

**RSB – Proactive Guidance**  
**Certification of Traders and Other Intermediaries**  
**Specific Conditions and Requirements**  
**Approved for Certification by the Board of Directors (May 19, 2014)**  
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Opportunities exist for the RSB to certify traders and other intermediaries, handling and forwarding RSB-certified materials. The following conditions were agreed upon by the RSB Board of Directors on May 19, 2014:

- This proactive guidance applies to traders, transporters and storage units, whose scope of certification does not include any operation involving the production, processing or transformation of biomass or any of its derivatives.
- Compliance is required with the following standards and procedures:
  - RSB Standard for Participating Operators (RSB-STD-30-001), with the following exceptions:
    - Operators are not required to conduct a *self-risk assessment*;
    - Operators are not required to conduct and maintain a *self-evaluation* against the RSB Principles & Criteria.
  - RSB Chain-of-Custody Standards/Procedures (RSB-STD-20 / RSB-PRO-20)
  - RSB Standard / Procedure on Communication and Claims (RSB-STD-50-001 / RSB-PRO-50-001)
- The frequency of audits and the surveillance process by Certification Bodies correspond to the conditions applied to an operator carrying a “medium” risk class (or a risk class 3).
- The evaluation by the audit team does not need to include the consultation of social, environmental and economic stakeholders directly affected by the operations (Section 3.4.1 of *Requirements for evaluation and reporting of participating operators* – RSB-STD-70-003 / RSB-STD-11-001-70-003).