

## Harmonisation act 8

Subject:

Emission factor for green electricity from biomass

## Context:

Handbook 3.1 (page 35/36) states that, for green electricity generated from demonstrably sustainable biomass, a lower emission factor may be used than the factor for grey power, provided the electricity supplier can demonstrate by a specific method what this lower factor is. According to Handbook 3.1, the average factor for biomass electricity from <u>www.co2emissiefactoren.nl</u> may not be used because chain emissions vary greatly depending on the source of biomass and the plant used. However, the practice is that a. it is not clear what this specific method is and b. the effort that electricity suppliers have to make for this specific factor is disproportionate to the number of customers. In practice, therefore, the grey electricity factor is often used by necessity.

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Certificate holders who purchase biomass electricity may use the average factor of biomass electricity from www.co2emissiefactoren.nl, provided the sustainability criteria on page 36 are met. If the supplier has its own more accurate factor available, this may also be chosen.

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Transition period: Not applicable

Note: This concerns a change with retroactive effect: the reference year must also be adjusted for this change