



# THE ENplus® SCHEME REVISION KEY CHANGES

## NEW ENplus® DOCUMENTATION STRUCTURE

The structure of the ENplus® documentation has been comprehensively revised. The ENplus® Standards (ENplus® ST) are the documents defining the requirements for all key stakeholders in the certification, the ENplus® Procedural Documents (ENplus® PD) are those specifying European Pellet Council (EPC) and ENplus® procedures in the scheme's development and governance, while the Guidance Documents (ENplus® GD) provides thorough information/interpretations on specific topics.

### Standards

- ENplus® ST 1001: ENplus® wood pellets – Requirements for companies
- ENplus® ST 1002: Requirements for certification and testing bodies operating ENplus® certification
- ENplus® ST 1003: Usage of the ENplus® trademarks - Requirements

### Procedural Documents

- ENplus® PD 2001: Structure & development of ENplus® documentation
- ENplus® PD 2002: Complaints and appeals procedure
- ENplus® PD 2003: Issuance of permissions for the use of ENplus® trademarked material
- ENplus® PD 2004: ENplus® listing of certification and testing bodies
- ENplus® PD 2005: Governance of the ENplus® certification scheme
- ENplus® PD 2006: ENplus® certification scheme fees
- ENplus® PD 2007: Investigation and resolution of fraudulent use of the ENplus® trademarks
- ENplus® PD 2008: Handling confidential and personal information



## KEY CHANGES FOR ENplus® CERTIFIED COMPANIES

### • Scope

The scope of the ENplus® requirements now focuses only on pellet quality and excludes aspects related to sustainability and GHG calculations.

### • Definitions

Several definitions have been changed with the revision. For instance, 'big bags' are now considered to be 'bulk pellets' regardless if sealed or unsealed. 'Part-load' and 'full-load' definitions have been changed to 'small' and 'large-scale' delivery. 'Affiliated companies' has been changed to 'multisite companies'.

### • Multisite Companies

A company with a network of sites can now be covered by a single multisite certificate.

### • Contracting

Certified companies will no longer be required to contract inspection and testing bodies. Contract is needed only with the certification body.

### • Traceability & Bag Designs

Certified companies will have to keep record of partners such as suppliers of the sold bulk pellets. The bag design of certified pellets shall also include a serial number that allows identification of the company that bagged the pellets, the site, and the date of the bagging. The transition for the serial number is until January 1, 2025.

### • Chain of custody requirements

Certified products, classes and diameters must be physically separated during the production and trading process. Certified companies must also establish and maintain a mass balance account for production/procurement and all sales transactions of all pellets. These requirements alongside the requirements for delivery documentation on sold pellets provide basis for chain of custody requirements, ensuring that the company is not selling more ENplus® certified products that it has produced or procured.

- **Inspections**

One additional unannounced annual testing has been introduced for certified producers, as well as traders and service providers with bagging activities.

- **Pellet Properties**

Certified pellets will now also be analysed for particle density, coarse fines, and share of pellets below 10mm.

- **Reference samples**

The producer of bulk pellets shall take at least a 1.5 kg reference sample per production day, while producers / traders operating a loading station for small-scale deliveries will need to take a reference sample of 1.5 kg from falling material for each loading point per delivery day.

- **Self-Monitoring**

New requirements for self-monitoring during the production process as well as during loading and before/after bagging. Frequency is simplified and is defined specifically for each parameter. Overlength, moisture and mechanical durability must be monitored during the production process. The loading/bagging requires the monitoring of overlength, fines and temperature. Certified traders must conduct self-monitoring for fines (3.15 mm) and temperature (at least once a day at the loading site).

- **Vending Machines**

New requirements for traders operating vending machines.



## KEY CHANGES FOR ENplus®-LISTED CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BODIES

- **Certification Bodies**

Certification bodies will have complete responsibility for the certification process. They can carry out the activities within the process by using internal resources or by reaching out to external entities (via subcontracting). Applying/certified companies will no longer be required to contract inspection and testing bodies.

- **Inspections**

The certification body shall conduct the initial, annual surveillance and recertification inspections onsite. Remote inspections are now allowed but only in specific cases. One additional unannounced annual collection of samples and testing of pellets has been introduced for certified producers, as well as traders and service providers with bagging activities.

- **Testing of pellets**

Pellets will now also be analysed for particle density, coarse fines, and share of pellets below 10mm.

- **Pellet Temperature**

Pellets with the temperature over 40 °C must not be sold to the end-users and could only be sold to other customers (B2B) with communication on the increased temperature and related risks.

- **Transport vehicles for small-scale delivery**

Any transport vehicles used for small-scale deliveries will need to demonstrate that the technology has been approved by the ENplus® scheme.

- **ENplus® trademarks**

New detailed guidelines on how to use ENplus® trademarked material can now be found in ENplus® ST 1003. Uncertified entities within the pellets supply chain can now use the ENplus® trademark based on written permission of the ENplus® certified company.

- **Data management**

The data management and communication will be conducted through a newly launched digital tool - the ENplus® certification platform.

- **Fees**

The certification fee has increased to 0,18 EUR per tonne of produced or procured pellets (for non-members of Bioenergy Europe) with an annual €250 administrative fee.

*Full information about the requirements for certified companies and wood pellets can be found in ENplus® ST 1001.*

- **Non-Conformities**

ENplus® ST 1002 defines two types of non-conformities - major and minor, and 'observation'. The certification body identifies and classifies the non-conformity, while the certified company has the responsibility to clarify the cause and propose a corrective action. The latter should be approved by the certification body, which also defines the time of correction and means of verification.

- **Accreditation**

ENplus® ST 1002 requires the certification, inspection and testing bodies to carry out ENplus® evaluations as "accredited" and to have ENplus® specific accreditation.

*Full information about the requirements concerning conformity assessment bodies providing ENplus® certification can be found in ENplus® ST 1002.*



# ON AND OFF-PRODUCT USE OF THE ENplus® TRADEMARKED MATERIAL

ENplus® declarations and labels (consisting of ENplus® trademarks)		ENplus® certified producers and traders	ENplus® certified service providers	Traders of bagged pellets (not certified)	Other users
On-product	ENplus® wordmark with quality class	Yes	No	Yes	No <sup>1</sup>
	ENplus® quality seal	Yes	No	Yes	No <sup>1</sup>
	Individual ENplus® bag design	Yes	No	No <sup>2</sup>	No
Off-product	ENplus® wordmark	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	ENplus® certification seal	Yes	No	No	No <sup>1</sup>
	ENplus® service sign	No	Yes	No	No <sup>1</sup>
	ENplus® logo	No	No	Yes	Yes

NOTE 1: Other users are allowed to use the ENplus® wordmark with quality class, **ENplus® quality seal**, **ENplus® certification seal** and **ENplus® service sign** for off-product purposes to educate about their meaning. Such usage does not include the **ENplus® ID**.

NOTE 2: **Traders of bagged pellets** without ENplus® certification can only use the individual ENplus® bag design as a picture of the **bagged pellets** with the ENplus® bag design.



## THE ENplus® REVISION TRANSITION PERIOD

- **New Certificates**

All new certificates issued after the date of entry into the force (01.01.2023) shall comply with the requirements of the new document ENplus® ST 1001.

- **Already Certified Companies**

All companies, which have been certified prior to 01.01.2023 shall comply with the requirements of document ENplus® ST 1001 by the transition date of 01.01.2024 and the conformity with the requirements will be assessed by the ENplus® certification body as a part of the next regular inspection after the transition date.

*Detailed information about the requirements concerning applying and certified companies as well as the requirements for wood pellets can be found in ENplus® ST 1001.*

Visit our website for access the full new documentation and requirements!

[www.enplus-pellets.eu](http://www.enplus-pellets.eu)