

# THE PLEDGE ON FOOD WASTE CERTIFICATION



## Reduce food waste, cut costs and boost your sustainability credentials.

Food waste is a global challenge, with approximately one-third of all food produced being wasted each year. This not only impacts businesses financially but also contributes significantly to environmental issues, such as greenhouse gas emissions and resource depletion. The PLEDGE™ on Food Waste is an innovative, third-party certification scheme designed to help food service providers – including restaurants, hotels, cafeterias and canteens – systematically measure, reduce and prevent food waste across their operations.

As an approved certification body for The PLEDGE on Food Waste, we offer independent third-party audits and certification services to help you achieve and demonstrate compliance with The PLEDGE criteria.

### What is The PLEDGE?

The PLEDGE on Food Waste is a practical framework that helps food service providers cut waste and boost sustainability. Built on 7 key pillars and 95 criteria, it covers every step of the food journey from purchasing to disposal, introducing clear SOPs to prevent waste. The PLEDGE supports operational efficiency, cost savings and strong environmental responsibility. Aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), it offers a clear path to measurable food waste reduction.

### Key benefits

The PLEDGE on Food Waste is not just another sustainability certification. It is a dedicated solution focused entirely on reducing food waste where it matters most. Here's why businesses choose The PLEDGE and how it delivers real value:

- Purpose-built for food waste
- Real cost savings
- Practical and actionable
- Strong operational efficiency
- Team and guest engagement
- Trusted, credible certification

### Why SGS?

With decades of experience in certification and sustainability services, we understand the unique challenges of the food industry. We bring:

- Global expertise: we operate across industries and geographies
- Credibility and trust: our certifications are internationally recognized, enhancing your organization's reputation among stakeholders
- Tailored support: our auditors provide practical insights and guidance to help you meet certification requirements efficiently
- Commitment to sustainability: we partner with you to make a real, lasting impact on your business and the environment

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