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### **The EWABA Association strongly welcomes more stringent standards for Biofuels certification schemes**

The EWABA association, representing the EU waste-based and advanced biodiesel industry, welcomes the adoption on March 10<sup>th</sup> of more stringent standards for EU certification schemes as part of the revised Renewable Energy Directive (REDII) implementation.

We are confident that the implementing act on revised standards will strengthen and further enhance transparency in our sector by providing full traceability across the supply chain of all biofuels supplied into the EU.

The revised standards include a number of improvements to certification schemes proposed by our association in our “EWABA Standard of Transparency”, shared with the European Commission, certification schemes and other industry stakeholders in late 2019.

From the start of the discussions, EWABA has been very supportive of more stringent measures to improve biofuel certification processes, to protect the unique sustainability value of our products and alleviate any concerns arising from the wider public. Our members have been proactive in building systems to demonstrate full traceability and are working constantly with certification schemes and legislators to support their efforts.

We believe that the adoption of the revised standards for certification schemes coupled with the requirement to record all feedstock and biofuel transactions into a pan-EU track and trace database, set to become operational by 1 January 2023, will provide regulators and customers with efficient and effective capabilities to validate the sustainability characteristics of every biofuel liter traded into EU markets.

Our member Bioledger, established in 2019 to deliver these digital traceability tools for the biofuels industry welcomed the vote and encouraged the voluntary schemes and certified companies to act together and early to transition the near 8,000 certified companies in over 150 countries onto harmonized digital trading applications. Following their blockchain prototype and in anticipation of this Implementing Act, Bioledger has deployed mobile apps for first collectors of waste feedstocks and a mass balance application which is designed to record and report transactions into the EU biofuels database.

EWABA members are already proactively introducing changes in their commercial practices to comply with the new requirements. For instance our British/Dutch member Greenergy is an early adopter of the Bioledger mass balance application and has begun introducing Bioledger to its feedstock suppliers and upstream supply chain points replacing paper based delivery documents with immutable digital consignments which are capable of being reported into the EU database before it becomes mandatory in January 2023.



We are confident that these measures provide further reassurance to market operators and policymakers so as to ensure sustainable long-term growth for the waste-based and advanced biofuels industry.

**About EWABA**

EWABA is a Brussels-based association representing the interests of the European waste-based and advanced biofuels industry before EU institutions, national governments, industry, civil society and the media. We promote the inclusion of waste-based and advanced biofuels in the EU fuel mix as a sustainable means of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in EU transport. Our +35 members active in most EU Member States collect and use waste and advanced feedstocks listed in parts A and B of Annex IX of the Renewable Energy Directive (REDII) to produce sustainable biodiesel with the highest GHG savings (up to +90%) when compared with fossil fuels, thus enabling “near-term decarbonization” of the EU road and maritime transport sectors.

**About Bioledger**

Established in London in 2019, Bioledger is an independent developer of software to demonstrate compliance with the EU RED II Voluntary Schemes and integration with the EU Union Database for biofuels. Bioledger applications are designed in close consultation with waste collectors, biofuel producers, auditors and voluntary schemes. Early adopters include Greenergy biodiesel plants in Netherlands & UK and waste feedstock collectors in UK, Ireland, Netherlands, Ghana and Tanzania. Our technical team are former builders of mobile and online banking applications based in UK, Poland, Spain & Ireland. [www.bioledger.io](http://www.bioledger.io)