

What is the EU RED and how does it apply to me?

The European Union (EU) Renewable Energy Directive (RED) has been introduced to increase the use of sustainable biomass in the production of bio-fuel in EU countries. Principles including the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, sustainable use of land and protection of natural biospheres have been included in the directive.

As an export nation, the canola grown in Australia may end up in the EU to be used for bio-fuels for renewable energy production. This can only happen provided the canola is produced on a farm which meets the requirements of the EU RED.

How is the EU RED monitored?

The RED will be monitored via seven approved schemes designed to provide evidence of traceability back to a farm level. As a marketer of Australian canola, Viterra must provide evidence of compliance with the directive under the EU-approved 2BS scheme.

Why do we need to comply with European legislation?

Sustainability requirements are a reality and a key factor in maintaining market access to the EU. As an exporter of canola, Australia must ensure it is compliant with the EU requirements to ensure there are no limitations on exporting to this market.

What is my role as a canola grower pre and post harvest?

As an Australian canola grower, to participate in the scheme a signed self declaration must be completed confirming your farm complies with the RED. A copy of this declaration is available on the Viterra website (www.viterra.com.au) or by contacting your local Viterra Customer Relationship Manager.

What is the 2BS self declaration?

The self declaration confirms your farm has produced canola from areas of arable and un-wooded land, land which was not primary forest and areas that were not wetland or peat land in January 2008.

Can my farm be audited?

Yes. As a part of the 2BS scheme, Viterra's auditors can select your farm from a sample to conduct an on-farm audit. Subject to documents being available, the audit should take no longer than 2-3 hours.

What information do I need to participate in an audit?

Viterra's auditors will request the following (**note this is not an exhaustive list*):

- Copies of farm plans including aerial photographs showing farm boundaries and areas where canola has been produced;
- You will need to demonstrate an understanding of your role and the importance of compliance; and
- The auditor must be made aware of any changes to land practices after January 2008 including areas where land has been cleared of primary forest.

Do I have to pay for an audit?

As the audit at your farm is part of Viterra's certification under the 2BS scheme, Viterra will cover the cost of the audit.

What happens if my farm does not pass the audit?

If your farm fails an audit, Viterra will be unable to claim sustainable credits from your farm for the relevant crop year. It will also potentially put Viterra's certification at risk.

How long will my self-declaration be valid for?

Your self-declaration will be valid for 5 years under the 2BS scheme.

Viterra is committed to ensuring that the production of the raw material (canola) did not interfere with nature protection purposes.

Further information:

More information about the EU RED is available at www.viterra.com.au