
Overview

This standard covers the skills and knowledge required to gain recognition against externally assessed quality schemes or complying with voluntary criteria. It is about evaluating the benefits and requirements of different schemes, following processes to get approval and ensuring the information is passed on to customers.

This could apply to the production of wood chips, wood pellets, wood briquettes, fire wood or charcoal.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. comply with health and safety requirements and procedures at all times
2. identify quality standards, assurance and recognition schemes relevant to the organisation
3. evaluate benefits and requirements of different quality standards, assurance and recognition schemes and impact they will have on the organisation and its processes
4. select quality standards, assurance and recognition schemes that meet the organisation's needs
5. give sufficient information to others in the organisation to ensure they can see the benefits of quality standards, assurance and external recognition to the organisation
6. allow realistic time to follow application processes for chosen quality, assurance standards and recognition schemes
7. produce appropriate evidence to prove compliance against criteria for chosen quality standards, assurance and recognition schemes
8. seek specialist advice when required to improve chances of proving compliance
9. check benefits of quality standards, assurance and recognition schemes are relayed to customers
10. put systems in place to meet any on-going requirements of quality standards, assurance and recognition schemes

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. legal duties for health and safety in the workplace and legislation covering your job role
2. relevant legislation and requirements relating to clean fuels
3. where to find information about different wood fuel quality standards, assurance, voluntary initiatives and recognition schemes
4. how to identify implications of each on the organisation and its processes
5. how to compare benefits and disadvantages of different schemes
6. how to interpret requirements to prove compliance and calculate amount of time this is likely to take
7. type of specialist advice available and how to access
8. different information needs of different people in the organisation about progress with wood fuel quality criteria and recognition schemes
9. effects of wood species on compliance with quality standards, assurance and recognition schemes
10. properties of wood fuel that needs to be tested to provide compliance
11. how to determine number of increments required for meaningful testing
12. how to confirm wood fuel products comply with quality standards, assurance and recognition schemes
13. type of problems that could occur and how to deal with non-conforming product

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