

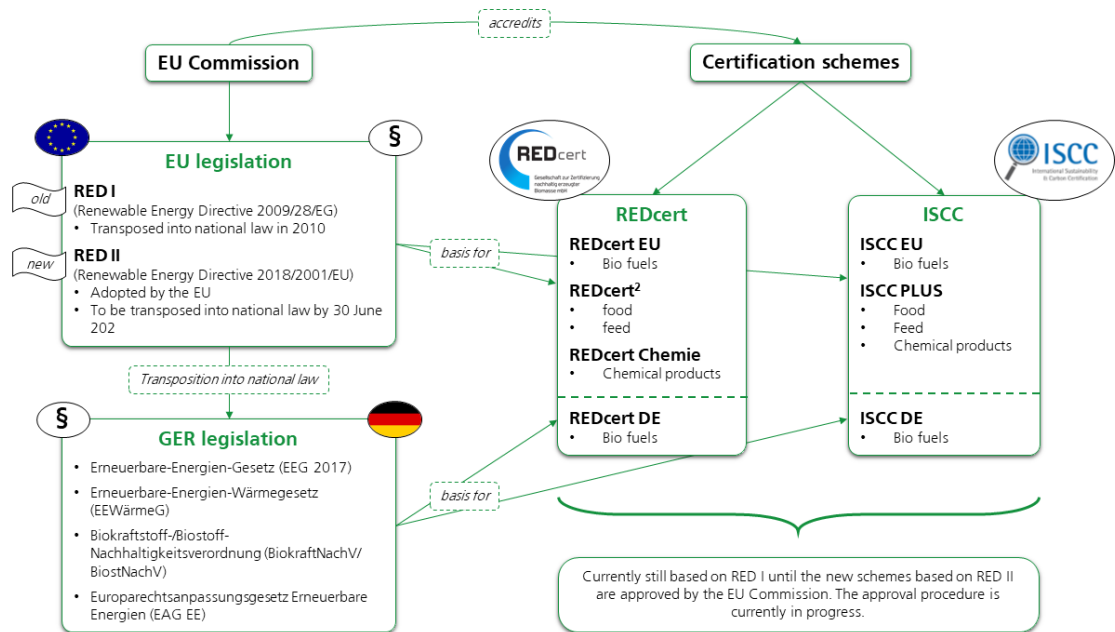
## Certification according to ISCC / REDcert

Biomass has become an important global resource for the production of renewable energies and has significantly increased its market share. To ensure sustainable biomass use, the Renewable Energy Directive (2009/28/EC) has been devised and applies to all EU countries. This directive sets benchmarks for worldwide sustainable energy production. The use of biogenic renewable energies should reach 20% of total energy use in Europe by 2020. In order to prevent negative side effects of this energy transition, the production and use of biomass is regulated by EU sustainability criteria:

### Biomass is sustainable, if

- ▶ it does not originate from protected areas and landscapes
- ▶ it has emission savings of at least 50% compared to fossil fuels (for new plants 60%)
- ▶ it can be consistently traced back through the whole supply chain
- ▶ there is a strict separation between sustainable and non-sustainable shares

The sustainability requirements are to be met by all interfaces along the entire supply chain from the farmer to refineries and oil mills to the supplier of final biofuel. Approved certification authorities issue certificates for practices that comply with regulations for biomass production and processing.



## GUTcert's certification services

GUTcert is recognized by the German Federal Agency for Agriculture and Food (BLE) and has been certifying successfully since 2010 in accordance with the approved ISCC and REDcert systems.

You benefit from our tailor-made approach to efficient and result-oriented certification. We know from practical experience that close communication and a clearly structured process are essential for successful certification.



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Any deviations from the audit standard can thus be identified and remedied immediately. We carry out all work steps transparently and efficiently for you and your company and document them in the form of an audit report.

- ▶ Our team of experts is always at your side helping with questions or problems and supports you in the preparation and execution of audits.
- ▶ 20 experienced and highly qualified auditors in Asia, Europe and North Africa are there to give our customers tips about efficient procedural methods in the biomass field and, reaching beyond testing, into other business-related areas.
- ▶ We offer a BLE accredited, technically competent and comprehensible certification services

In addition to our function as approved certification body in the field of sustainable biomass, GUTcert is also accredited for numerous other certification procedures. Our auditors are qualified to audit simultaneously to several certification/verification standards. In this way multiple standard auditing is more efficient and integrated management systems will be examined from various angles. The interaction of several factors will highlight hidden improvement potential that will advance your company.

If desired, we carry out cost-effective combined audits, e.g. according to EfbV, ISO 9001, ISO 14001, EMAS, ISO 50001, EEG 2009/2012/2014, emissions trading, ISO 22000, FSSC 22000, HACCP, RSPO etc.

## Your benefits

ISCC or REDcert certification gives you easy access to all EU fuel markets and associated subsidies. You can also ensure the sustainable expansion of new raw material resources and help our society along the way to a more responsible future. Furthermore, your certification gives you an advantage in terms of PR and marketing.

## Costs

We calculate the cost of certification individually, depending on the type of interface and the size of your company. To provide us with the necessary data you can simply fill out our online quote form or contact us directly via Mail or Phone. Our offers contain a clear breakdown of all resulting costs for the verification. We offer transparent pricing and ensure that with us there won't be any surprises in terms of hidden costs.



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