

Info-Mail from 18th of December 2023

Dear Sir or Madam,

the Commission informed us that it has modified the start date for the Union Database (UDB) as follows:

The Union Database application will be available to all successfully registered economic operators for transactions registration in the liquid fuels supply chain as from 15th January 2024.

- Regarding the official start date of the UDB and following several requests from the stakeholders, we have decided to **open the application on the 15th of January 2024** to allow for a smoother start and better support to the economic operators.
- Initial stocks registration will be possible for the date of 1st January 2024 i.e. the stocks held as of beginning of 2024 by the certified Economic Operators. This feature will be available throughout the year 2024 for those Economic operators who may be onboarded in later part of 2024 to book the consignments as of 1st January 2024 provided they are certified as of this date. Economic operators should ensure that the amounts registered can be evidenced to the auditor during the audit.
- Transactions can be registered retroactively from 1st January 2024 based on the initial stocks or transactions received from suppliers after 1st January 2024.

Furthermore, we would like to draw the attention of group managers, first gathering points and collectors to the following information:

Due to the scope of the UDB, the whole chain of custody or supply chain up to the end product must be covered. Therefore, group managers, first gathering points and collectors are obliged to indicate their supplying companies, farms or waste producers originating companies in the UDB as the sourcing contact of raw materials. For this purpose, there will be a corresponding Excel file for the "bulk upload sourcing contact template", which should make the process easier. In the Excel file, all farms or waste producers are to be listed one below the other. The column headings marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory fields as specified by the UDB.

To help you preparing for the UDB, we have attached the Excel-file for **your information and subject to change** (see attachment). You will also find an example which you can use as a guide. Please note, that changes may still be pending on the part of the European Commission.

We will keep you informed.

If you have any questions about the UDB, please send an e-mail to udb@redcert.de. Thank you very much!