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Sustainability certification according to Art. 30 of Directive 2018/2001 (RED II)

Recognition of voluntary schemes



Dear Sir or Madam,

Economic operators have to demonstrate compliance with the greenhouse gas emission savings criteria for RFNBOs stipulated in article 27 RED II and its delegated regulations (EU) 2023/1184 and 2023/1185.

The European Commission (EC) has already received applications and issued positive technical assessments for some voluntary schemes (see https://energy.ec.europa.eu/topics/renewable-energy/bioenergy/voluntary-schemes_en). Recognitions of the first voluntary schemes will be issued by the EC soon.

As a result, there is a transition period without a formally recognized voluntary schemes under article 30(4) of RED II.

According to EU law, the formal recognition of the voluntary schemes, however, is not a basic requirement for certification. The German Environment Agency (UBA) in accordance with the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV) does not see major risks with regards to the quality of certification services which passed the technical assessment successfully.

UBA will recognize evidence of voluntary schemes not yet formally recognized by the EC in cases where

- ▶ an application for recognition has been submitted to the Commission,
- ▶ the application has not yet been legally rejected,
- ▶ there is no indication that the application will be rejected and
- ▶ the EC has issued a positive technical assessment of the system criteria of voluntary scheme (see https://energy.ec.europa.eu/topics/renewable-energy/bioenergy/voluntary-schemes_en)

On this basis, UBA will examine the possibility for provisional recognition of certification bodies as part of individual case reviews.

Corresponding application can be submitted via e- mail: Antrag-37BlmSchV@uba.de from 2 December 2024 using the application forms which can be obtained by sending an enquiry to the same e-mail address.

With best regards

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