



DEFINITIONS

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1. Status of this document

This document is part of the CertifHy EU RFNBO Voluntary Scheme.

All CertifHy EU RFNBO Voluntary Scheme documents in their latest applicable version are valid and must be considered for the scope of application.

1.1 Change History

Version	Date	Description
1.0	18.07.2024	Version 1.0:
1.1	25.07.2024	Version 1.1: - Addition of the following definitions: Withdrawn certificate, Suspended certificate, Terminated certificate. - Amendment to the definition of RCF
1.2	31.10.2024	Version 1.2: - Update to RED reference and editorial adjustments
1.3	22.10.2025	Version 1.3: - Editorial adjustments



2. Introduction

The CertifHy EU RFNBO Voluntary Scheme defined in this document and further scheme documents has the objective of demonstrating the compliance of Economic Operators with the legal requirements specified in the Revised Directive EU/2018/2001 for renewable fuels of non-biological origin (RFNBO). Within this regulatory framework, the CertifHy EU RFNBO Voluntary Scheme is recognised by the European Commission as a “Voluntary Scheme”, as referred to in Revised Directive EU/2018/2001 Article 30.4.

The CertifHy EU RFNBO Voluntary Scheme is an independent multi-stakeholder initiative that has been developed and is continuously improved through the involvement of its stakeholders.



3. Purpose of this document

The purpose of this document is to provide a comprehensive overview of the terms and definitions used and applied throughout the CertifHy EU RFNBO Voluntary Scheme.



4. Definitions

Term	Definition
Accreditation	Third-party attestation related to a conformity assessment body, conveying formal demonstration of its competence, impartiality and consistent operation in performing specific conformity assessment activities. (ISO 17000)
Accreditation body	Authoritative body that performs accreditation. (ISO/IEC 17011/2017)
Affiliate	Means, as regards a Member, any individual or entity directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under common control of such Member, whereby the direct or indirect ownership of over fifty percent (50%) of the outstanding voting securities of an entity, or the right to receive over fifty percent (50%) of the profits or earnings of an entity shall be deemed to constitute control.
Appeal	Request by the person or organisation that provides, or that is, the object of a conformity assessment to a conformity assessment body or to the CertifHy Scheme Operator for reconsideration by that body of a decision it has made relating to that object. (ISO/IEC 17000:2020)
Audit	Systematic, independent, and documented process for obtaining audit evidence and objectively evaluating it to determine the extent to which the audit criteria are fulfilled. (ISO 19011:2011)



Auditor	A natural person with the competence necessary to conduct an evaluation of an operation against the CertifHy EU RFNBO Voluntary Scheme. A CertifHy EU RFNBO Voluntary Scheme Auditor is a natural person who has been appointed by a Certification Body to perform CertifHy EU RFNBO Voluntary Scheme Audits.
Bidding zone	The largest geographical area within which market participants are able to exchange energy without capacity allocation, as defined in in Article 2, point (65), of Regulation (EU) 2019/943.
 CertifHy EU RFNBO Voluntary Scheme Certificate	Attestation of conformity with the CertifHy EU RFNBO Voluntary Scheme requirements and the CertifHy EU RFNBO Voluntary Scheme, issued to an Economic Operator by a Certification Body recognised by the CertifHy EU RFNBO Voluntary Scheme.
 CertifHy EU RFNBO Voluntary Scheme Requirement	Objective of performance defined by the CertifHy EU RFNBO Voluntary Scheme which is specific and measurable.
 CertifHy Stakeholder Platform	Means the Stakeholder Platform set up with a view to manage, maintain and update the CertifHy EU RFNBO Voluntary Scheme set up by the CertifHy Scheme Operator.
Member(s)	Means the members of the CertifHy Stakeholder Platform.



CertifHy Scheme Manager	Appointed person from a Certification Body acting as the main point of contact towards CertifHy.
CertifHy Scheme Operator	Means RegistrHy SRL, a limited liability company, incorporated and existing under the laws of Belgium, having its registered office at Boulevard Saint-Lazare 4, 1210 Saint-Josse-ten-Noode, registered with the Crossroads Bank for Enterprises under number BE.1007.080.427 Can also be referenced as “Scheme Operator”.
Certification audit	Initial Audit required before participation in the CertifHy EU RFNBO Voluntary Scheme, with the purpose of issuing a certificate.
Certification body	Accredited conformity assessment body recognised by the CertifHy EU RFNBO Voluntary Scheme.
Certification scheme	Certification system related to specified products, to which the same specified requirements, specific rules and procedures apply. (ISO/IEC 17065:2012)
Certification scope	Identification of - the product(s) for which the certification is granted; - the sites and facilities that the certification covers; - the applicable certification scheme; and - the standards and other normative document(s), including their date of publication, to which it is judged that the product(s) comply. (ISO/IEC 17065:2012)



Chain of custody	Process by which inputs and outputs and associated information are transferred, monitored and controlled as they move through each step in the relevant supply chain. (ISO/DIS 22095)
Come into operation	Means starting production of renewable fuels of non-biological origin or renewable electricity for the first time or following a repowering, as defined under Article 2, point (10) of Directive (EU) 2018/2001, requiring investments exceeding 30% of the investment that would be needed to build a similar new installation.
Consignment	A specific quantity of a product that is intended to have uniform characteristics and qualities.
Direct line	Either an electricity line linking an isolated generation site with an isolated customer, or an electricity line linking a producer and an electricity supply undertaking to directly supply their own premises, subsidiaries and customers, as defined in Article 2, point (41), of Directive 2019/944.
Economic Operator	Legal entity or natural person a) being a producer of raw material, an operator of installations processing raw material into final fuels or intermediate products, an operator of installations producing energy (electricity, heating or cooling) or any other operator, including of storage facilities or traders that are in physical possession of raw material or fuels, provided that they process information on the sustainability and greenhouse gas emissions saving characteristics of those raw materials or fuels; and b) that is responsible for the implementation of all applicable CertifHy EU RFNBO Voluntary Scheme requirements in all organisations listed in the scope of certification.



Emission factor	Coefficient which allows the conversion of activity data into GHG emissions. It represents the average emission rate of a given source, relative to units of activity or process/processes.
Energy from renewable sources or Renewable energy	Energy from renewable non-fossil sources, namely wind, solar (solar thermal and solar photovoltaic) and geothermal energy, ambient energy, tidal, wave and other ocean energy, hydropower, biomass, landfill gas, sewage treatment plant gas, and biogas, as defined in the Revised Directive EU/2018/2001.
Expired certificate	Means a certificate that is no longer valid.
Fuel producer	An Economic Operator that produces RFNBO, as defined in CDR 1184.
Grievance	Any disagreement, complaint or allegation of wrongdoing, other than appeal, raised by any person having a contract with the CertifHy Scheme Operator or stakeholder, relating to the activities of a Certification Body, Economic Operator or the CertifHy Scheme Operator, where a response is expected.
Imbalance settlement period	The time unit for which the imbalance of the balance responsible parties is calculated, as defined in Regulation (EU) 2019/943, or an equivalent concept for third countries.
Input	An amount of a product, material or energy consumed by a Production Device.
Installation generating renewable electricity	Means individual units, or groups of units, producing electricity in one or several locations from the same or from different renewable sources, as defined in the Revised Directive EU/2018/2001, excluding units producing electricity from biomass and storage units.



Interconnected Infrastructure	Means a system of infrastructure, including pipelines, and storage facilities, which transport gases, that primarily consist of methane and include biogas and gas from biomass, in particular biomethane, or other types of gas that can technically and safely be injected into and transported through the natural gas pipeline system, hydrogen systems as well as pipeline networks and transmission or distribution infrastructure for liquid fuels.
Label	Information attached or adjacent to a product (ISO 21041:2018).
Non-conformity	Means non-compliance of an Economic Operator or Certification Body with the rules and procedures, established by CertifHy, of which they are members or under which they operate.
PPA	Power Purchase Agreement (PPA); renewable PPA means a contract under which a natural or legal person agrees to purchase renewable electricity directly from an electricity producer as defined in Revised Directive EU/2018/2001.
RCF	Recycled carbon fuels (RCF) means liquid and gaseous fuels that are produced from liquid or solid waste streams of non-renewable origin which are not suitable for material recovery in accordance with Article 4 of Directive 2008/98/EC, or from waste processing gas and exhaust gas of non-renewable origin which are produced as an unavoidable and unintentional consequence of the production process in industrial installations. RCF are not covered by the scope of the CertifHy EU RFNBO Voluntary Scheme.
Re-certification Audit	Audit with the purpose of renewing a certificate issued by a Certification Body within the framework of the CertifHy EU RFNBO Voluntary Scheme.



Renewable fuels	Means biofuels, bioliquids, biomass fuels and renewable fuels of non-biological origin
RFNBO	Renewable Fuel of Non-Biological Origin (RFNBO) means liquid and gaseous fuels, the energy content of which is derived from renewable sources other than biomass, as defined in the Revised Directive EU/2018/2001
Risk	Effect of uncertainty on objectives. (ISO 31000:2009)
Risk Assessment	Process of identifying, evaluating, managing, and monitoring a risk according to the probability of its occurrence and the significance of its consequences.
Risk Management	Coordinated activities to direct and control an organization with regard to risk. (ISO 28002:2011)
Site	A single functional unit of an Economic Operator, which is geographically and/or functionally distinct from other units of the same Economic Operator.
Smart metering system	An electronic system that is capable of measuring electricity fed into the grid or electricity consumed from the grid, providing more information than a conventional meter, and that is capable of transmitting and receiving data for information, monitoring and control purposes, using a form of electronic communication, as defined in Article 2(23) of Directive 2019/944.
Stakeholder	Persons, groups, or organisations who are directly or indirectly affected by an activity, or who can affect an activity, but also including people and organisations who have concerns about the activity or who might be responsible agents.
Supply chain	Linked set of resources and processes that begins with the sourcing of raw material and extends through the delivery of products or services to the end



	user across the modes of transport. (ISO 28002:2011)
Surveillance audit	Limited Audit where an Economic Operator is evaluated against a limited number of CertifHy EU RFNBO Voluntary Scheme requirements.
Suspended certificate	Means a certificate temporarily invalidated due to non-conformities identified by the certification body or upon voluntary request of the Economic Operator.
Terminated certificate	Means a certification that has been voluntarily cancelled while it is still valid.
Trademark	Symbol, word or phrase used to denote a particular source of goods or services. (ISO/IEC/IEEE 24765:2017)
Whistleblower	Individual who exposes or reports illegal, unethical or dishonest activities occurring within an organisation or government entity.
Withdrawn certificate	Means a certificate that has been permanently cancelled by the Certification Body or CertifHy.
Witness audit	Surveillance of an audit performed by the Certification Body that is accompanied and observed by a representative of CertifHy or by an Auditor assigned by CertifHy.