



B Lab Statement on Aguas Santa Amalia'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."

Aguas Santa Amalia is required to disclose a summary of its practices in the areas of Sustainable Usage, Water Access, and Waste 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](#).

Aguas Santa Amalia's Industry Practices

Sustainable Usage

Aguas Santa Amalia bottles water from a single water source, which is a natural discharge spring. The permitted water usage rates of the spring are regulated by the General Directorate of Water (DGA), a state agency under the Ministry of Public Works that is responsible for managing, verifying and disseminating the country's water information, specifically regarding its quantity and quality, and to control its use.

In accordance with DGA's regulation of the water source, Aguas Santa Amalia has rights to utilize 2 liters/second of the spring's natural discharge for bottling purposes. The company monitors its water usage on an ongoing basis, and it utilizes less than 0.6% of the permitted 2 liters/second.

Water Access

Aguas Santa Amalia does not currently pay any volume-based fees for its water use. Aguas Santa Amalia's permitted water usage of 2 liters/second was allocated to the company from the water rights owner as a capital contribution into the company. The water rights owner is permitted by DGA to utilize up to 33 liters/second of the spring, which is used for primarily agricultural use. The water source also supplies water for residential use in the local community.

The company has reported no stakeholder concerns raised regarding the company's water access, and they are not engaged in any lobbying or policy advocacy activities.

In accordance with B Lab's statement on the bottled water industry, as a bottled water company that does not pay a volume-based fee Aguas Santa Amalia is required to make efforts towards collective action and/or engagement with stakeholders, focused on improving water quality, access, and/or availability in the watershed of the company. Historically, the company has



informally donated bottled water to the local community from its backstock in instances when the water source is rendered inoperative by severe weather events. Upon the company's recertification in 2025, the company will be required to demonstrate the implementation of collective action and/or engagement activities with local stakeholders, which can include the formalization of its donations policy in addition to ongoing collective action efforts.

Waste

Approximately 80% of Aguas Santa Amalia's sales are glass bottles that contain 35% recycled glass content, and the remainder of sales are made with standard PET bottles. The company's glass bottle supplier utilizes a majority low-impact renewable energy in its production.