

SQC CRITICAL AND MAJOR NON-CONFORMANCES ACTION PLAN - SCHEME YEAR 2022/2023						
Scheme Year	Clause	Requirement	Number of Major N/C's detected	Number of Critical N/C's detected	Action/Measure defined for correction	Correction timeline – as agreed with EO
2022/2023	3.1	Growers must provide information on the area in their business which was in an arablerotation (including temporary grass) at 01 January 2008.	0	0	<p>Growers must provide this information to produce biofuel crops compliant with the Renewable Energy Directive (RED) (EU)2018/2001. Growers must comply with the Articles 29 (3) to (7), the land-based sustainability criteria, of Directive EU 2018/2001.</p> <p>Crops (raw materials) must not be obtained from land with a high biodiversity value, namely land that had one of the following statuses on or after 01 January 2008.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A high biodiversity level or • Land with a high carbon stock or • Land that was peatland unless evidence is provided that the cultivation and harvesting of those crops does not involve drainage of previously drained soil. <p>If this evidence is not available for all of the land in their business at 01 January 2008, that land will be assumed as non-compliant to the Renewable Energy Directive (RED) (EU)2018/2001</p>	30 days
2022/2023	3.2	<p>Growers must provide information on the area which is in an arable rotation (including temporary grass) for the current scheme year.</p> <p>Documents for verification of previous land status must be retained for a minimum of 5 years.</p>	0	0	<p>It must be established that this area is not from high biodiversity land, high carbon stock land or peatland drained since January 2008.</p> <p>Assessors may review the documentation which may include official records showing field location and classification/use, maps, Single Farm Payment documentation etc.</p> <p>If this evidence is not available, it will be assumed as non-compliant to the Renewable Energy Directive (RED) (EU)2018/2001.</p> <p>Detailed information on high biodiversity land can be found in the 'Find Help' section below.</p>	30 days

2022/2023	3.3	All growers must use a massbalance system and retain records for five years	0	0	<p>Records must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A record of the actual or estimated weights of the Renewable Energy Directive (RED) (EU)2018/2001 compliant crop going into store • Records of loads taken out of store must be kept, with reference to weighbridge tickets • The amount of each type of crop for biofuel taken out of store must not, at any time, exceed the total amount of compliant crop of that type which was loaded into the store • The total mass balance must be for a twelve month period, aligned to the calendar year or the economic year used for bookkeeping purposes, and the balances within that period must be updated and recorded at the end of every three-months .The time frame must be transparent, documented and consistent • If a grower has grain stores in more than one location, each site must have an individual record • Assessors will check the set up of the mass balance system during the initial assessment. If requested, all growers shall make available to assessors/CB all mass balance data in advance of the planned assessment • Assessors will check that any additional sites have their own mass balance records; details of input and outputs <p>For further guidance see the Mass Balance Record and the 'Find Help' section below.</p>	30 days
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Certification decision and rectification

All non-compliances against the standards must be rectified.

Critical: A serious/significant non-compliance to the Standards which is critical, or a breach of the Scheme Rules or a breach of legislation which presents a serious risk to food safety, or environmental protection and that jeopardises the integrity or reputation of the Scheme. This may result in withdrawal from the scheme.

Major: A non-compliance of a mandatory requirement, where the non-compliance is potentially reversible or, where there is little or no evidence that the requirements of a standard are being met. The certificate is suspended pending submission of suitable corrective evidence.

Following receipt of suitable corrective evidence, the approval status will be confirmed with the producer. Where approval is granted a spot check may be carried out at any time..