

SD-ID: _____
(unique identifier, freely selectable)

Self-declaration for producers of forest biomass (low-risk)

Forest biomass producer: _____
Street: _____
Country: _____
Postal code, city: _____
NUTS2 region (if known): _____

on the sustainability of biomass under Revised Directive (EU) 2018/2001:

Recipient: _____

The biomass grown and supplied by me and described in more detail under item 1 fulfils the requirements of the Revised Directive (EU) 2018/2001; the respective verification is available.

(Please check the items that apply.)

1	<input type="checkbox"/> The declaration applies to all biomass produced in my operation. or <input type="checkbox"/> The declaration is submitted for the following biomass (please list): _____ or <input type="checkbox"/> The declaration is submitted for the following forestry residues (please list): _____ Areas to be excluded, plot designation (item 2): _____
2	A current risk assessment is available for the entire biomass sourcing area, which classifies the risk of the forestry biomass not being produced sustainably in accordance with RED III as low-risk. The risk assessment confirms that a legal framework is in place and enforced in the sourcing area where the biomass is harvested to ensure the legality of harvesting, trading and transport of the biomass, forest regeneration of the harvested area, protection of designated conservation areas - including wetlands, heathland, grassland and peatland, regulation of land where forest biomass may not be harvested, soil quality, biodiversity, long-term production capacity of the forest and at least a balanced carbon stock in the area where the biomass is harvested. Reference to risk management (please list): _____
3	The risk assessment mentioned under item 2 was prepared in accordance with the SURE Technical Guidance for the preparation of risk assessments and shows an overall result of _____ points.
4	<input type="checkbox"/> The biomass originates from land within protected areas (nature conservation areas only – not water conservation areas) where forest management activities are permitted. The requirements for protected areas have been complied with.
5	The biomass does not originate from land where biomass may not be harvested, i.e., primary and old-growth forest, natural highly biodiverse grassland, heathland or wetland.
6	<input type="checkbox"/> The biomass originates from land where restrictions to harvest forest biomass apply -i.e. highly biodiverse forest, non-natural highly biodiverse grassland or peatland- and the conditions under which harvesting is allowed have been complied with.
7	The biomass comes exclusively from forest areas that still have the status of forest. It does not originate from wood plantations or agroforestry systems whose area was under cultivation before 1 January 2008 was natural forest according to the SURE definition. Areas with natural forest are preserved. Where permitted land use changes were made after 01. 01. 2008, the corresponding areas under point 1 were explicitly excluded, or the associated emissions were taken into account in own GHG calculations (default values cannot be used).
8	The documentation on the location of biomass production (verification by means of polygon or similar proof of the area via field blocks, plots or parcels) <input type="checkbox"/> ... is available with me and can be viewed at any time. <input type="checkbox"/> ... is kept by the first gathering point of the biomass I supply.
9	<input type="checkbox"/> The default value (Art. 29/31 Revised of Directive (EU) 2018/2001) or the officially approved estimated value should be used for the calculation of the greenhouse gas balance – if available and permissible.

Note: With this declaration, the forest biomass producer acknowledges that auditors of accredited certification bodies may verify whether the relevant requirements stipulated in the Revised Directive (EU) 2018/2001 have been satisfied. It must be kept in mind that the auditors of the certification bodies may be accompanied by a competent authority who monitor their activities. In addition, SURE employees as well as auditors recognised by SURE must be granted the right to conduct a special audit or witness audit. Furthermore, the producer of forest biomass acknowledges that his name and address will be registered in the mandatory Union database (UDB) for the purpose of traceability of feedstock if required.

Place, date _____ Signature _____