



CO₂ PERFORMANCE LADDER

Harmonisation act 7

Subject:

Correct scope for biogas

Context:

It is not always clear for certificate holders – who voluntarily choose to report on CO₂ emissions released from burning biogas in their installations – whether or not these should be reported under scope 1. The GHG protocol states that due to their short-cyclic character these emissions do not belong under scope 1, but must be listed separately in the emission inventory. This is also in line with ISO 14064-1.

Harmonisation act:

Certificate holders who want to report on CO₂ emissions released from the combustion of self-produced biogas (e.g. for heat or electricity production or during flaring) must state these separately in the emission inventory. These must not be reported under scope 1. If third-party products are purchased, combusted, and purified to natural gas quality biogas (green gas), this must be reported under scope 1.

If organisations also choose to report on methane (e.g. due to the discharge of biogas), this must be included in scope 1 in CO₂ equivalents.

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Transition period:

Not applicable