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## Information For Sustainable Canola Production To Access The EU Market

As a result of the European Union (EU) Renewable Energy Directive (RED) Australian canola can now only access the European biofuels market if the canola is produced from a farm that meets the requirement of the EU RED. This market is often very important to the pricing of Australian canola and thus the Australian industry is moving quickly towards producing EU sustainable canola that can access this market when needed. This is where it applies to you and us. In order for you to have the opportunity to sell your grain into this market you need to meet the requirements of the RED and sign off on a self declaration to this affect.

The EU Renewable Directive 2009/28/EC promotes the use of renewable energy and requires a minimum of 10% of energy used in the EU transport sector to come from renewable sources such as biofuels by 2020 and given it currently sits at only around 1.5% there is a significant requirement going forward.

The EU has approved a number of schemes that when complied with, grant access to canola into the EU market. Centre State are using the EU approved 2BSvs (Biomass, Biofuels, Sustainability voluntary scheme) scheme to meet market requirements. This scheme focuses on land use change. Your part of the scheme involves completing the self declaration that confirms your farm has produced canola from areas of arable and unwooded land, land which was not primary forest and areas that were not wetland or peat land since January 1, 2008.

This self declaration is valid for 1 year under the 2BSvs scheme and in signing this you also agree to advising Centre State of any changes that impact the validity of the declaration eg. buying or leasing additional land.

Audits of your farm can occur. As part of the 2BSvs scheme Centre State's Auditors can select your farm for a random audit. Subject to documents being available this audit should take no longer than 2-3 hours and Centre State will cover the auditors cost. Some of the information the auditor may require include (but not limited to) copies of farm plans showing areas where canola has been produced, that you understand your role in the scheme and the importance of compliance and that you have notified Centre State of any changes that impact the validity of your declaration.

To meet the declaration requirements you cannot provide Centre State with a copy of a self declaration already provided to another canola trader. One specifically for Centre State must be completed on the Centre State form.

At Centre State our aim is to maximize the price you get for your grain. To give us the best chance of doing this for your canola we need to be able to access all markets and thus the need for you to be part of the 2BSvs scheme. Unless otherwise stated Centre State will only be purchasing canola from growers participating in this scheme.

Full details of the 2BSvs voluntary scheme can be found at [www.centrestateexports.com.au](http://www.centrestateexports.com.au) sustainable canola link.

*Disclaimer: Centre State Exports recommends that you make your own enquires and seek formal advice on your compliance with 2BSvs and the EU RED requirements.*