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**RSB Guidance for
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on**

“Mutual recognition in the context of waste / residues derived biofuels under the EU RED”

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1. Objective

The objective of this RSB guidance document is to provide detailed information about the benchmarking and recognition process for waste and residues derived biofuels under the EU RED as referred to in RSB-STD-11-001-01-010 clause H.1.2.5.

2. Background

RSB-STD-11-001-01-010 clause H.1.2.5 states:

“If material that is consisting of or derived from waste or residues has been certified under a voluntary system other than the RSB, the operator shall only accept this material as “EU RED compliant” if the requirements and the assurance system of this voluntary system has been benchmarked as equivalent to the RSB and the voluntary system has been recognized by the RSB.”

3. Benchmarking process

Any voluntary system recognized by the EU Commission under the EU RED (VS) may apply for mutual recognition in line with clause H.1.2.5. at the RSB Secretariat. The RSB Secretariat decides on the acceptance of the application and the timelines for the process. For the application, the VS shall conduct a self-assessment based on the benchmarking criteria (see 4) and provide detailed information and reference documents how it complies with these criteria. The RSB Secretariat will review the self-assessment and conclude if the applicant voluntary system does fulfill the criteria.

4. Benchmarking criteria

The following criteria will be applied for the benchmarking process, subject to revision:

Category	Requirement
Auditing	The VS ensures that independent first collectors are audited individually on-site
	The VS ensures that operators that are suspended by another VS cannot be certified during the suspension period
	The VS requires that CBs evaluate the certification history of the system user (e.g. withdrawn or suspended certificates)
	The VS requires annual audits
	The VS requires that mandatory audit procedures (checklists) are used by the auditor
	The VS ensures that points of origins commit to ensure traceability and access to their site(s)
	The VS ensures that dependent first collectors are

	audited on-site (risk-based sample)
	The VS ensures that points of origin providing more than 10 metric tons per month are audited on-site (risk-based sample)
	Sample size for risk-based audits shall be at least the square root
Classification of waste / residue materials	The VS has implemented the definitions of waste and residues from the EU RED
	A positive list of materials is available
	A process and specific criteria to distinguish between co-products and processing residues have been implemented
	The VS requires a statement on delivery notes if the material qualifies as waste/residue and if compliance with the RED sustainability criteria has been verified
Transparency	The VS publishes information about the status of certificates (valid, invalid) as well as further information on suspended operators (i.e. period of suspension)
Assurance oversight	The VS ensures that regular witness and compliance audits are conducted to assess the performance of the CBs and the auditors
	The VS reviews regularly the effectiveness of the assurance system (e.g. by reviewing certification documents (samples) or accompanying witness or compliance audits)
Chain of Custody	The VS ensures a three-month mass balance period
	The VS ensures that all supply chain elements are audited or covered by the certification scope
	The VS ensures that certificates state the version of the certification standard, including the statement if it is the EU RED version or global version, and that operators use correct claims (EU RED or Global)

5. Recognition process

The benchmarking results will be shared with a group of relevant stakeholders for comments. The final decision will be taken by the RSB Board of Directors.

Annex: VS that are recognized by RSB

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