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For Wood Pellets**



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Requirements**

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The European Pellet Council (EPC) is responsible for the implementation of ENplus and can grant *Certified Companies* the right to use the ENplus certification seals for all the countries that are not covered by any national pellet association. A list of these national pellet associations, either managing ENplus (National Licenser) or supporting the development of ENplus (National supporting association) in their respective countries, are listed on www.enplus-pellets.eu

PREFACE

This document is part of the *ENplus Handbook*, version 3 defining the rules for the ENplus Quality Certification Scheme for Wood Pellets. The different parts of the handbook are:

- Part 1: General
- Part 2: Certification Procedure
- Part 3: Pellet Quality Requirements
- Part 4: Sustainability Requirements
- Part 5: Scheme Organisation
- Part 6: Schedule of Fees

The current versions of the documents are published on the international website of ENplus [www.enplus-pellets.eu].

General information about the scheme as well as a definition of terms can be found in Part 1 – General.

This document, part 4 (version 3.0) of the ENplus Handbook contains sustainability requirements.

National Licensers will publish national versions of the *Handbook*. *Certified companies* have to follow the rules of the *Handbook* issued by the *Competent Management*.

In case of any dispute about the regulation defined in the *Handbook*, the regulation of the Master-Handbook applies (exception: national regulation).

Terms written in italic characters are defined in the section “Definitions of terms” in part 1.

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1 COMING INTO FORCE

The regulations defined in part 4 of the *ENplus Handbook*, version 3.0 will come into force with its publication on 1st of August 2015.

Companies that are already certified at this point of time may continue to produce and trade according to the rules defined in version 2.0 of the *ENplus Handbook* until 31st of December 2015.

Companies certified after 31st of July 2015 shall comply with the requirements defined in this document, part 4 of the *ENplus Handbook*, version 3.0.

From 1st of January 2016, the *Inspection Bodies* and *Certification Bodies* will only check the compliance of companies with the requirements stated in this document, part 4 of the *ENplus Handbook*, version 3.

2 SUSTAINABILITY OF WOOD RAW MATERIAL

The ENplus certification scheme does not compete with established forest sustainability schemes but acknowledges the certificates from PEFC, FSC or equivalent forest management systems including their chain-of-custody certificates.

ENplus-Certified Producers are required to document the origin and the share of certified wood materials. Furthermore the chain-of custody certified raw material shall be documented. The *International Management* monitors the sustainability state of the raw material.

International Management may publish the aggregated results for specific countries (where a minimum of 5 certified producers are situated in a country) or for specific regions.

3 CARBON FOOTPRINT

The Carbon Footprint (CO₂-eq emitted per tonne of pellets produced) of every certified pellet production plant shall be determined by every *Certified Producer* and provided to the *International Management*. The *International Management* provides a tool for the calculation.

The data gathered by the *International Management* is for aggregated country statistical purposes only (as long as at least 5 *Certified Producers* are situated in the country). Individual data is not made public.

Certified Producers may publish their Carbon Footprint values on their homepage or in other communications.