



Biomass Suppliers List

What are the land criteria requirements?

The land criteria requirements are a set of sustainability requirements laid out for the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI). For the Biomass Suppliers List (BSL), they are sustainable forest management measures for woodfuel.

How much of the fuel has to be legally sourced? And what does this mean?

- 100% of the BSL registered woodfuel must be legally sourced.
- This means the wood must be harvested in accordance with the applicable legislation in the country of harvest.

How much of the fuel has to be sustainably sourced?

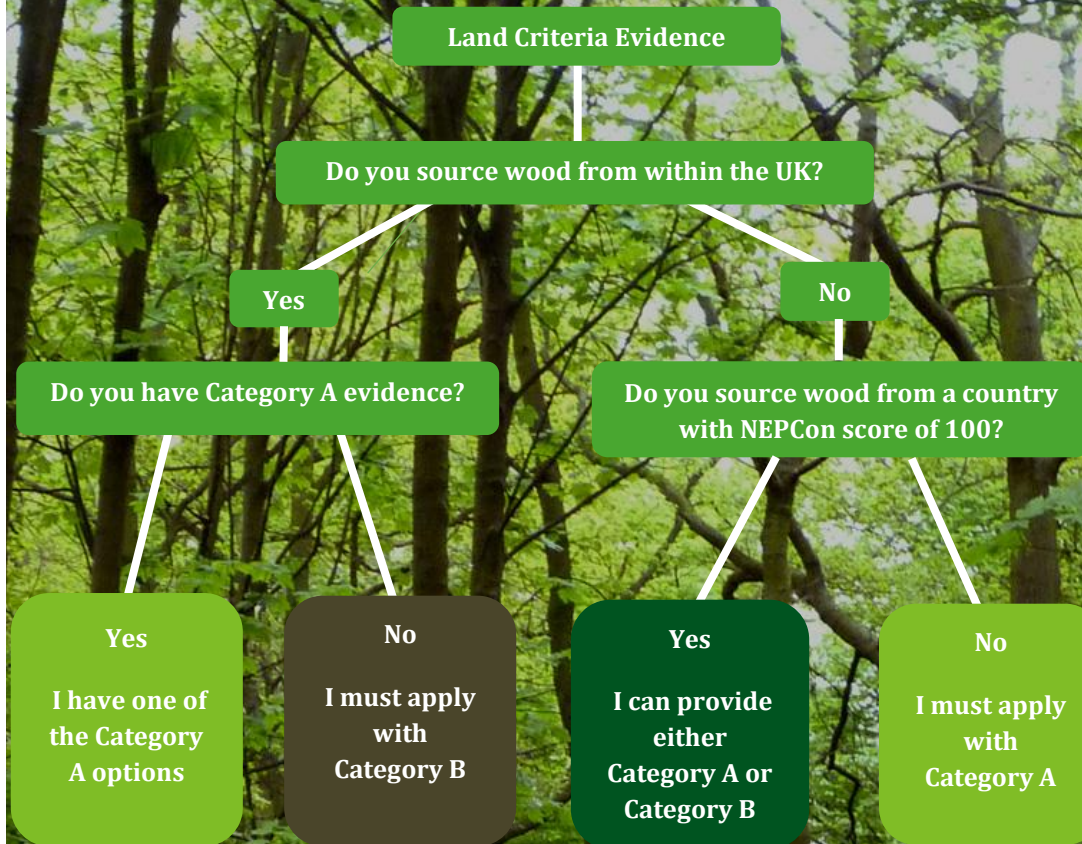
- A minimum 70% of the BSL registered woodfuel must be sustainably sourced.

Does a Trader have to register on the BSL if their Producer is authorised? A Trader purchases and fuel sells it to a third party (either BSL Registered Traders or RHI participants)

- Yes, the Trader must register to demonstrate they are handling and transporting the fuel correctly and with the relevant applicable permits. If a Trader is sourcing all of their fuel from a BSL authorised Producer, it is the responsibility of the Producer to comply with the land criteria and not that of the Trader.

Does land criteria apply if I source waste wood or I am a Self-Supplier? A Self-Supplier does not purchase raw material for fuel but supply their own fuel to their boiler.

- No, those who source waste wood or are registered as a Self-Supplier are exempt.



Category A:

One of the following

Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)

Sustainable Biomass Program (SBP) Certification

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)

Category B: (UK Only)

One of the following

Felling Licence AND UK Forestry Standard Compliant Management Plans

UK Risk Based Regional Assessment (RBRA)

Category B: (Overseas)

Bespoke Risk Based Regional Assessment (RBRA)

Who is affected by the land criteria requirements?

- Traders** – purchases fuel and sells this to a third party (either BSL Registered Traders or RHI participants).
- Producers** – processes woody biomass into a fuel and sells this onto a Trader only.
- Producer-Traders** – converts a raw material into fuel and can either sell or use themselves.

These suppliers affected, are responsible for virgin and/or waste virgin blend fuels, not waste fuels.

What do I need to do if I source wood from outside the UK?

- If you are sourcing wood from outside the UK from a country with a [NEPCon Timber Risk Score of 100](#), you can either provide Category A (PEFC/SBP/FSC) or Category B (a Bespoke RBRA).
- If you are sourcing wood from a country with a [NEPCon Timber Risk Score of less than 100](#), you can only provide Category A (PEFC/SBP/FSC). You cannot provide Category B (a Bespoke RBRA).

Can I use Category A evidence (PEFC or FSC Certification) that is not in my name?

- No, all Category A evidence must be in the name of the applicant; if it is not, then Category B evidence must be provided.

Where can I find more information about land criteria and the BSL?

- Information can be found on the BSL website (<https://biomass-suppliers-list.service.gov.uk/>) where further guidance documents are available to download.
- You can email the BSL Administrator at bslhelpdesk@gemserv.com