



## **Audit Requirements for reaching SAI/FSA 3.0 Silver Europe**

### **Note on the status of this document**

This reference document is an integral part of the 2BS voluntary scheme developed by the 2BS Association.



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## Introduction

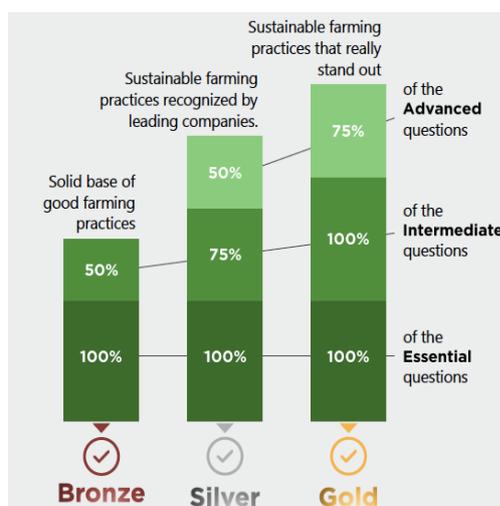
The Sustainable Agriculture Initiative (SAI) is a global organization that promotes sustainable practices in agriculture. It is a collaborative initiative involving multiple stakeholders, including farmers, food companies, retailers, NGOs, and governmental organizations. SAI aims to improve the sustainability of agricultural systems by fostering the adoption of environmentally friendly practices, promoting social responsibility, and ensuring economic viability.

One of the key tools developed by the Sustainable Agriculture Initiative is the Farm Sustainability Assessment (FSA). FSA is a comprehensive framework that helps farmers assess and improve the sustainability of their operations. It provides a structured approach for evaluating and managing various aspects of farming practices, including environmental, social, and economic dimensions.

The assessment covers a wide range of topics and issues related to sustainable agriculture, including:

- **Environmental Stewardship:** This includes assessing the farm's impact on biodiversity, soil and water conservation, pesticide and fertilizer use, energy efficiency, greenhouse gas emissions, and waste management.
- **Social Responsibility:** The assessment evaluates the farm's labour practices, worker health and safety, fair treatment of workers, community engagement, and respect for human rights.
- **Economic Viability:** The assessment examines the farm's financial performance, resource efficiency, market access, risk management, and the farm's contribution to local and regional economies.

Sustainability schemes have the possibility to be benchmarked against the Farm Sustainability Assessment (FSA). Within the FSA it is possible to achieve bronze, silver and gold performance levels. This is determined by how many Essential, Intermediate, and Advanced questions are met in the Self-Assessment Questionnaire.



In 2021, 2BSvs and 2BSXtra were positively benchmarked by SAI against the FSA 3.0 ([see SAI benchmark results](#)).



According to the performed benchmark 2BSvs and 2BSXtra currently reaches the FSA 3.0 Silver level on a **French scale**.

In response to the request for achieving FSA 3.0 Silver compliance at a **European scale**, 2BS has developed an **Add-On**. While 2BS does not perceive the need to incorporate the remaining criteria into the main standard (2BS-STD-01), the goal is to offer economic operators a practical and feasible solution to attain the FSA 3.0 Silver level for Europe.

The Add-On serves as a valuable tool for 2BS economic operators, enabling them to identify the necessary criteria that must be fulfilled to achieve the FSA 3.0 Silver level **for Europe**.

## **Scope of the Requirements of 2BS-ADD-01**

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This document outlines the criteria required to reach the Add-On FSA Silver Europe and thus, become equivalent to the FSA 3.0 Silver on a European scale. **This Add-On is applicable for biomass producers only.**

The following criteria must complement those of the main standard: 2BS-STD-01.

## **Principle A: Farm Management and Community**

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*Sustainable biomass should not be produced on non-legitimate lands.*

**Criterion A.1:** The 1st gathering entity **shall** ensure that all suppliers of agricultural biomass claiming sustainability based within the Community are committed to fulfilling the requirements of land rights.

**Indicator A.1.1:** The 1st gathering entity **shall** ensure that all its suppliers of agricultural biomass based in the Community are able to demonstrate legitimate land use.

- **Verifier:** Formal land title or relevant contracts (property title, land lease agreements, written agreements/contracts) or,
- **Verifier:** Official confirmation from the local/regional authority (land register) demonstrating that the farmer is legitimately managing the land.

**Indicator A.1.2:** Whenever applicable, the 1st gathering entity **shall** ensure that its suppliers are able to provide evidence demonstrating respect for the title to property and land rights of individuals, local communities, and indigenous people. All negotiations, including the use of land and transfers, must align with the principle of free, prior, and informed consent (FPIC). This indicator is applicable only if the land farmed was acquired/purchased or if a proportion of it was acquired/purchased.

- **Verifier:** Ongoing consent process
- **Verifier:** Customary decision-making process of the communities
- **Verifier:** Authorization or commencement of activities
- **Verifier:** Free consent (without coercion, intimidation, or manipulation)



## Principle B: Environmental Protection

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*Sustainable biomass should not be produced on land where soil, water and air have not been protected.*

**Criterion B.1:** The 1st gathering entity **shall** prevent biomass producers to use plant protection products (PPPs) from unknown sources.

**Indicator B.1.1:** The 1st gathering entity **shall** ensure that none of its suppliers use PPPs from the [SAI Platform red list](#).

- **Verifier:** Self-declaration from the supplier with the list of all PPPs used
- **Verifier:** Internal audit of every self-declaration
- **Verifier:** Inventory to be cross-checked with SAI Platform red list by the FGP

**Indicator B.1.2:** The 1st gathering entity **shall** ensure that biomass producers purchase PPPs from trustworthy and licenced sources.

- **Verifier:** REACH record number of PPP
- **Verifier:** Batch number

## Principle C: Social Sustainability

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*Biomass should not be considered sustainable where work conditions are not decent.*

**Criterion C.1:** The 1st gathering entity **shall** ensure that all its suppliers provide decent wages and benefits to their employees.

**Indicator C.1.1:** The 1st gathering entity **shall** ensure that all its suppliers have a farm policy in place. The farm policy should ensure that all permanent, temporary, and seasonal workers are provided with a total compensation package, including wages, overtime payments, benefits, and paid leave, in a timely manner. The compensation package should meet or exceed the legal minimum standards and appropriate prevailing industry standards, whichever is higher.

- **Verifier:** List of all suppliers (labour providers) and their countries, and
- **Verifier:** Ratification ILO conventions n° 100, 138 for the countries mentioned above

**Criterion C.2:** The 1st gathering entity **shall** be certain that all its suppliers provide good work conditions in terms of health and safety.

**Indicator C.2.1:** The 1st gathering entity **shall** ensure that its suppliers display emergency contact details (including essential information such as emergency phone numbers, addresses, and any other relevant contact information) in all respective languages used to communicate with workers

- **Verifier:** List of numbers displayed and translated
- **Verifier:** Training plan and attendance list
- **Verifier:** List of all suppliers (labour providers) and their countries, and
- **Verifier:** Ratification ILO conventions n°155 for the countries mentioned above



**Indicator C.2.2:** Where applicable, the 1st gathering entity *shall* ensure that its suppliers prohibit workers who may be vulnerable or whose immune systems may be compromised to handle plant protection products (PPPs) or hazardous substances.

- **Verifier:** Training of workers (training plan and attendance list) and annual control of the deployment of the PPP safety datasheet
- **Verifier:** Internal audit (*2BS-STD-01 Indicator 0.3.5*) of every supplier to validate the enforcement of this indicator

**Indicator C.2.2:** Where applicable, the 1st gathering entity *shall* ensure that its suppliers provide to workers and their families that are housed or lodged on-site, safe, clean and decent living quarters, taking into consideration local conditions.

- **Verifier:** List of all suppliers (labour providers) and their countries, and
- **Verifier:** Ratification ILO conventions n°R192 (welfare and accommodation facilities), n°R115 (Housing standards) for the countries mentioned above
- **Verifier:** Photos of accommodation (hygiene/safety)