



B Lab Statement on Agua Sparkling SA's B Corp Certification

B Lab's independent Standards Advisory Council has rendered the following decision and guidance regarding eligibility for B Corp Certification for bottled water companies:

"Bottled water companies are eligible for B Corp Certification with additional review by the Standards Advisory Council and, at minimum, incremental disclosure on their public B Corp profile regarding material sensitive issues in the industry."

Agua Sparkling SA is required to disclose a summary of its practices in the areas of Water Access, Sustainable Usage, and Waste Management as a part of its B Corp Certification. For more information on the review process, please refer to B Lab's statement on the bottled water industry and B Corp Certification [here](#).

Summary of Company

Agua Sparkling S.A. is an Argentine company that provides bottled water and hydration solutions for homes, offices, and industries, offering services like home delivery of 20L and 12L large bottles (dispensers), water purifiers, and sparkling/still water in cans.

The company specializes in bottling water in returnable bottles for refilling. In its last fiscal year, the company earned 83% of its annual revenue from the sale of water, under its sole brand name "Sparkling Premium Water". While its core business model is based on reusable large-format containers, the company also occasionally bottles 6-liter PET containers on an irregular basis. These represented approximately 0.01% of total sales in 2024.

Agua Sparkling SA's Industry Practices

Water Access

Agua Sparkling SA does not directly extract water from natural sources. The water used in its operations is supplied through the public mains network by [Agua y Saneamientos Argentinos S.A.](#) (AySA S.A.). AySA S.A. is an Argentine state-owned company, with 90% of its share capital held by the National Government and 10% held by private shareholders. The company pays AySA SA a bimonthly fee based on the volume of consumption.

The following agency plays a role in regulating access to water: AySA SA (Agua y Saneamientos Argentinos - Environmental Inspections of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires and the Nation).



Agua Sparkling SA has reported they are not engaged in any lobbying or policy advocacy for cheaper water prices nor easier water access. The company also reported there are no stakeholder concerns regarding its water access that remain unresolved.

Sustainable Usage

The water used by Agua Sparkling SA for its products is supplied by AySA SA and comes from surface water sources, specifically the Río de la Plata. AySA SA is responsible for checking the water meters every two months, detailing Agua Sparkling SA's consumption.

The company has ISO 14001-2015 certification.

The following agencies play a role in regulating the company's water extraction practices: [AySA SA](#) and [la Subsecretaría de Ambiente de la Nación](#).

Waste Management

Agua Sparkling S.A. does not use recycled PET (rPET), as its primary packaging consists of returnable 20L and 12L containers. These containers are made of LEXAN PK2870 polycarbonate and are designed for multiple reuse cycles through a collection, sanitation, and refilling system.

The company also commercializes water in aluminum cans as part of its portfolio.

In addition, the company also bottles 6-liter containers on an irregular basis, which represented 0.01% of total sales in FY2024. These containers are made of PET, not rPET at this time.

B Lab's Public Complaints Process

Any party may submit a complaint about a current B Corp through [B Lab's Public Complaint Process](#). Grounds for complaint include:

1. Intentional misrepresentation of practices, policies, and/or claimed outcomes during the [certification process](#), or
2. Breach of the core values articulated in our [Declaration of Interdependence](#) within the B Corp Community.