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Practical Certification Experiences

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of Aviation Alternative Fuels





What is a Certification Body (CB)?

- Independent verifiers for standards
- Auditors placed around the world trained to audit to different standards.
- CBs are accredited to offer certain standards.
 - Internal control systems ensure audit quality
 - External accreditation/oversight ensures integrity across CBs





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Audit Preparation

- Companies may take from 2 months to 2 years to prepare for an audit, often longer for agricultural producers than industrial.
- Identify the “Certification Scope”
- Identify the scheme and standard version
- Internal Audit Preparation
 - Conduct internal reviews against the criteria
 - Prepare documentation for auditors (checklists available)
 - Internal trainings to educate staff on the standards



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Audit Process

1. Document Review – Conducted prior to audit
2. Audit Plan Sent - What auditor will check and sites to visit.
3. Site Visit – Sample of farms (✓) and all industrial facilities.
4. Findings delivered to client at audit conclusion - no surprises!
5. Report sent to CB for technical review, then delivered to client
6. Major non-conformities (NCs) closed, plan for closing minors
7. Certification approved after all major NCs are closed



**Typical timeframe from audit start to finish is 1.5 - 6 months.
Be prepared! Sometimes closing NCs can drag on for a long time.**



General Characteristics

	Feedstocks	Primary Driver(s)	Auditing and Risk Approach	Scope & Structure
RSB	Multifeedstock, Focus on new and novel technologies	- Aviation sector - Int'l Development	Classified low/med/high Main audits 2/3/5 years (annual surveillance) Low & Med = Sq root High = Sq root x 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major NC Non-conformity Progress Reqs. Sustainability applies to agriculture & processing
ISCC	Multi-feedstock	- Renewable Energy Directive (EU RED)	List of factors, auditor decides Annual Audits Regular / Medium / High Factors: x1.0 / x1.5 / x2.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major Musts Minor Musts Farm sustainability requirements, GHG
RSPO	Palm	- Edible food markets	Not a risk-based approach Annual surveillance audits, certificates valid for 5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major Indicators closed to certify CPO Mill and Plantations in Scope



Common Certification Challenges

1. Rushing due to immediate customer demand
 - *Leave time! Ensure all criteria are carefully considered, and documentation is available.*
2. Data collection from farmers / 3rd parties outside your control
 - *Use standardized checklists and provide support to data collection efforts.*
3. Traceability of Commodities
 - *Mass Balance helps a lot! Full traceability of commodities is a challenge.*
4. Ignoring parts of the standard that seem less important
 - *Auditors check everything to rigid checklists. Minor issues can be missed. Consider a pre-assessment to identify potential areas that need attention!*



If you had the chance to make 3 policy requests to States to facilitate the development and deployment of alternative fuels, what would they be?

- 1. Provide long-term, price floor guarantees for alternative fuel incentive programs to stimulate investment.*
- 2. Analyze low-value biomass available in your region, and plan accordingly for reasonable growth. Incorporate sustainability into the plan.*
- 3. Prioritize high priority transport means that cannot be easily electrified (e.g. shipping, aviation, etc...)*



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Thank you!

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