After months of SC meetings, thought-work, and deliberation to address feedback, the standard v2 draft was submitted to the UFA Board of Directors for review. The Board voted to approve the changes in May 2022, and the thoughtfully crafted and improved Upcycled Certified™ Standard v2 will come into effect by December 1, 2022.

**WHAT ARE THE KEY CHANGES TO THE UPCYCLED CERTIFIED™ STANDARD?**

The Upcycled Certified™ Standard v2 clarifies the scope of certifiable ingredients and products and refines existing Standard language.

- Upcycled Ingredients (UIs) can now be consumer-facing and comprise multiple Inputs.
- Products Containing Upcycled Ingredients (PUIs) that contain ≥95% upcycled Inputs are now eligible for the designation of UI.
- Restrictions to “made with” claims removed for eligible PUIs to grant more freedom around use of romance language on label.
- Standard language clarified to include food service applications.
- Clarified the scope of certification by defining criteria for eligibility. Upcycled ingredients and products must be: a Consumer Good and a Non-durable Good and align with Sustainable Development Goal 12.3. Non-durable goods include, but are not limited to, disposable tableware, clothing, and paper.

Additional changes do apply. Please reference the Executive Summary of Changes or Standard Version 2 for more information about these terms and changes.

**IF MY UI OR PUI WAS CERTIFIED UNDER V1, WILL IT STILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR CERTIFICATION UNDER V2?**

Yes, we do not anticipate any current program participants to be excluded from the program based on the changes made to the Standard.

**WHEN WILL V2 BE IMPLEMENTED?**

Per the Standard, program changes must be communicated to participants with an effective date no sooner than 90 days from the notification date. Program participants were notified on September 1, 2022 and v2 will be fully implemented December 1, 2022.

**WHEN WILL MY CERTIFICATION BE TRANSITIONED TO V2?**

Currently certified UIs and PUIs will be transitioned to v2 at the time of annual renewal, which may extend into 2023 depending on the renewal date. New certifications awarded between September 1 and December 1, 2022 will be certified under either v1 or v2, based on the discretion of our Certifying Body. After December 1, 2022 all new certifications awarded and renewals will be held to v2 of the Standard.

**ARE THERE ANY CHANGES TO THE FEES ASSOCIATED WITH UPCYCLED CERTIFIED™?**

No, there have been no changes to the cost structure of the program.