

The RSPO-RED scheme: background, contents and status

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The RSPO-RED scheme is a voluntary *add-on* to the RSPO Standard, and allows palm oil producers and processors under certain conditions to comply with sustainability requirements for biofuels and bioliquids laid down in the EU Renewable Energy Directive (EU-RED).

The RSPO-RED scheme contains a number of requirements which are additional to the RSPO Standard, in particular in relation to land use (change), greenhouse gas emissions, and chains of custody.

In September 2010, RSPO submitted an application to the European Commission requesting to formally recognise the RSPO-RED scheme as a 'voluntary scheme' under EU Renewable Energy Directive requirements. The scheme was technically approved by the EC consultants in February 2012, and is currently (August 2012) going through the final stages of the Commission's review process.

The presentation will elaborate the background to the RSPO-RED scheme, its contents and how these relate to the RSPO Standard. It will also explain which practical steps producers and supply chain operators need to take if they wish to become certified against RSPO-RED requirements. The presentation will also provide the latest information on the EC approval process of the RSPO-RED scheme.