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**To the voluntary schemes that
have been recognised by the
Commission for demonstrating
compliance with the sustainability
criteria for biofuels**

**Subject: Additional guidance on conducting and verifying actual calculations
of GHG emission savings**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Since the first voluntary schemes started operating, significant experience was gained in calculating emission savings of biofuels and it is expected that calculation of actual GHG emission savings will become more and more common.

Please, find attached a note providing further guidance on how the voluntary schemes can ensure that actual GHG emissions related to the production of biofuels are calculated and reported in a reliable and transparent way according to the requirements of the Renewable Energy Directive (Directive2009/28/EC).

The principles outlined in this note will be taken into account in the future technical assessments of voluntary schemes and should be implemented by all voluntary schemes that have been recognised at the latest by July 2016. The changes should be applied by the operators participating in the scheme at the latest by end of 2016.

Yours sincerely,

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