

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We, the undersigned Voluntary Schemes would like to clarify the following:

Recognition under RED II:

- In a letter dated 10th July 2021, the European Commission has informed Member States that some voluntary schemes have successfully passed the preliminary assessment for the formal recognition under RED II (i.e. are technically compliant with RED II). The following schemes are considered at this stage as having closed the outstanding issues in their preliminary assessment reports: 2BSvs, Better Biomass, Bonsucro EU, ISCC EU, KZR INiG, REDcert-EU, Red Tractor, RSB EU RED, RTRS EU RED, SQC, TASCC, UFAS, SURE.

Application of RED II:

- The European Commission has requested the Voluntary Schemes to apply the RED II rules as of 1st July 2021 (the transposition date of RED II) even if they are not officially recognised at that date. These technically compliant schemes ensure continuity of activities between RED I and RED II; this continuity applies to all certified material transactions demonstrating compliance with the sustainability and GHG emissions savings criteria of the RED II.

Mutual recognition between Voluntary Schemes

- The undersigned Voluntary Schemes confirm mutual recognition of Certificates and Sustainability Declarations or Proofs of Sustainability issued by the above mentioned Voluntary Schemes which are technically compliant with the RED II.

Expected time frame:

- The undersigned Voluntary Schemes have urged the European Commission to officially recognise the Voluntary Schemes without any further delay. The European Commission confirmed that the recognition of Voluntary Schemes under the RED II is expected to happen in short term.

We hope that this statement may answer some of the questions raised on the market.

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