



Directive 2015/1513 amends Directives 98/70/EC and 2009/28/EC relating to petrol and diesel fuels quality and the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources respectively. The purpose of this note is to address aspects of Article 18 which refers to these Amendments, specifically that each voluntary scheme shall submit a report by October 6<sup>th</sup> 2016 and annually thereafter by April 30<sup>th</sup>, covering the preceding calendar year.

This report refers to the calendar year 2017 and covers the Ensus Voluntary Scheme under RED for Bioethanol production. The scheme has expired in May 2017 and is not used anymore.

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With respect to Article 18, Ensus UK Ltd would respond with the following:

- a) *The independence, modality and frequency of audits, both in relation to what is stated on those aspects in the scheme documentation, at the time the scheme concerned was approved by the Commission, and in relation to industry best practice;*

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SGS United Kingdom Limited have been appointed to conduct assurance audits and monitor the implementation and effectiveness of the scheme. These audits are conducted annually and the following criteria are applied:

- International Standard on Assurance Engagement (ISAE) 3000: 2005 – Dec 2015
- International Standard on Assurance Engagement (ISAE) 3000: revision December 2013 from Dec 2015
- Ensus Voluntary Scheme under RED for Ensus Bioethanol Production
- Directive 2009/28/EC of the European Parliament of 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources.

During these audits, the following principles are taken into consideration when assessing Ensus UK Ltd operations, systems and relevant documentation:

- Traceability
- Completeness
- Consistency
- Accuracy

- b) *The availability of, and experience and transparency in the application of, methods for identifying and dealing with non-compliance, with particular regard to dealing with situations or allegations of serious wrongdoing on the part of members of the scheme;*

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- c) *Transparency, particularly in relation to the accessibility of the scheme, the availability of translations in the applicable languages of the countries and regions from which raw materials originate, the accessibility of a list of certified operators and relevant certificates, and the accessibility of auditor reports;*

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- d) *Stakeholder involvement, particularly as regards the consultation of indigenous and local communities prior to decision making during the drafting and reviewing of the scheme as well as during audits and the response given to their contributions;*

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- e) *The overall robustness of the scheme, particularly in light of rules on the accreditation, qualification and independence of auditors and relevant scheme bodies;*

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SGS United Kingdom Limited, part of the SGS Group, have been appointed to conduct assurance audits and monitor the implementation and effectiveness of the scheme.

The SGS Group of companies is the world leader in inspection, testing and verification, operating in more than 140 countries and providing services including management systems and service certification, quality, environmental, social and ethical auditing and training; environmental, social and sustainability report assurance SGS affirm their independence from Ensus UK Ltd being free from bias and conflict of interest with the organization, its subsidiaries and stakeholders.

SGS applies systems and procedures to comply with standards that are at least as demanding as ISQC 1, such as ISO 17021:2015 and ISO 170065:2015. Other certification requirements have been included in their systems and procedures in order to gain and maintain accreditation and to certify organisations against ISCC EU, REDcert EU, 2BSvs and other similar standards.

SGS is a recognized provider for Independent Assurance of reports against International Standards, such as Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) and the AA 1000 Accountability Principles (2008). All members of the assurance engagement team will comply with the professional requirement set up in the standard ISO 19011:2012, which is considered to be at least as demanding as Parts A and B of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code).

SGS consider that the auditors are competent to perform assurance projects in accordance with ISAE 3000 and understand the requirements relevant to ENSUS VOLUNTARY SCHEME UNDER RED FOR ENSUS BIOETHANOL PRODUCTION.

- f) Market updates of the scheme, the amount of feedstocks and biofuels certified, by country of origin and type, the number of participants;*

There is only one participant as the scheme is specific to Ensus UK Ltd operations for bioethanol production. In calendar year 2017 the amount of bioethanol certified under the Ensus VS was 43,158.119 t using wheat cultivated in UK as a feedstock.

- g) The ease and effectiveness of implementing a system that tracks the proofs of conformity with the sustainability criteria that the scheme gives to its member(s), such a system intended to serve as a means of preventing fraudulent activity with a view, in particular, to the detection, treatment and follow-up of suspected fraud and other irregularities and where appropriate, the number of cases of fraud or irregularities detected;*

*And in particular:*

- h) Options for entities to be authorized to recognize and monitor certification bodies;*
- i) Criteria for the recognition or accreditation of certification bodies;*
- j) Rules on how the monitoring of the certification bodies is to be conducted;*
- k) Ways to facilitate or improve the promotion of best practice.*

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SGS United Kingdom Limited have been appointed to conduct assurance audits and monitor the implementation and effectiveness of the scheme. Following the criteria and principles set out in section a), it is ensured during these audits that measures are taken by Ensus UK Ltd in order to protect the systems producing the relevant sustainability information, to help to prevent fraud and error.

We have attempted to address the matters raised in Article 18 in a timely manner, however and in the event of any further clarification being required we are here to clarify any points further.