



Reactive Guidance

Forwarding RSB compliant material within and outside the scope of certification

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1. Forwarding material outside the scope of certification

RSB trademarks on documentation associated with RSB (EU RED) certified biomass and biofuels ('on-product claims') may only be used if the conditions of the RSB Procedure on Communication and Claims (RSB-PRO-11-001-50-001 / RSB-PRO-50-001) are fulfilled which include inter alia:

- a. The participating operator possesses a valid certificate of conformity issued by a RSB compliant certification body (F2.1.2, RSB-PRO-11-001-50-001 / RSB-PRO-50-001).
- b. The final products in the participating operator's scope of certification are derived in whole or in part from RSB (EU RED)-compliant biomass (F2.1.4., RSB-PRO-11-001-50-001/ RSB-PRO-50-001).

2. Forwarding material within the scope of certification

In order to ensure that F.2.1.4, RSB-PRO-11-001-50-001/ RSB-PRO-50-001 is met, the Participating Operator has to put in place a robust and transparent chain of custody system that provides traceability for RSB compliant material delivered to other operators in the supply chain.

The traceability system shall be established in line with the RSB Chain of Custody Standard (RSB-STD-11-001-20-001 / RSB-STD-20-001), which means, inter alia

- a. to keep a list of production areas/plots of land, storage and processing sites in the scope of certification, and
- b. to ensure that sufficient details to identify the material are included in the product information attached to every batch that is handled. Participating operators that include biomass production in the scope of certification therefore need to ensure the traceability of harvested material to a specific plot of land, and
- c. to document RSB compliant material separately.

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3. Biomass that had been forwarded and/or stored within the scope of certification prior to the issuance of the certificate:

The operator may record material as RSB compliant if the following is fulfilled in addition to the above:

- a. The biomass was harvested either in the calendar year of the certification or the calendar year previous to the year of the certification, and
- b. The biomass has been stored and/or forwarded only within the scope of certification, and
- c. The participating operator can demonstrate that all requirements of the applicable RSB standards were fulfilled at the time of the harvest, and
- d. The farm where the biomass was harvested is part of the certification scope.



4. Intermediate products that had been forwarded and/or stored within the scope of certification prior to the issuance of the certificate:

The operator may record material as RSB compliant if the following is fulfilled in addition to the above:

- a. The feedstock was from an RSB certified source and produced using the RSB certification requirements, with a legitimate PoS attached to the batch, and;
- b. The intermediate product was produced in the previous 12 months before the certification being granted, and;
- c. The intermediate product has been stored and/or forwarded previously only within the scope of certification, and;
- d. The participating operator can demonstrate that all requirements of the applicable RSB standards were fulfilled at the time of production and forwarding, and;
- e. The facility where the intermediate product was produced is part of an RSB certification scope.

5. Final products that had been processed and/or stored within the scope of certification prior to the issuance of the certificate:

The operator may record material as RSB compliant if the following is fulfilled in addition to the above:

- a. The feedstock or intermediate product was from an RSB certified source and produced using the RSB certification requirements, with a legitimate PoS attached to the batch, and;
- b. The intermediate product was produced in the previous 12 months before the certification being granted, and;
- c. The intermediate product has been stored and/or forwarded previously only within the scope of certification, and;
- d. The participating operator can demonstrate that all requirements of the applicable RSB standards were fulfilled at the time of intermediate material production and forwarding, and;
- e. The facility where the intermediate product was produced is part of an RSB certification scope;
- f. A successful virtual pre-audit occurs with the main audit auditor, this shall take into account the following:
 - i. Any risk areas of the site which might impact the main audit (mass balance accounting system, GHG accounting, sustainability etc).
 - ii. Completion of the RSB self-assessment, risk assessment and screening tool.
 - iii. Ensure that the evidence for compliance is available (mass balance accounting system, GHG accounting etc).
 - iv. The processes being used are acceptable under the RSB Global System.
- g. The final product shall then be stored and cannot be sold to a third party until the RSB certificate has been issued to their scope.