



# GUIDE TO INTERNATIONAL OCS PROGRAMS

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**The following document outlines the basic program elements for each Operation Clean Sweep® (OCS) program. OCS is an industry-led program that supports companies in their goal to achieve zero resin loss in operations.**

Established in 1991 by Plastics Industry Association (PLASTICS), OCS has been administered in partnership by PLASTICS and American Chemistry Council's (ACC) Plastics Division since 2004. International expansion of OCS began in 2010 and continues to expand today, with membership reaching more than 5,000 companies worldwide.

In total, there are more than 15 active OCS programs operating in more than 65 countries around the globe. Each program enables companies to commit to the core OCS Pledge and also brings unique qualities specific to their geographic and cultural contexts. The Guide to International OCS Programs is intended to provide

an overview of each individual OCS program and information on program requirements, eligibility criteria, and contact information to learn more about each.

To become an OCS member, contact the OCS program directly in the country or region that your organization has plastic resin handling operations. OCS resources are available from each International OCS Program in English. Some resources, such as the OCS Manual, are available in additional languages, including Spanish, Dutch, French, Italian, Polish, Turkish, Danish, and Portuguese. Programs with resources in languages other than English are outlined under each program's individual page.

### OCS Pledge

- 1. Commit to making zero plastic resin loss a priority and sign the OCS Pledge.**
- 2. Assess your company's situation and needs.**
- 3. Make necessary upgrades in facilities and equipment as appropriate.**
- 4. Raise employee awareness and create accountability.**
- 5. Follow up and enforce procedures, including routine inspections and continuous improvement.**



**CAMARA ARGENTINA DE LA INDUSTRIA PLASTICA**

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**Country of Operation:** Argentina

**License Holder & Year Established:** Cámara Argentina de Industria Plástica (CAIP);  
Established 2019

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**Minimum Program Requirements:** Sign and meet all requirements listed on the OCS Pledge. External inspections are voluntary unless the company requests certification through the Instituto Argentino de Normalización y Certificación (IRAM) Certification service of Argentina's OCS program, at which point inspections take place every six months.

**OCS Eligibility:** Trade association membership is not required. An organization must physically handle plastic resin to join; current participation across the supply chain is reflected in the table below.

**Supply Chain Participation:**

Material Suppliers	✓	Converters	✓
Transportation Partners	✓	Warehouses & Distributors	✓
Recyclers	✓	Other	

**Membership Dues:** None

**Languages:** OCS resources are available in Spanish.



**Country of Operation:** Australia

**License Holder & Year Established:** Chemistry Australia (Chemicals Industries Association of Australia) & Tangaroa Blue Foundation; Established 2015

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**Website:** [opcleansweep.org.au](http://opcleansweep.org.au)

**Minimum Program Requirements:** Sign and meet all requirements listed on the OCS Pledge. Conduct internal inspections on a 3–6-month cycle following OCS implementation.

**OCS Eligibility:** Trade association membership is not required. An organization must physically handle plastic resin to join; current participation across the supply chain is reflected in the table below.

**Supply Chain Participation:**

Material Suppliers	✓	Converters	✓
Transportation Partners	✓	Warehouses & Distributors	✓
Recyclers	✓	Other	

**Membership Dues:** None

**Languages:** OCS resources are available in English and customized to include Australian context.

**Additional Program Information:** OCS Australia continues to gain recognition as a method for environmental compliance by Australia's state and federal governments.



**Country of Operation:** Brazil

**License Holder & Year Established:** ABIPLAST (Associação Brasileira da Indústria do Plástico) and ABIQUIM (Associação Brasileira da Indústria Química); Established 2014 and 2024, respectively

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**Minimum Program Requirements:** Sign and meet all requirements listed on the OCS Pledge. All OCS members must report the following data twice per year:

- Total weight of resin loss before and after implementing the OCS program
- Number of employees trained
- Number of OCS-related advertisements and audience reached

**OCS Blue Program Requirements:** Mandatory external inspection program.

**OCS Eligibility:** Trade association membership is not required. An organization must physically handle plastic resin to join; current participation across the supply chain is reflected in the table below.

**Supply Chain Participation:**

Material Suppliers	✓	Converters	✓
Transportation Partners	✓	Warehouses & Distributors	✓
Recyclers	✓	Other	

**Membership Dues:** None

**Languages:** The OCS Manual is available in Portuguese.



**CHEMISTRY INDUSTRY  
ASSOCIATION OF CANADA**

**Country of Operation:** Canada

**License Holder & Year Established:** Chemistry Industry Association of Canada; Established 2020

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**Website:** [canadianchemistry.ca/operation-clean-sweep](http://canadianchemistry.ca/operation-clean-sweep)

**Minimum Program Requirements:** Sign and meet all requirements listed on the OCS Pledge. Members must report the following data quarterly:

- Number of unrecovered releases
- Total volume of unrecovered releases
- Internal site assessment checklist

**OCS Eligibility:** Trade association membership is required. An organization must physically handle plastic resin to join; current participation across the supply chain is reflected in the table below.

**Supply Chain Participation:**

Material Suppliers	✓	Converters	✓
Transportation Partners	✓	Warehouses & Distributors	✓
Recyclers	✓	Other	

**Membership Dues:** No specific OCS membership dues separate from association membership dues.

**Languages:** OCS resources are available in French.



**Country of Operation:** Chile

**License Holder & Year Established:** Plastic Industry Association of Chile (ASIPLA); Established 2022

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**Minimum Program Requirements:** Sign and meet all requirements listed on the OCS Pledge.

**OCS Eligibility:** Trade association membership is not required. An organization must physically handle plastic resin in Chile to join; current participation across the supply chain is reflected in the table below.

**Supply Chain Participation:**

Material Suppliers	✓	Converters	✓
Transportation Partners	✓	Warehouses & Distributors	✓
Recyclers	✓	Other	✓

**Membership Dues:** OCS membership dues are required for non-ASIPLA members.

**Languages:** OCS resources are available in Spanish.

**Additional Program Information:** OCS Chile launched a data reporting program and is considering an external inspection program in the future.



## Acoplásticos

**Country of Operation:** Colombia

**License Holder & Year Established:** Colombia Acoplásticos; Established 2016

**Contact:** [informacion@acoplasticos.org](mailto:informacion@acoplasticos.org)

**Website:** [acoplasticos.org](http://acoplasticos.org)

**Minimum Program Requirements:** Sign and meet all requirements listed on the OCS Pledge. Attending a workshop hosted by OCS Colombia is required before signing the pledge. All companies must submit the following data annually:

- Date of completion of the general inspection(s) by the senior management, with the main findings and the improvement actions (minimum one inspection per year).
- Material loss indicator(s) comparing the beginning of the program's implementation and each subsequent year.
  - Percentage of unrecovered resin releases to material handled
- In-house training information (minimum training once annually)
  - Date of completion of the in-house training(s)
  - Topics presented
  - Total number of participants
- List of procedures, instructions, checklists, and other documents created exclusively for the correct implementation of the program, or those modified documents in which sections on the program were added.

**OCS Eligibility:** Trade association membership is not required. An organization must physically handle plastic resin to join; current participation across the supply chain is reflected in the table below.

### Supply Chain Participation:

Material Suppliers	✓	Converters	✓
Transportation Partners		Warehouses & Distributors	
Recyclers		Other	

**Membership Dues:** None. However, non-Acoplásticos members must pay a fee for at least one or more employees to complete the mandatory OCS workshop.

**Languages:** OCS resources are available in Spanish.





## PLAST INDUSTRIEN

The Danish Plastics Federation

**Country of Operation:** Denmark

**License Holder & Year Established:** Danish Plastics Federation; Established 2013

**Contact:** pd@plast.dk

**Website:** <https://plast.dk/operation-clean-sweep/>

**Minimum Program Requirements:** Sign and meet all requirements listed on the OCS Pledge. External inspections are not required, but regular self-audits are encouraged.

**OCS Eligibility:** Trade association membership is not required. An organization must physically handle plastic resin to join; current participation across the supply chain is reflected in the table below.

**Supply Chain Participation:**

Material Suppliers		Converters	✓
Transportation Partners	✓	Warehouses & Distributors	
Recyclers	✓	Other	✓

**Membership Dues:** None

**Languages:** OCS Manual and OCS Europe Certification Scheme documents are available in Danish.

**Additional Program Information:** OCS Denmark maintains a platform for information exchange between members and distributes newsletters to enable knowledge sharing between members.



**Countries of Operation:** Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, Ukraine, Vatican City, England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales

**License Holder & Year Established:** Plastics Europe & European Plastics Converters; Established 2013

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**Website:** [opcleansweep.eu/](http://opcleansweep.eu/)

**Minimum Program Requirements:** Sign and meet all requirements listed on the OCS Pledge. There is a voluntary OCS Europe Certification Scheme that functions on a three-year cycle. There is a mandatory reporting program for companies that are obligated under the new European Regulations on resin loss.

**OCS Eligibility:** Trade association membership is not required. An organization must physically handle plastic resin to join; current participation across the supply chain is reflected in the table below.

#### Supply Chain Participation:

Material Suppliers	✓	Converters	✓
Transportation Partners	✓	Warehouses & Distributors	✓
Recyclers	✓	Other	

**Membership Dues:** None

**Languages:** OCS resources are available in Dutch, French, Spanish, Italian, and Polish.



**Country of Operation:** Ghana

**License Holder & Year Established:** Federation of Plastic Manufacturers, Recyclers, and Users;  
Established 2024

**Contact:** Daniel Yaw Mensah Tornyigah – dannygh2175@gmail.com

**Website:** N/A

**Minimum Program Requirements:** Sign and meet all requirements listed on the OCS Pledge.

**OCS Eligibility:** Trade association membership is not required. An organization must physically handle plastic resin to join; current participation across the supply chain is reflected in the table below.

**Supply Chain Participation:**

Material Suppliers		Converters	✓
Transportation Partners	✓	Warehouses & Distributors	✓
Recyclers	✓	Other	

**Membership Dues:** None

**Languages:** OCS resources are available in local languages.



**Countries of Operation:** Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates

**License Holder & Year Established:** Gulf Petrochemical & Chemical Association (GPCA);  
Established 2020

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**Minimum Program Requirements:** Sign and meet all requirements listed on the OCS Pledge. There is an external inspection program where re-certification is required on a three year cycle.

**OCS Eligibility:** Trade association membership is not required. An organization must physically handle plastic resin and be a part of one of the supply chain sectors listed under “Supply Chain Participation.”

#### Supply Chain Participation:

Material Suppliers	✓	Converters	✓
Transportation Partners	✓	Warehouses & Distributors	✓
Recyclers	✓	Other	

**Membership Dues:** None

**Additional Program Information:** OCS Gulf developed a plastic resin management program that includes a certification scheme for polymer producers, which will be expanded to other supply chain sectors as the organization grows. Monthly newsletters are distributed to association members to promote the OCS program. OCS is also promoted through social media channels, regular engagement with members through workshops, webinars, podcasts, and via sessions at the organization’s conferences.



**Country of Operation:** Malaysia

**License Holder & Year Established:** Malaysian Plastics Manufacturers Association (MPMA);  
Established 2023

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**Website:** [mpma.org.my/sustainability/operation-clean-sweep](https://mpma.org.my/sustainability/operation-clean-sweep)

**Minimum Program Requirements:** Sign and meet all requirements listed on the OCS Pledge. Companies must conduct internal inspections at their facilities prior to the implementation of the OCS program to identify gaps and propose corrective measures. Members are required to submit an annual report to provide OCS Malaysia with an update on OCS implementation and progress. OCS Malaysia may conduct site visits to observe the progress of OCS implementation.

**OCS Eligibility:** Trade association membership is not required. An organization must physically handle plastic resin to join; current participation across the supply chain is reflected in the table below.

**Supply Chain Participation:**

Material Suppliers	✓	Converters	✓
Transportation Partners	✓	Warehouses & Distributors	✓
Recyclers	✓	Other	

**Membership Dues:** None

**Additional Program Information:** OCS Malaysia is currently planning promotional activities to encourage program growth and is also working with upstream and larger companies to educate and encourage their supply chain to also adopt OCS. Members submit an annual report with an overview of their facility's OCS practices and accomplishments.



**Country of Operation:** Mexico

**License Holder & Year Established:** Asociacion Nacional de Industrias del Plastico A.C. (ANIPAC); Established 2011

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**Minimum Program Requirements:** Sign and meet all requirements listed on the OCS Pledge. Required annual data reporting using custom metrics based on a company's own objectives to obtain OCS Blue.

**OCS Blue Program Requirements:** Mandatory on-site, external inspection program via CIATEQ to verify successful implementation of OCS Blue management practices.

**OCS Eligibility:** Association membership is required. An organization must physically handle plastic resin to join; current participation across the supply chain is reflected in the table below.

**Supply Chain Participation:**

Material Suppliers	✓	Converters	✓
Transportation Partners	✓	Warehouses & Distributors	
Recyclers	✓	Other	

**Membership Dues:** No specific OCS membership dues separate from association membership dues.

**Languages:** The OCS manual is available in Spanish.



**Country of Operation:** New Zealand

**License Holder & Year Established:** Plastics New Zealand; Established 2015

**Contact:** [info@plastics.org.nz](mailto:info@plastics.org.nz)

**Website:** <https://operationcleansweep.org.nz/>

**Minimum Program Requirements:** Sign and meet all requirements listed on the OCS Pledge. External inspections are mandatory and are to be completed every 3 years.

**OCS Eligibility:** Association membership is not required, but non-association members may join the OCS program for a fee. An organization must physically handle plastic resin to join; current participation across the supply chain is reflected in the table below.

**Supply Chain Participation:**

Material Suppliers	✓	Converters	✓
Transportation Partners	✓	Warehouses & Distributors	✓
Recyclers	✓	Other	

**Membership Dues:** Dues are required for companies that are not members of the trade association.



**Country of Operation:** Poland

**License Holder & Year Established:** Polish Union of Plastics Converters (PUPC); Established 2018

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**Minimum Program Requirements:** Sign and meet all requirements listed on the OCS Pledge.

**OCS Eligibility:** Trade association membership is not required. An organization must physically handle plastic resin to join; current participation across the supply chain is reflected in the table below.

**Supply Chain Participation:**

Material Suppliers		Converters	✓
Transportation Partners	✓	Warehouses & Distributors	
Recyclers	✓	Other	

**Membership Dues:** None

**Languages:** OCS resources are available in Polish.

**Additional Program Information:** OCS Poland continues to grow participation through webinars and newsletters. Additionally, members may conduct voluntary inspections following the OCS Europe Certification Scheme.





**Country of Operation:** Portugal

**License Holder & Year Established:** Associação Portuguesa da Industria de Plasticos (APIP);  
Established 2019

**Contact:** geral@opcleansweep.pt

**Website:** [opcleansweep.pt/](http://opcleansweep.pt/)

**Minimum Program Requirements:** Sign and meet all requirements listed on the OCS Pledge. Voluntary third-party inspections available through the OCS Europe Certification Scheme. Members may be asked to provide proof of OCS implementation, including copies of training records, internal site assessment reports, and implementation procedures.

**OCS Eligibility:** Trade association membership is not required. An organization must physically handle plastic resin to join; current participation across the supply chain is reflected in the table below.

**Supply Chain Participation:**

Material Suppliers	✓	Converters	✓
Transportation Partners	✓	Warehouses & Distributors	✓
Recyclers	✓	Other	✓

**Membership Dues:** None

**Languages:** OCS resources are available in Portuguese.

**Additional Program Information:** Ongoing webinars and workshops are available throughout the year. An exclusive OCS Portugal newsletter with more information on the OCS program and activities is available to members.



**Country of Operation:** Singapore

**License Holder & Year Established:** Singapore Chemical Industry Council; Established 2019

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**Website:** [scic.sg/index.php/en/](http://scic.sg/index.php/en/)

**Minimum Program Requirements:** Sign and meet all requirements listed on the OCS Pledge.

**OCS Eligibility:** Trade association membership is not required. An organization must physically handle plastic resin to join; current participation across the supply chain is reflected in the table below.

**Supply Chain Participation:**

Material Suppliers	✓	Converters	
Transportation Partners	✓	Warehouses & Distributors	✓
Recyclers		Other	

**Membership Dues:** None



## Plastics | SA

**Country of Operation:** South Africa

**License Holder & Year Established:** Plastics South Africa; Established 2012

**Contact:** Douw Steyn - Douw.Steyn@plasticssa.co.za

**Website:** [plasticsinfo.co.za](http://plasticsinfo.co.za)

**Minimum Program Requirements:** Sign and meet all requirements listed on the OCS Pledge.

**OCS Eligibility:** Trade association membership is not required. An organization must physically handle plastic resin to join; current participation across the supply chain is reflected in the table below.

**Supply Chain Participation:**

Material Suppliers	✓	Converters	✓
Transportation Partners	✓	Warehouses & Distributors	
Recyclers	✓	Other	

**Membership Dues:** None

**Additional Program Information:** OCS support is provided by seven associations. Industrial design students collaborate with the program to craft equipment to support resin loss prevention, including drain traps.



**Country of Operation:** Spain

**License Holder & Year Established:** Asociación Española de Industriales de Plásticos (ANAIP);  
Established 2016

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**Minimum Program Requirements:** Sign and meet all requirements listed on the OCS Pledge. External, third-party inspections are optional, but align with the OCS Europe Certification Scheme. Mandatory data reporting of the following on an annual basis:

- Volume of plastic handled
- Estimate of plastic resin released

**OCS Eligibility:** Trade association membership is not required. An organization must physically handle plastic resin to join; current participation across the supply chain is reflected in the table below.

**Supply Chain Participation:**

Material Suppliers	✓	Converters	✓
Transportation Partners	✓	Warehouses & Distributors	✓
Recyclers	✓	Other	✓

**Membership Dues:** None

**Languages:** OCS resources are available in Spanish.

**Additional Program Information:** Additional OCS Spain participation includes ports and plastic testing centers.



**Country of Operation:** Türkiye

**License Holder & Year Established:** Turkish Plastics Industry Foundation (PAGEV); Established 2016

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**Website:** [operationcleansweep.com](http://operationcleansweep.com)

**Minimum Program Requirements:** Sign and meet all requirements listed on the OCS Pledge. Members must participate in external inspections on a 3-year cycle conducted by CERTILOOP.

**OCS Eligibility:** Trade association membership is not required. An organization must physically handle plastic resin to join; current participation across the supply chain is reflected in the table below.

**Supply Chain Participation:**

Material Suppliers	✓	Converters	✓
Transportation Partners	✓	Warehouses & Distributors	✓
Recyclers	✓	Other	✓

**Membership Dues:** None

**Languages:** OCS resources are available in Turkish.



**Country of Operation:** England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland

**License Holder & Year Established:** British Plastics Federation; Established 2010

**Contact:** [operationcleansweep@bpf.co.uk](mailto:operationcleansweep@bpf.co.uk)

**Website:** [operationcleansweep.co.uk](http://operationcleansweep.co.uk)

**Minimum Program Requirements:** Sign and meet all requirements listed on the OCS Pledge.

**OCS Eligibility:** Association membership is not required. An organization must physically handle plastic resin to join; current participation across the supply chain is reflected in the table below.

**Supply Chain Participation:**

Material Suppliers	✓	Converters	✓
Transportation Partners	✓	Warehouses & Distributors	✓
Recyclers	✓	Other	

**Membership Dues:** None

**Additional Program Information:** Launched an OCS training course in 2024; the course provides insights on implementing OCS and complying with PAS 510:2021.

# United States



Plastics Division



**Country of Operation:** United States

**Program Administrators & Year Established:** American Chemistry Council's Plastics Division & Plastics Industry Association; Established 1991; OCS Blue established 2017; OCS Logistics established 2024

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**Minimum Program Requirements:** Sign and meet all requirements listed on the OCS Pledge. All members in the U.S. must complete the quarterly data reporting requirement, which consists of the total number of unrecovered resin releases and total weight or volume of those releases within that quarter.

**OCS Blue Program Requirements:** All OCS Blue members must participate in the OCS Blue Verification Program. Verifications occur on a 3-year cycle with the first cycle complete at the end of 2025. A portion of a member's facilities are required to be verified each cycle based on the company's total number of facilities in the U.S. Please see the "[Guide to OCS Blue Verification](#)" for more information on the program and process.

**OCS Logistics Program Requirements:** All OCS Logistics members must participate in the OCS Logistics Verification program.\* Verifications occur on a 3-year cycle with the first full cycle beginning in 2026. All OCS Logistics members must complete one verification in 2025. Please see the "[Guide to OCS Logistics Verification](#)" for more information on program and process."

**OCS Eligibility:** Association membership not required. An organization must physically handle plastic resin and be a part of one of the supply chain sectors listed under "Supply Chain Participation."

\*OCS Rail members are currently exempt.

# United States (ctd.)



## Supply Chain Participation:

Material Suppliers	✓	Converters	✓
Transportation Partners	✓	Warehouses & Distributors	✓
Recyclers	✓	Other	

**Membership Dues:** Yes; please see the website for more information on [OCS member dues](#). Discounted member rates are available for most membership categories for companies that are members of either ACC's Plastics Division or PLASTICS.

**Languages:** OCS resources are available in English

**Additional Program Information:** In 2023, OCS published the 2030 Vision outlining the program's mission, core values, and 2030 Goals to accelerate efforts towards zero resin loss. The 2030 Vision outlined OCS's four strategic objectives: 1) strengthen program rigor and transparency, 2) create and share knowledge, 3) improve recognition and communication, and 4) expand scope.



# Glossary

**External inspection** – An inspection that is conducted by an audit service provider, consultant, or certification body.

**Facility** – One or more plastic resin handling operation within the same physical boundary that is operated or controlled by the same legal organization.

**Incident** – An occurrence arising out of the handling of plastic resin that has an impact on the environment.

**Internal inspection** – An inspection conducted by the member organization's employees and not an external entity.

**OCS Core Metrics** – OCS Core Metrics consist of the number and volume or weight of any unrecovered release of plastic pellets, flakes, powders[1], or granules, within the physical custody[2] of a member company, from containment to ground or water outside member-operated facilities' physical boundary[3] and estimated to be greater than 0.5 liters or 0.5 kilograms per incident.

[1] See Operation Clean Sweep Guidance Manual for provisions regarding plastic dust.

[2] "Physical custody" means holding the property under physical (visible) possession.

[3] "Physical boundary" - Limit point where land owned/controlled by the person/organization is legally recognized, including point where surface water drains and sewers discharge into the public sewer or controlled waters.

**OCS Member** – An organization that handles plastic resin in a pre-production form that has formally joined an active OCS Program.

**OCS Parent Program** – The OCS program that is operated by ACC's Plastics Division and PLASTICS, which is the licensor for all international OCS Programs.

**OCS Supporter** – An organization that does not physically handle plastic resin, such as a trade association or equipment provider, but would like to support the growth of the OCS program and the goal of zero resin loss.

**Plastic resin** – A solid material which contains as an essential ingredient one or more high-molecular mass polymers and which is formed (shaped) during either manufacture of the polymer or the fabrication into a finished product by heat and/or pressure.

**Plastic resin handling operation** – An operation that handles at least one ton or 2,000 pounds of pre-production plastic resin per year and manufactures, transports, warehouses, distributes, repackages, processes, and/or converts plastic resin.

**Plastic resin handling procedures** – Procedures implemented within an OCS member facility that may include checklists for loading or unloading material, spill response, preparations for extreme weather events, and other practices focused on plastic handling activities to prevent plastic loss.

**Preproduction Plastic** – Plastic resin (meeting the above definition) in the form of pellets, flakes, granules, or powder that has not been formed into a final product.

**Release** – Material that is lost to the environment and is unrecoverable.

**Spill** – Material that may be contained or recoverable, such as spilling plastic pellets on a production floor that can be swept up.