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

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Economic operators have to demonstrate compliance with the sustainability
and greenhouse gas emission savings criteria for biofuels, bioliquids and
biomass fuels stipulated in article 29 RED II after June 30, 2021.

The European Commission informs on its official website
https://ec.europa.eu/energy/topics/renewable-energy/biofuels/voluntary-schemes_en that it has not yet recognized any voluntary schemes.

The European Commission has already received applications and issued
preliminary positive assessments for some voluntary schemes. Recognitions of
the first voluntary schemes will be issued by the European Commission
shortly.

As a result, there will not be any formally recognised voluntary scheme under
article 30(4) of RED II for a certain transition period of time.

The European Commission further points out that recognition of the scheme
is not a basic requirement for certification. In order to avoid market
distortions, the Commission recommends recognising evidence from these

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schemes during a transition period between the 1st July 2021 and the entry into force of the new Decisions on the recognition of voluntary schemes.

The BLE will recognize evidence of voluntary schemes not recognised by the Commission if

- an application for recognition has been submitted to the Commission,
- the application has not yet been legally rejected, and
- there is no indication that the application will be rejected.

With best regards

On behalf

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