

INFORMATION CIRCULAR**Prot. DC2025UMZ021****Milano, 28-02-2025**

To all accredited/accruited PRD Certification Bodies

To Associations of Conformity Assessment Bodies

To all Inspectors/Experts of the DC Department

Their locations**SUBJECT: Information circular DC N° 06/2025 - Start of accreditation, PRD scheme, of the ENplus® certification scheme**

We inform you that the ENplus® scheme has successfully passed the acceptance verification for accreditation by EA according to the requirements of the document EA 1/22 A-AB 2023 "EA procedure and criteria for the evaluation of conformity assessment schemes by EA accreditation body members".

Following this acceptance, any request for accreditation relating to the ENplus® scheme by CABs may be accepted by ABs which are members of EA intending to offer accreditation of conformity assessment activities in a harmonized way.

According to EA-1/22 A-AB 2023 "EA procedure and criteria for the evaluation of conformity assessment schemes by EA accreditation body members", ACCREDIA will be the 'Home AB' for the ENplus® scheme and Marco Zanardi (m.zanardi@accredia.it) will be the point of contact for all EA members wishing to offer accreditation for the conformity assessment scheme ENplus®.

Presentation of the Conformity Assessment Scheme**The scheme owner**

Founded in 1990, Bioenergy Europe is a non-profit, Brussels-based international organization bringing together associations and companies, as well as academia and research institutes from across Europe. It aims to develop a sustainable bioenergy market based on fair business conditions.

Features and requirements of the scheme, added value

The main objective of the ENplus® certification scheme is to implement uniform quality for wood pellets. The ENplus® logo and the associated labels enable the quality of pellets to be communicated to clients and consumers in a transparent and verifiable way.

The ENplus® scheme certifies the technical properties of pellets and the management of product quality at Production, trade and service provider level.

The ENplus® scheme focuses primarily on the domestic and commercial heating sector, but ENplus® certification is also available to all other operators in the pellet industry.

Normative references for certification

As regards the certification criteria, it is possible to refer to the standard which is composed of the following documents:

- 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.

Downloadable from the website <https://enplus-pellets.eu/technical-documentation/>.

Provisions regarding the certification process

This is a product certification that includes annual inspections and analysis activities, providing for the use of the trademark on the packaging of the finished product.

The use of the trademark is permitted only after the company has obtained the certificate.

Accreditation Process

The audits required for the issuance of the ENplus® certification must be conducted by ENplus® listed Certification Bodies accredited according to UNI CEI EN ISO/IEC 17065:2012.

The accreditation certificate shall report the ENplus® Standard as the scope of accreditation:

- 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.

Different cases may arise, based on the ACCREDIA accreditations already held by the Certification Body that submits the application for accreditation or extension.

If the CB already holds accreditations issued by other Accreditation Bodies, a case-by-case evaluation must be carried out, based on the applicable EA / IAF MLA agreements.

The requirements set out in the ACCREDIA Regulations RG-01 and RG-01-03, in the current versions, for the granting and extension of accreditation remain unchanged.

A	CB already accredited for the scheme ISO/IEC 17065:2012	Document review of 1 day 1 Witnessed assessment
B	CB not yet accredited for ISO/IEC 17065:2012, but accredited for other accreditation schemes	Document review of 1 day Assessment at the CB's head office of 2 days. 1 Witnessed assessment
C	CB not yet accredited in any scheme	Document review of 1 day Assessment at the CB's head office of 4 days. 1 Witnessed assessment

Bodies intending to start accreditation activities must submit the DA 00 and DA 01 application forms for accreditation in the current version downloadable from the ACCREDIA website, accompanied by all the required documents.

A quotation will follow from ACCREDIA with all the applicable accreditation activities.

Maintenance of Accreditation

To maintain accreditation, throughout the entire accreditation cycle, except for particular situations (e.g. management of complaints and reports, changes to the certification scheme, changes in the structure of the Body), the following assessments will be performed:

- 1 annual surveillance assessment;
- 1 witnessed assessment during the accreditation cycle.

We are available for clarifications.

With kind regards.

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