



Interpretation Note
(Previously Request for Clarification)
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1. Introduction

The Bonsucro Chain of Custody v4.0 contains a set of technical and administrative requirements for enabling the tracking of Bonsucro-compliant or Bonsucro EU RED-compliant sugarcane and derived products along the entire supply chain.

Following several requests from stakeholders, the need for clarity on the use of the word “system” in key indicators has come to our attention. This Interpretation Note aims to provide this.

2. Reference

The Bonsucro/Bonsucro EU RED Mass Balance Chain of Custody Standard v4.0

3. Date of implementation

July 30th, 2016

4. Requirements

In the following indicators where the term “system” is used and highlighted in bold and underlined; the term has been defined as the following:

System: set of procedures, documents and records (referred to in 3.1 as the Bonsucro documentation) implemented by the economic operator in compliance with the Bonsucro Standard. In this case, system is not only restricted to the mass balance accounting system.

The term “system” is used in the following indicators:

- 3.1.1 Invoice and/or supporting documentation of incoming Bonsucro/Bonsucro EU RED certified product must be received and entered into the **system** within 30 days of physical delivery.
- 3.1.4 The volume of the Bonsucro/Bonsucro EU RED certified product received and the associated sustainability characteristics must be



recorded in the **system**, within one week of entering the system, after validity has been confirmed (indicator 2.1.1).

- 3.1.6 The volume of the Bonsucro/Bonsucro EU RED certified product and the associated sustainability characteristics leaving the system must be recorded in the **system** within one week.
- 3.1.10 Sustainability data expires three years from the date of entry into the **system** or until the end of certification of the economic operator, whichever occurs sooner.