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A. Introduction

Green Gold Label (GGL) aims to be unique in the way it works together with other certification schemes, when and to the extent that they carry official and legitimate approval of applicable regulations.

This document refers to all endorsed schemes by Green Gold Label (GGL) – either through a positive list of endorsed schemes, or by referring to such positive list as may be published by the authorized regulatory body.

Endorsed schemes can be used by GGL participants within the GGL scheme as stipulated in GGL standard 1 (COC criteria). This document may be updated if schemes are added or removed.

B. Endorsed schemes for SDE++ (The Netherlands)

As it relates to forest management certification systems, GGL endorsed schemes are in line with the SDE++ endorsed schemes. However, the majority of endorsed schemes are not fully approved by SDE++.

Hence, extra verification for the missing criteria is needed. For the full up-to-date list of covered criteria per certification scheme consult the following RVO website:

- <https://www.rvo.nl/subsidies-financiering/sde/aanvragen/duurzaamheidseisen-pellet> (Dutch)
- <https://english.rvo.nl/subsidies-financing/sde/apply/sustainability-criteria-solid-biomass> (English)

1- Endorsed forest management certification systems as per 01-11-2023

B.1 FSC® (Forest Stewardship Council®): Must be provided with an FSC claim from a supplier with a valid FSC COC or FM/COC certificate.

As per February 2020, FSC does not cover all the SDE++ criteria therefore, additional certification is needed. This can be done by using GGLS5 for the missing criteria, in the following combinations:

- a) FSC worldwide v.5 (all Countries) cat. 1 & cat 2: GGL Certified + GGLS5/SDE+ (verification) to cover the missing criteria identified (see the RVO website for the complete overview)
- b) FSC USA cat. 1 & cat. 2: GGL Certified + GGLS5/SDE++ (verification) to cover the missing criteria identified (see the RVO website for the complete overview)
- c) FSC worldwide controlled wood cat. 1 & cat. 2: GGL Certified + GGLS5/SDE++ (verification) to cover the missing criteria identified (see the RVO website for the complete overview)

B.2 ATFS certified USA cat. 1 & cat. 2: GGL Certified + GGLS5/SDE++ (verification) to cover the missing criteria identified (see the RVO website for the complete overview);

B.3 SFI certified forest content USA and Canada cat. 1 & cat. 2: GGL Certified + GGLS5/SDE++ (verification) to cover the missing criteria identified (see the RVO website for the complete overview);

B.4 Better Biomass certified cat. 1 & cat. 2: GGL Certified + GGLS5/SDE++ (verification) to cover the missing criteria identified which is c.5.1 (or none if biomass module for demonstrating ILUC low risk has been applied);

B.5 ISCC Solid Biomass NL compliant cat. 1 & cat. 2: Is fully compliant with the SDE++ requirements, hence no additional verification is needed.



B.6 GGLS5-certified cat. 1 and cat. 2: Valid worldwide and fully meets the SDE++ requirements, hence no additional verification is needed.

2- Type of additional verification for GGL-Compliance:

Forest managers	Cat. 1	Individual verification; Group or regional association verification
	Cat. 2	Individual/group verification OR be part of the scope of Risk Based Approach (RBA) of the biomass producer
Biomass producers	Cat. 1	Shall buy feedstock with GGLS5 claim with or without endorsed scheme
	Cat. 2	Same as cat. 1., or alternatively the Risk Based Approach (RBA) of GGLS5 can be used by the biomass producer to cover all criteria or the missing criteria of material received with an endorsed scheme.

3- Type of additional verification for GGL-Controlled:

Forest managers	Cat. 1 or Cat. 2	Individual/group verification OR be part of the scope of Risk Based Approach of the biomass producer
Biomass producers	Cat. 1 or Cat. 2	Same as cat. 1., or alternatively the Risk Based Approach (RBA) of GGLS5 can be used by the biomass producer to cover all controlled criteria or the missing criteria of material received with an endorsed controlled scheme.

C. Endorsed schemes for FIT / FIP (Japan)

The list below is only applicable for biomass certified against GGL Instruction 1d for supplying the Japanese market.

- C.1 MSPO (Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil) Part4-1, 4-2, 4-3: Only applicable for Biomass Producers (e.g. CPO mills).
- C.2 ISCC (International Sustainability & Carbon Certification) “ISCC Japan FIT System Document - Palm Kernel Shells and Palm Trunks”: Only ISCC’s Japanese FIT / FIP scope is endorsed by GGL.
- C.3 RSPO (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil): Only applicable for the Biomass Producers (e.g. CPO mills).
- C.4 RSB (Roundtable on Sustainable Biomaterial): Only RSB Japanese FIT / FIP (Biomass) Certification is endorsed by GGL.
- C.5 FSC® (Forest Stewardship Council®) and PEFC (Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification): only for certain requirements in GGLS5, certification under these schemes can be satisfactory. CB’s are to verify this overlap on a case-by-case basis as applicable.

1 - Scope of certification

The scope (products & processes) certified in the issued endorsed schemes’ certificates shall be, or be comparable with, the products in the GGL certificate. This requirement is up to the certification body to assess and ensure of.

2 - Limitation

The scope of certification by endorsed systems is limited to sustainability P&C, excluding lifecycle GHG reduction criteria. The scope of certification, as well as the system documents of each endorsed system will be revised in accordance with revision of the Japanese FIT / FIP guidelines for biomass power generation.

Lifecycle GHG reduction criteria applicable to Japanese FIT / FIP guidelines are detailed in GGL Instruction 1f.