

RED II FAQs

The following FAQs have been compiled to help UK participants that are currently certified to RED II navigate any possible changes to their assurance status from December 2023.

The original Renewable Energy Directive (2009/28/EC) established a policy for the production and promotion of energy from renewable sources in the EU. This is now RED II (recast Renewable Energy Directive (EU) 2018/2001) and the EU to wish to fulfil at least 32% of its total energy needs with renewable energy by 2030.

1. Why has the potential change in RED II assurance come about for UK participants?

It is a requirement of the RED II Implementing Regulation that certification bodies are accredited within the EU. Since the UK left the EU the accreditation of the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS)ⁱ doesn't meet these requirements, which could result in loss of voluntary scheme status for UK schemes (AIC, RT, SQC)

2. What does this mean for my current RED II assurance?

Although the final outcome isn't clear there is a risk that participants in UK RED II schemes will not be able to supply the domestic and European market after December 2023. AIC, RT and SQC are working hard with both the European Commission and UK Government to ensure market access is retained.

3. Will I have to join another RED II assurance scheme?

AIC, RT and SQC are working to ensure this isn't necessary and we will keep you informed of our progress.

4. Can I join another RED II scheme "just in case"?

It is a requirement of RED II that scheme owners and certification bodies check that applicants are not already certified to another RED II voluntary scheme.

5. What will happen to my current crop assured under UK RED II after December 2023?

If the voluntary scheme status is lost and businesses have not obtained certification to another scheme the RED II status of the crop will be lost.

6. Is it possible to have a UK only Renewable Energy Scheme?

AIC, RT and SQC are exploring this option with the Department for Transport (DfT).

ⁱ UKAS – the National Accreditation Body for certification schemes of the UK