



ZNU Standard – driving sustainable change

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The *ZNU Standard – driving sustainable change* is applicable to all companies¹ irrespective of size and branch². In general it applies to all activities of a company and is site specific³, and the fulfilment of legal requirements is a pre-requisite that is not part of the audit process.

If a company wishes to include several sites in the scope it must clearly define the limitations and applicability of sustainability management. The scope need not include all sites of the company. But individual processes at one of the considered sites must not be excluded. It is necessary to clearly indicate in the audit plan and report and also in the certificate which sites of a company fall within the certification and which sites are excluded.

The *ZNU Standard – driving sustainable change* focuses on the company level but also addresses questions related to product responsibility and thus to a systematic evaluation of risks and chances along the value chain. Even though it thus offers guidelines and orientation for product sustainability, the *ZNU Standard – driving sustainable change* – in its current version – may not be used for purposes of product certification. At this point reference is made to Rules of communication for certified companies (cf. Z6).

¹ This standard does not differentiate between producing companies with an industrial performance (performance in kind) and service companies providing one or more different services. Moreover, this standard is available to other organizations such as associations, universities, public authorities etc.

² The ZNU as the standard setter reserves the right to exclude individual branches (e.g. arms industry).

³ "Site specific" means that business operations are examined at the respective site. If a company or organization has several sites, branches or subsidiaries etc., certification procedures will cover either individual sites or the company in its entirety or in parts (cf. Z5 "Multi-site certification").