

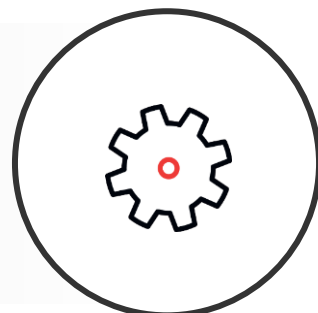


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## Foreword

Bioenergy Europe is the voice of European bioenergy. It aims to develop a sustainable bioenergy market based on fair business conditions. Founded in 1990, Bioenergy Europe is a non-profit, Brussels-based international organisation bringing together more than 40 associations and 90 companies, as well as academia and research institutes from across Europe.

Bioenergy Europe is the governing body of the GoodChips® scheme and owner of the GoodChips® trademark. Bioenergy Europe develops requirements of the GoodChips® certification scheme and through the GoodChips® International Management it lists Certification and Testing bodies that are allowed to provide the GoodChips® certification, and licenses certified companies to use the GoodChips® logo.

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## Introduction

The GoodChips® quality certification scheme provides harmonisation of wood chips and hog fuel production and trade. It is a third-party certification, where an impartial certification body ensures that the certified wood chips and hog fuel meet the GoodChips® quality requirements.

As the executive body of GoodChips® scheme, GoodChips® International Management is responsible for the development and continuous improvement of the scheme as well as its promotion and marketing. In order to fulfil these functions, GoodChips® International Management collects fees on behalf of Bioenergy Europe from those market players that benefit from the scheme existence and its market acceptance.

The term "shall" is used throughout this document to indicate mandatory requirements. The term "should" is used to indicate guidance/recommendation that, although not mandatory, is provided as a recognised mean of meeting the requirements. The term "may" is used to indicate permission.

## 1. Scope

1.1. This document specifies the fees applied by GoodChips® International Management to:

- a) GoodChips® certified entities to grant them the right to use the GoodChips® logo and name<sup>1</sup>;
- b) Certification and Testing Bodies to be listed by GoodChips® International Management in order to be allowed to operate the GoodChips® certification scheme.

1.2. The company shall bear the additional costs related to the inspections and the overall certification process. These costs are directly charged by the Certification Body chosen by the company.

## 2. Normative references

2.1. The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

- GoodChips® ST 1001, Requirements for GoodChips® certified entities;
- GoodChips® ST 1002, Requirements for bodies providing GoodChips® certification;
- GoodChips® ST 1003, Requirements for the use of the GoodChips® logo and name.

2.2. All the GoodChips® documentation is available at <https://goodchips.eu/resources/technical-documentation.html>.

## 3. Definitions

3.1. For the purposes of this document, the definitions given below apply:

### 3.1.1. Certification Body

Third-party body assessing the conformity of companies with the GoodChips® requirements.

### 3.1.2. Company

GoodChips® certified company or company applying to be certified.

### 3.1.3. Final product

Wood chips or hog fuel sold according to the quality class and particle size declared by the company.

### 3.1.4. GoodChips® International Management

Executive Body of the GoodChips® scheme. It is the sole GoodChips® licensor, and the only body entitled to grant companies the right to use the GoodChips® logo and name on behalf of Bioenergy Europe.

### 3.1.5. GoodChips® National Partner

National organisation appointed by Bioenergy Europe to provide support to GoodChips® International Management in the promotion and dissemination of the GoodChips® scheme.

### 3.1.6. Testing Body

Third-party body performing analyses of samples to assess the conformity of companies with the GoodChips® product requirements.

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<sup>1</sup> The requirements for the use of GoodChips® logo and name are included in GoodChips® ST 1003

## 4. License fees<sup>2</sup> for the use of the GoodChips® logo and name by certified entities

### 4.1. Standard fee

- 4.1.1. The company shall be charged a standard fee of 0.10 €/sold tonne<sup>3</sup>/year.
- 4.1.2. The standard fee shall apply to final product(s) covered by the scope of the GoodChips® certification, whether they are sold or not under the GoodChips® trademark;
- 4.1.3. The standard fee shall not apply to final product(s) not covered by the scope of the GoodChips® certification.<sup>4</sup>
- 4.1.4. The fee of the first year of certification shall be based on the figures of tonnes of final product expected to be sold for the rest of the year<sup>5</sup>.
- 4.1.5. The invoices for the following years shall be based on the figures of final product estimated to be sold in the current year, plus an adjustment (that could be a positive or a negative value) made of the difference between the estimated figures and the actual amount of final product sold in the previous year<sup>5</sup>.
- 4.1.6. Companies selling an amount of final product equal or below 5.000 tonnes, shall pay a fixed fee of 500 €.

### 4.2. Fees for large volumes

- 4.2.1. Volumes of sold final product above 40.000 and 80.000 tonnes shall be subject to a reduction of 0.02 €/tonne and 0.04 €/tonne respectively, i.e. each additional tonne above 40.000 tonnes shall correspond to a fee of 0.08 €/tonne and each additional tonne above 80.000 tonnes shall correspond to a fee of 0.06 €/tonne.

Table II provides a graphic explanation of the schedule of fees.

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<sup>2</sup> The license fees do not include the cost of Certification Body's services (inspection, testing etc.).

<sup>3</sup> To be intended as metric tonnes of final product sold independently of the moisture content.

<sup>4</sup> E.g. final products made from chemically treated used wood (not covered by the GoodChips® certification) can be excluded from the payment, behind submission of proof to GoodChips® International Management.

<sup>5</sup> Reporting obligations on the sold tonnes are stated in GoodChips® ST 1001.

**Table I.**

**Schedule of fees for certified entities, including fixed fee, standard fee, and fees for large volumes**

|  | Sold volume (tonnes) <sup>6</sup> | Fixed fee (€) | Fee (€/sold tonne) <sup>6</sup>        | Example   |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------|--|---|
|  | ≤ 5.000                           | 500           | /                                      | 500 €   |
| Standard fee                                     | 5.001 - 40.000                    | /             | 0,10                                   | (0,1 * volume)  |
| Fees for large volumes                           | 40.001 – 80.000                   | /             | 0,10<br>(up to 40.000 tonnes)          | (0,10 * 40.000) +<br>(0,08 * volume<br>exceeding 40.000<br>tonnes)                      |
|  |                                   |               | 0,08<br>(from 40.001 to 80.000 tonnes) |   |
|  | ≥ 80.001                          |               | 0,10<br>(up to 40.000 tonnes)          | (0,10 * 40.000) +<br>(0,08 * 40.000) +<br>(0,06 * volume<br>exceeding 80.000<br>tonnes) |
|  |                                   |               | 0,08<br>(from 40.001 to 80.000 tonnes) |   |
| 0,06<br>(for each tonne exceeding 81.000 tonnes) |                                   |               |  |   |

4.3. Preferential fees for early registration

4.3.1. Companies joining the scheme between 2018 and 2021 included shall be entitled to a reduction applied on the standard fee and fees for large volumes, calculated on the total sold tonnes.

4.3.2. The reductions apply also to the fixed fee as defined in 4.1.6.

4.3.3. The preferential fees shall correspond to:

- a) 30% of reduction, if joining in 2018;
- b) 30% of reduction, if joining in 2019;
- c) 20% of reduction, if joining in 2020;
- d) 10% of reduction, if joining in 2021.

4.3.4. All the preferential fees are valid until 31 December 2021.

Table II provides a graphic explanation of the preferential fees.

**Table II.**

**Schedule of preferential fees for early registration**

| Year   | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | ≥2022                          |
|--|------|------|------|------|--------------------------------|
| Reductions applied on the total sold tonnes <sup>6</sup> |      |      | 30%  | 30%  |                                |
|  |      |      | 20%  | 10%  |                                |
|  |      |      |      |      | Schedule of fees as in table I |

<sup>6</sup> To be intended as metric tonnes of final product sold independently of the moisture content.

#### 4.4. Fee for companies certified under national schemes from GoodChips® National Partners

4.4.1. Companies that when applying to GoodChips® are certified under a national quality certification scheme for wood chips and/or hog fuel, which is managed by a GoodChips® National Partner<sup>7</sup>, shall be exempted from the GoodChips® license fee until 31 December 2020.

4.4.2. For these companies, the schedule of fees as defined in sections 4.1 and 4.2 shall be applied as from 1 January 2021.

### 5. Fee for Certification Bodies

5.1. Certification Bodies providing GoodChips® certification shall pay a standard annual fee of 1.000 € in order to be listed by GoodChips® International Management.

### 6. Fee for Testing Bodies

6.1. Testing Bodies operating under the GoodChips® scheme shall pay a standard annual fee of 500 € in order to be listed by GoodChips® International Management.

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<sup>7</sup> The list of GoodChips® National Partners is available on the GoodChips® website







The first international  
certification for wood chips.

GoodChips® is the first international certification scheme for wood chips  
and hog fuel. From production to delivery, our label certifies quality  
levels adapted to every consumer.

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