ISCC Audits for biodiesel based on soy beans, experience in Argentina

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## The client: Oil Mill + Biodiesel Plant in Argentina







## The 3 columns of the ISCC audit







# Audit of the sustainibility criteria at the farms

- Certification audit:
  - 23 farms operated by the client, owned land and rented land
  - 2 Farms audited on-site. Revision of the documents of all farms by sample in the central office of the client
- Follow up audit:
  - 25 farms operated by the client (23 + 2 new farms)
  - 32 farms from 4 providers of the client, owned land and rented land
  - Visiting the central offices of the 4 providers evaluation of the documents of all farms by sample
  - 6 Farms audited on-site: 1 farm each of each provider and 2 farms operated by the client
- Audit team: Qualified ISCC auditor + agricultural expert



# Audit of the sustainibility criteria at the farms

- Main topics to audit in the office:
  - Self declarations of all farms
  - Conditions and history of the land (no go areas, satelite images)
  - Contracts of renting the land, documentation of property
  - Contracts with service providers (tilling, harvesting, agro chemicals)
  - Registers of shipment of the grains (carta de porte nota fiscal)
  - Management system, procedures
  - Structure and responsibility, organisational chart
  - Training records
- Main topics of audit during the on-site farm visits:
  - Conditions of the land and of the surrounding
  - Good agricultural practices
  - Interview with the people: Social and safety conditions, level of knowledge





## Mass balance and traceability audit in the Oil Mill

- Applied method:
  - Mass balance with physical mixing of sustainable and non sustainable biomass
  - Book keeping of credits of sustainable biomass
  - Balance period 3 months
- Certification audit:
  - Revision of the balance method (the balance sheet itself was still empty)
  - Structure and responsibility, organisational chart
  - Training records, knowledge of the people
- Follow up audit:
  - Detailed revision of the mass balance sheet (more than 3.000 entries)
  - Sample revision of the shipping papers for sustainable material (carta de portes, nota fiscal, sustainibility declarations), about 40 cases evaluated
  - Correct application of conversion factors
- Recomendation:
  - Integration of sustainibility accounting in existing IT System for warehouse management in order to control the huge amount of data in future





## GHG Calculation step 1: Emissions for each unit

Calculation for each process step	Specific consumption per kg product	Emission factor kg CO <sub>2</sub> per unit of consumption	Sum kg CO <sub>2</sub> per kg product
Energy (gas, diesel, electricity)	<u> </u>		<b>→</b> ○
Inputs (fertilizer, hexane, metanol, etc.)	<u> </u>		
Waste (waste water)	<u> </u>		$\rightarrow$
Apply this calculation to every process step.			Kg CO <sub>2</sub> / kg product

Apply this calculation to every process step: Farm, first gathering point, oil mill, biodiesel plant, transport by truck and vessel





#### GHG Calculation step 2: Assamble the parts



# Audit of the GHG Calculation

- Applied method:
  - Excel sheet similar to step 1 and 2 shown above
  - Default value for the farms, transport and conversion units calculated
- Certification audit:
  - Verify the calculation in details (time consuming)
  - Correct use of the units (kg CO2 / kg Soy, kg CSO, kg FAME, MJ)
  - Sources for emission factors (literature)
  - Statistical security of data in case of own measurements
  - Correct application of conversion and allocation factors
  - Correct use of the default values (The transport from farm to first gathering point is not included in the default value for the farm)
  - Correct application of the transport distances (the truck is empty on its return journey?)
- Follow up audit:
  - No changes since certification audit
- Recomendation:
  - Start collecting data from the farms in order to reach 60 % reduction





#### Thank you for listening!



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