Wood Heat 2020

Biomass Suppliers List Update

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Ensuring Quality — Improving Standards in Biomass Heat



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Suppliers List

Addressing Industry concerns



Who we are

Capabilities

• Experience

• The BSL Journey

• Fuels on the scheme

Audits

Ensuring quality

• Ensuring a sustainable scheme



WHO ARE WE?

Gemserv are an expert provider of professional services in a world driven by data and technology.

With our clients we:

- Tackle social and environmental challenges
- Improve and simplify the way markets work
- Harness the power of digital transformation
- Ensure data is protected and used ethically

GEMSERV CAPABILITIES



Consultancy



Regulatory



Data Protection, Security and Risk



Scheme Management



Digital Transformation



Strategy



Procurement and Commercial



Testing and Assurance



Project and Programme Management



Clean Transport



SOME OF OUR CLIENTS















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THE BIOMASS SUPPLIERS LIST

List of woody biomass fuels that have demonstrated compliance with the sustainability requirements of the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI).

GHG emissions: A lifecycle carbon footprint of no more than 34.8 g/CO₂ per

Allows RHI participants to easily source compliant wood fuels.

Land criteria: Must be sourced 100% legally and at least 70% sustainably

Administered on behalf of Department for Business, **Energy and Industrial Strategy** since 2014.





THE BSL JOURNEY

2015

Land Criteria

announced.

RHI

BSL linked to

Requirements

Scheme launched

2014

User friendly applications

- Traders selecting traders applications
- Alignment with GOV.UK

2016

2017

- Quarterly reporting function
- Payment mechanism
- Bank transfer payment introduced

B2C2
calculations
embedded
within
application
process

 Introduction of SBP certification to satisfy Land Criteria

2018

2019

- Quarterly reporting split
- New Fuel category
- First issue of the BSL Newsletter

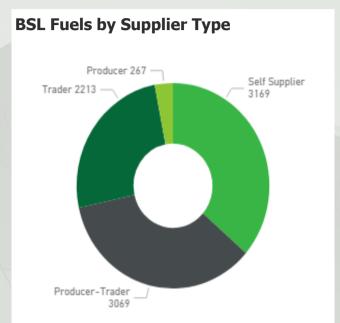
 Covid-19 survey at the start of lockdown and 6 weeks in to understand the impact on the industry to help inform policy decisions

2020

- Continuously engaging with industry
- Surveys and portal feedback
- > Improving and evolving based on market requirements

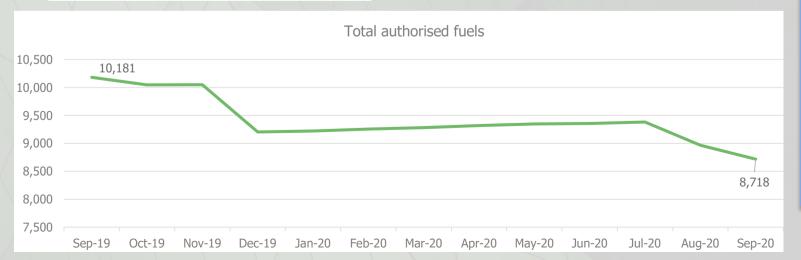


FUELS ON THE SCHEME



	Fuel Type	% authorised
	Self suppliers	49%
	Chip	25%
	Firewood	21%
	Pellets	5%
	Briquettes	<1%

Raw Material Origin		Declared annual production (tonnes)			
100% UK	2696	5,194,901			
100% Non UK	212	11,612,496			





BSL SUPPLIER AUDITS AND COMPLIANCE

Function

- Validate ongoing eligibility to retain BSL authorised status
- Check compliance with RHI and BSL requirements
- Detect fraud and deter non-compliance

Approach

- Risk-based approach to selection
- Cross Inter-report to Ofgem
- Material complaints/tip-offs feed into process

Volumes

- As of May 2020, 1037 authorised fuels have had site audits and 820 fuels have had desk-based audits.
- For Commercial Suppliers: 364 site audits and 326 desk-based audits were carried out.
- For Self-Suppliers: 252 desk-based audits were carried out.
- Current audit levels: 24% of 6,213 Commercial BSL numbers and 11% of 3,136 Self-Supplier BSL numbers since Scheme began (including Self-Supplier site audits from 2014-2017 at 38).
- Number of fuels referred to Ofgem: 77

Compliance

- For 2020 Jan-May, 1.21 average noncompliances per audit for Self-Suppliers, and 3.29 average non-compliances per audit for Commercial Supplier.
- Major non-compliances typically result in revocation of BSL authorisation.
- Minor non-compliance is likely to be an administrative error that renders the GHG calculation inaccurate, but the fuel is still compliant.
- Fuels removed in (January to May 2020) due to major non-compliances: 24





LOOKING FORWARD - ENSURING SUSTAINABLE SCHEME

- ➤ Introduce Fuel Quality requirements
- > Clearer criteria around waste wood
- > Increased transparency around the contents of waste and waste blend fuels
- > Aligning across the industry
- > Maintenance of boilers
- > Targeted audits
- > Documents, guidance and communications to support industry
- > Possible development of an accompanying biomass 'Code' touching on areas of sustainable forest management, supply chain management, system design etc















