

SURE (Sustainable Resources Verification Scheme)

Certification system for demonstrating compliance with the EU Directive on the promotion of energy from renewable sources (EU)2018/2001 REDII and EU 2023/2413 REDIII



MOTIVATION AND BENEFITS

SURE (Sustainable Resources Verification Scheme) is an EU-wide recognized certification scheme for economic operators in the biomass and biogas market and offers a number of advantages:

- You can demonstrate compliance with the EU Directive RED II (2018/2001) and the requirements for your company as an economic operator in a legally secure and transparent manner.
- SURE certification provides your organization with access to the EU electricity and heating markets.
- Assert your company's eligibility for various subsidies, such as the European Emissions Trading System (ETS), through SURE certification.
- Gain more transparency through independent audits in your company and the upstream supply chain and better identify opportunities for improvement.
- A SURE certification can help you drive the green transformation and implement the goals of the EU Green Deal by promoting sustainable practices in your company and demonstrating compliance with environmentally friendly standards.

OBJECTIVES

Climate change, which is caused by greenhouse gas emissions from industrialization and unsustainable land use, has a significant impact on political and economic decisions. To counteract this, the EU has introduced regulations on the sustainable use of biomass with Directive 2009/28/EC and its new version RED II. These directives aim to promote the use of renewable energies and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The SURE system is a voluntary certification system recognized by the European Commission and national authorities. It was developed by Bioenergy Europe and REDcert to ensure the sustainable production and use of bioenergy.

TARGET GROUP

Companies, organizations and economic operators as producers, interfaces or production companies in the fields of biomass, biogas and renewable raw materials.

- Sawmills and planing mills
- Wood processing industry
- Wood and fuel trade
- Paper industry
- Pelletizer
- Energy suppliers
- Agricultural businesses
- Forestry companies
- Waste and disposal companies managed forests





CRITERIA

The following criteria are checked for certification in accordance with SURE/ RED II and RED III:

- General and organizational requirements
- Documents and records
- Inspection and control
- Complaint management
- Outsourced processes
- Acceptance and classification of incoming material
- Mass balancing and GHG accountability
- Due diligence regulations
- Risk assessment process
- Control methods of the monitored supply chain
- Information on outgoing material

ACCREDITATION

Quality Austria Certification GmbH has been appointed for certification according to SURE by letter dated November 2023. Quality Austria is supervised by the national authorities BfW and UBA and is accredited according to the standards ISO 14065 and ISO 17029. These accompanying standards are decisive for future accreditation as a certifier. SURE certification is recognized per se as a standard by the European Union.

OTHER RELEVANT STANDARDS

ISO 38200, ISO 14001, EMAS, ISO 50001, ISO14065; ISO 9001 is an advantage for the design of processes.

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