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ISO 59014 - Sustainability and Traceability of Secondary Materials Recovery - Pilot Testing Results in 4 Countries

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International
Standard

ISO 59014

**Environmental management and
circular economy — Sustainability
and traceability of the recovery of
secondary materials — Principles,
requirements and guidance**

*Management environnemental et économie circulaire —
Durabilité et traçabilité de la valorisation des matières
secondaires — Principes, exigences et recommandations*

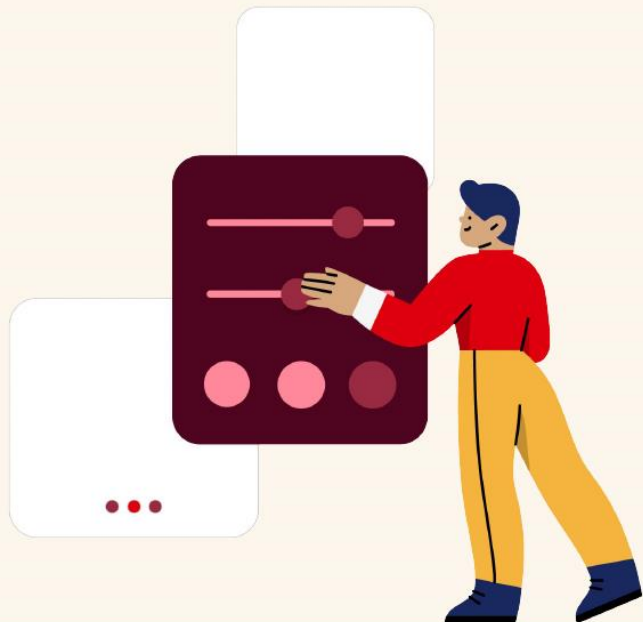
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Standards under the family of TC323 on circular economy

ISO 59000 family of standards

A common understanding:

Definitions, principles, actions, business models, value networks, measures, assessment, ..., all what is needed to act now!



ISO 59004

Circular economy
**Vocabulary, principles
and guidance for
implementation**

ISO 59010

Circular economy
**Guidance on the
transition of business
models and value
networks**

ISO 59020

Circular economy
**Measuring and
assessing
circularity
performance**

ISO 59040

Circular economy
**Product Circularity
Data Sheet**

ISO 59014

Environmental
management and
circular economy
**Sustainability
and traceability of
secondary materials
recovery – Principles,
requirements and
guidance**



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Standards under the family of TC207/SC5 on environmental management /LCA

ISO 14008

Monetary valuation of environmental impacts and related environmental aspects

ISO 14040

Environmental management — Life cycle assessment — Principles and framework

ISO 14044

Environmental management — Life cycle assessment — Requirements and guidelines

ISO 14046

Environmental management — Water footprint — Principles, requirements and guidelines

ISO 14067

Greenhouse gases — Carbon footprint of products — Requirements and guidelines for quantification

ISO 14051

Environmental management
Material flow cost accounting

ISO 14075

Principles and framework for social life cycle assessment

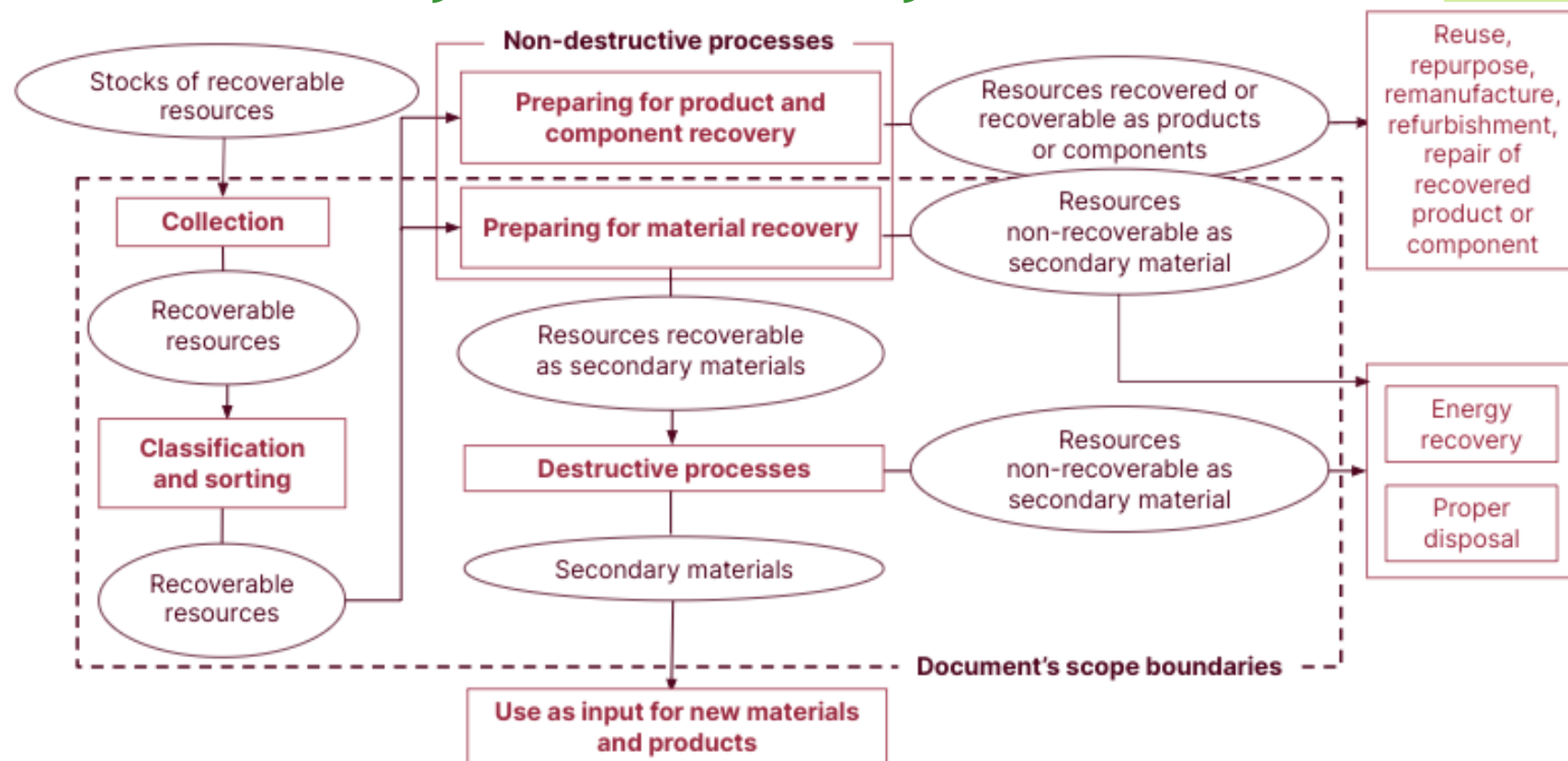
ISO 59014

Environmental management and Circular economy - Sustainability and traceability of secondary materials recovery - Principles, requirements and guidance

Sustainability and traceability of secondary materials

ISO 59014' aims

- ✓ Provides principles, requirements and guidance
- ✓ Seek to recover secondary materials in a responsible manner
- ✓ Provides guidance for engaging with individuals involved in subsistence activities



- ✗ Quality criteria for specific types of secondary materials recovered.
- ✗ Energy recovery and disposal
- ✗ The preparation and processing of products or components for their reuse or reprocessing (e.g. for repurposing, remanufacturing, refurbishment and repair)

Not in the scope

Changing mindsets: This is not 'waste'... this is recoverable resource

The word waste is NOT used. Recoverable resource is used instead.

recoverable resource

resource that can be recovered and used again after it has already been processed or used.



Changing mindsets: Informal workers is not the same as illegal workers

For the first time ISO acknowledges and defines subsistence activities

subsistence activity:

activity that provides self-employed individuals with the minimum to subsist.



80 per cent of the 24 million waste workers around the globe are informal. (Cities Alliance)

Structure of requirements

6 Operational requirements

- 6.1 General
- 6.2 Classification and determination of recovery pathways
- 6.3 Collection
- 6.4 Sorting
- 6.5 Material recovery processes
- 6.6 Logistics

7 Organizational requirements

- 7.1 Monitoring and evaluation
- 7.2 Interested party engagement
- 7.3 Responsibility towards the value chain
- 7.4 Responsibility towards individuals engaged in subsistence activities
- 7.5 Equitable working conditions
- 7.6 Risks
 - 7.6.1 Environmental and social risks
 - 7.6.2 Health and safety risks of workers and individuals involved in SAs
- 7.7 Resource use
- 7.8 Competencies and training
 - 7.8.1 Operational and managerial competencies
 - 7.8.2 Training needs

8 Traceability requirements

- 8.1 General
- 8.2 Upstream
- 8.3 During the processing
- 8.4 Downstream
- 8.5 Depollution
- 8.6 Communication
- 8.7 Continual improvement

Annex A (informative) Examples of organizations engaged in the recovery of secondary materials

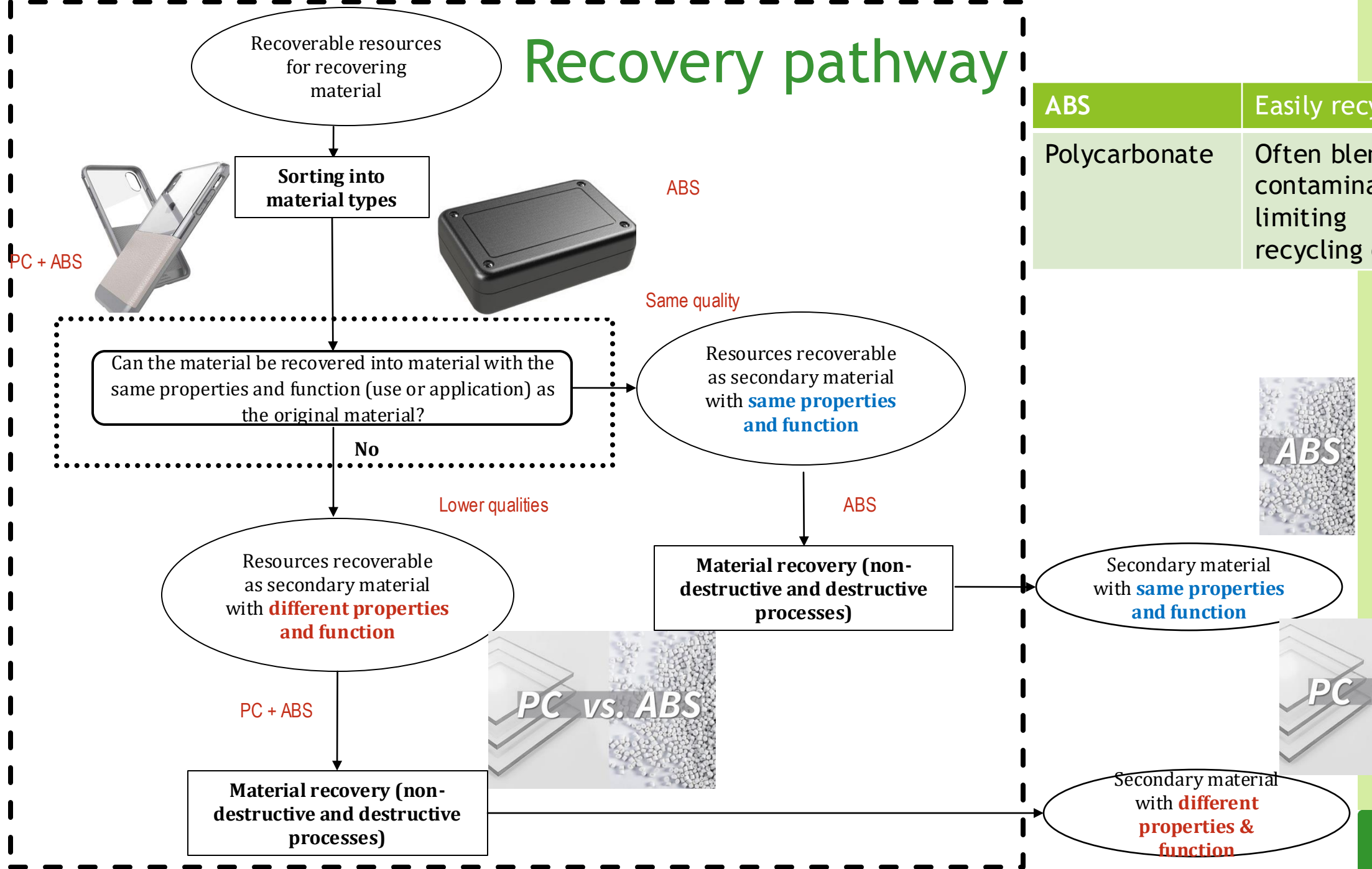
Annex B (informative) Methodology for selecting the recovery pathway

Annex C (informative) Gradual implementation and supporting mechanisms for individuals engaged in subsistence activities

75 requirements or ‘shalls’

Recovery pathway

ABS	Easily recyclable
Polycarbonate	Often blended or contaminated, limiting recycling options





FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT OF
THE ISO 59014 STANDARD

Five Pilots: Aug 2024 & June 2025

- ✓ Support dissemination, awareness raising and capacity development
- ✓ Test ISO 59014 requirements also in contexts where subsistence activities play a role
- ✓ Learn about the certification potentials
- ✓ Understand the positioning of the standard in the value chain

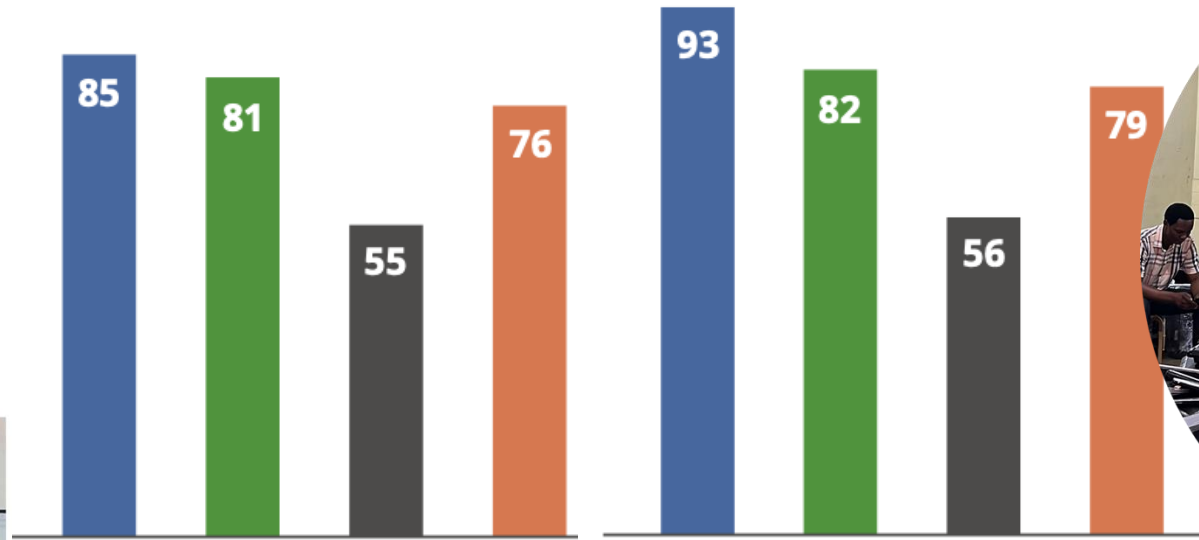


Argo360

Recycling Werk Zürich

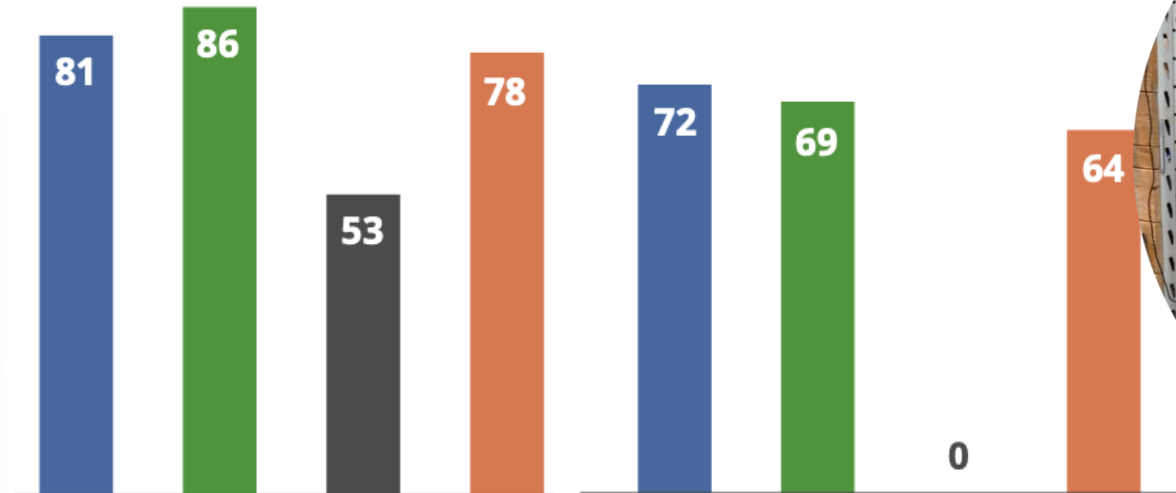
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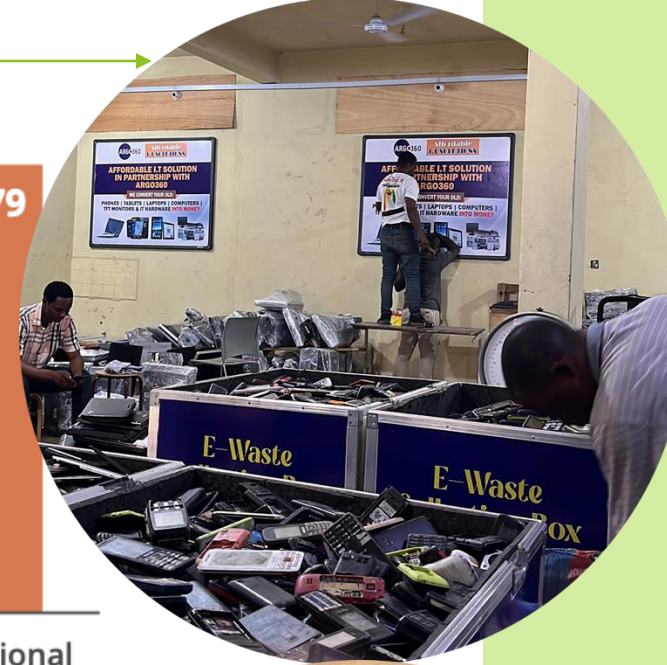
Overall level of compliance per organization (%)

Level of compliance with operational requirements (%)



Level of compliance with organizational requirements (%)

Level of compliance with traceability requirements (%)





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