



# Biomass Suppliers List

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## Supplier Fuel Quality Regulations FAQs

Issue 1.0

This FAQ document is intended to answer questions for suppliers currently registered on the BSL associated with the new fuel quality regulations published on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and which come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

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## 1. Background and Fuel Quality Policy

### 1.1 What does the new fuel quality policy require me to do and by when?

The legislation relating to the Domestic and Non Domestic RHI was amended in January 2021<sup>1</sup>. It means that from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022:

- All BSL registered fuels must be certified by a recognised certification scheme<sup>2</sup> to specified fuel quality standards.
- All pellets must be certified ENplus<sup>®</sup> A1 standard
- All other woodfuel must be certified by the Woodsure Certification Scheme

In late March the BSL will contact you to ask you to update your BSL numbers stating which fuels are certified with which certification scheme. Those that are not certified on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 will be removed.

### 1.2 What happens if I don't join a fuel quality certification scheme by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022?

If you do not join a fuel quality certification scheme and do not update your details on the BSL portal, your BSL numbers will be removed. You will be warned that this is about to happen before final removal.

### 1.3 Are there any alternative fuel quality schemes I can join?

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<sup>1</sup> Schedule 4 A of the RHI regulation can be found here

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2021/76/regulation/39/made>

<sup>2</sup> The schemes that have been recognised in the legislation are ENplus for pellets and Woodsure Certification Scheme. The legislation allows for equivalent schemes to be approved but this must be assessed by an independent organisation appointed by BEIS.

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If you are ISO9000 certified and the fuel quality is specified in your scope, we can assess this as an equivalent scheme. There are no other schemes mentioned in the legislation and any other schemes will have to be assessed by an independent 3<sup>rd</sup> party which BEIS will appoint.

#### **1.4 I supply fuel to my own boiler and don't sell the fuel, do I still need to join a scheme?**

Yes – depending on your fuel: for pellets see sections 2 and 3, for other fuels see section 4 below for more information.

#### **1.5 I supply fuel to my own boiler but my RHI payments have ended, do I still need to keep my BSL number?**

If your RHI payments have ceased, you are no longer obliged to remain on the BSL, email [bslhelpdesk@woodsure.co.uk](mailto:bslhelpdesk@woodsure.co.uk) to be removed from the scheme with the BSL number that you wish to remove. This must come from the master user's email address. (This cannot be processed on the phone)



## **2. I am ENplus® certified, what do I need to do?**

### **2.1 I supply bulk pellets and am ENplus® certified, what should I do?**

Check if all your BSL depots and BSL listed pellets are covered by your ENplus® certification. Inform the Certification Body you are registered with of any changes that need to be made. (If you are certified ENplus® in the UK then you should email [mstafford@pelletcouncil.org.uk](mailto:mstafford@pelletcouncil.org.uk) ). The scope of your ENplus® audit will then be adjusted to incorporate the pellets you are selling. In late March, BSL will contact you again to update your BSL numbers stating which fuels are certified with ENplus®. Those that are not marked as ENplus® on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 will be removed.

### **2.2 I supply bagged pellets and am ENplus® certified, what should I do?**

Check that all your BSL numbers relating to your pellets are relating to the ENplus® certified pellets. If you are unsure whether the bags you are trading are included in your certification check if they are shown on the ENplus® website <https://ENplus-pellets.eu/en-in> and search for the ENplus® ID for the bags you have listed on the bsl website.

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### 3. I sell pellets and am not ENplus® certified

#### 3.1 I sell bagged ENplus® pellets?

As long as the bags are sealed and there is the ENplus® ID on the bag and the design is shown on the ENplus® website, then the pellets are covered by the ENplus® certification scheme. You will need to demonstrate to the BSL that you have checked the following:

- The bag design is on the ENplus® website
- Confirm with the BSL the ENplus® ID number associated with each of the BSL fuels listed
- You agree to the storage and handling guidelines e.g. ripped or open bags are not sold with a bsl number, bags are not stored outside prior to delivery to the end user, etc. This will be part of the updates you will need to apply to your fuels on the bsl portal. This update bsl link will be provided in late March 2022.

#### 3.2 I bag and sell ENplus® pellets?

Unless you are ENplus® certified the fuel is not ENplus® certified. You need to apply to get your bagging line certified.

Contact: [mstafford@pelletcouncil.org.uk](mailto:mstafford@pelletcouncil.org.uk) to begin the application process. Your ENplus® certificate will be the evidence required for your BSL listed fuels and must include all the pellets that you bag.

#### 3.3 I sell ENplus® pellets in bulk (blown, tipped, etc) from my own store or using my own vehicles. What should I do?

Unless you are an ENplus® certified company, the ENplus® scheme does not cover the pellets that you handle.

Contact [mstafford@pelletcouncil.org.uk](mailto:mstafford@pelletcouncil.org.uk) to apply for ENplus® certification for your fuels to remain listed on the BSL from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

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### 3.4 I sell ENplus® pellets in bulk (blown, tipped, etc) but I do not handle the pellets myself (known as a paper trader). What should I do?

There are a few different routes available to you:

- If you use one certified ENplus® company to fulfil your deliveries, you should obtain ENplus® sublicence agreement with that company. This sublicence agreement must be submitted to the UK Pellet Council within 14 days of it being signed for approval. This sublicence contract will be your evidence for BSL and will be verified with the UK Pellet Council. Note: this route is likely to be discontinued once the new ENplus® handbook is released.
- If you use more than one certified ENplus® company to fulfil your deliveries, you must become certified by ENplus® as a trader. Contact: [ENplus@hetas.co.uk](mailto:ENplus@hetas.co.uk) to begin the application process. Your ENplus® certificate will be the evidence required for your BSL listed fuels and must include all the pellets that you trade.

### 3.5 I sell non ENplus® certified pellets in bulk. What should I do?

The only pellets that are allowed to be listed on the BSL from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 are ENplus® certified pellets. Contact: [mstafford@pelletcouncil.org.uk](mailto:mstafford@pelletcouncil.org.uk) to begin the application process. Your ENplus® certificate will be the evidence required for your BSL listed fuels and must include all the pellets that you trade.

## 4. I sell/use fuel other than pellets

### 4.1 I sell chip/logs/briquette fuels from virgin materials and am Woodsure certified, what should I do?

Check that all your BSL depots and BSL listed fuels are covered by your Woodsure certification (location and quality classification(s)). Inform Woodsure of any changes that need to be made such as adding fuels or depots by emailing [registrations@woodsurre.co.uk](mailto:registrations@woodsurre.co.uk) with the changes required. The scope of your Woodsure audit will then be adjusted to incorporate the other fuels you are selling and/or fuels to be tested

### 4.2 I sell chip/logs/briquette fuels from virgin materials and I believe I have an equivalent scheme, what should I do?

The legislation allows for equivalent schemes to be recognised. This recognition is done via BEIS. Currently, no schemes are recognised by BEIS. If you have ISO9000, please ensure that the following is included in your scope before submitting evidence to the BSL.

- Your ISO9000 certification must be in date.
- Your scope must state the types of fuel and the fuel specification you produce and the certification must cover the depots where your BSL numbers are registered.

### 4.3 I sell chip/logs/briquette fuels from virgin materials and am not Woodsure certified, what should I do?

If you are not Woodsure certified, go to the Woodsure website <https://woodsurre.co.uk/how-to-apply/> and begin the application process as soon as possible. If you have not started the certification process before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 your fuels will be removed from the BSL website.

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#### 4.4 I sell chip/logs/briquette fuels from waste or waste blend materials. What should I do?

Waste wood fuel quality guidance is currently being finalised between BSL Administrators, BEIS & Ofgem. As soon as this is published, we will contact all those affected by the new guidance.

If you are unsure if your fuel is defined as waste in the eyes of the RHI, please see this document here: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/renewables-obligation-fuel-classification-flow-diagram>





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