



Renewable Energy Directive

Background

RED, the EU'S Renewable Energy Directive, came into force in June 2009.

AIC has been working with the European Commission to ensure that the Directive is implemented as easily as possible without disproportionate cost to the industry. As a result, AIC has launched a new RED Appendix within TASCC and UFAS which meets the current RED requirement.


How does it work?

The RED Appendix has been accepted by the EU and can be audited alongside TASCC (AIC's Trade Assurance Scheme for Combinable Crops) or UFAS (Universal Feed Assurance Scheme). It is based on a mass balance system and all records need to be maintained. A participant's certification status in relation to RED will be shown on the AIC Assurance Checker. Please check your customer requirements before applying to the scheme.

How does assurance fit in?

Farm assurance schemes, such as Red Tractor and SQC, as well as trade schemes such as TASCC and UFAS have gained approval from the Commission as voluntary schemes under RED. This allows them to be used as the mechanism for auditing sustainability and providing the simplest, most cost-effective solution for farmers and merchants alike.





What is RED?

RED sets a binding target of 20% final energy consumption from renewable sources by 2020.

To achieve this, EU countries have committed to their own national renewables targets. These range from 10% in Malta to 49% in Sweden, with the UK committing to achieve 15% of its energy demands from renewable sources by 2020. Each country is also required to have at least 10% of their transport fuels from renewable sources by 2020.

All EU countries have adopted national renewable energy action plans showing the intended actions that will be taken to meet their renewables targets. Plans include sector targets for electricity, heating and cooling, and transport; planned policy measures; the different mix of renewable technologies which they expect to employ; and the planned use of cooperation mechanisms.

Benefits of the RED/TASCC/UFAS linkage

- Joint audits with TASCC and UFAS – resulting in overall cheaper audit costs.
- Maintain legal obligation to RED – through annual audits.
- Customer acceptance – recognition throughout Europe.
- Certification status on the AIC Assurance checker – updated daily and changes sent as a free email alert.
- Use of AIC RED template documents – free to download for AIC Trade Assurance participants.

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