

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

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

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

Recipient: _____

The biomass grown and supplied by me and described in more detail under item 1 fulfils the requirements of 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/crop types produced in my operation. or <input type="checkbox"/> The declaration is submitted for the following biomass/types of crops (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	<input type="checkbox"/> A current risk assessment recognised by the SURE EU system is available for the entire biomass sourcing area, which classifies the risk of the forestry biomass not being produced sustainably in accordance with RED II 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 and peat bogs, 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.
3	<input type="checkbox"/> The risk assessment mentioned under item 2 was prepared in accordance with the SURE Technical Instructions for the Preparation of Risk Assessments and shows an overall result of _____ percent.
4	<input type="checkbox"/> The biomass originates from land within protected areas (nature conservation areas only – not water conservation areas) where farming activities are permitted. The requirements for protected areas have been complied with.
5	<input type="checkbox"/> 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).
6	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.
7	<input type="checkbox"/> The default value (Art. 29/31 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 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.

Place, date _____

Signature _____