

# NORTH HERTS FARMERS GRAIN LIMITED

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Dear Supplier,

In preparation for the Oilseed Rape harvest 2014-15, the enclosed form requires your **urgent attention**, please complete and return to us as soon as possible. The enclosed documentation will help you meet your legal obligations regarding the Renewable Energy Directive (RED) for Oilseed Rape and Wheat crops for the 2013 harvest, the forms have to be completed on an annual basis, pre harvest, and failure to complete and return the form could result in delayed movement.

The EU Legislation to create the Renewable Energy Directive (RED) became effective at the beginning of 2011 and will affect the marketing and value of Oilseed Rape and wheat in the future.

In the EU, over 70% of Oilseed Rape Oil and an increasing amount of wheat is used in the manufacture of Biodiesel and ethanol, crops used for this purpose must meet the RED requirements. In addition, many food processors may also be looking for suppliers of Oilseed Rape and Wheat that meet these requirements. Unfortunately due to the way that the legislation has evolved, the UK industry is required to meet the requirements of the major biodiesel and ethanol consuming country in the EU, Germany.

In order to ensure that you achieve the full value of the sustainable Oilseed Rape and Wheat that we are marketing on your behalf, we are asking our growers to complete the enclosed declaration (ISCC 202-02 Self Declaration for Sustainability) and return it to us as soon as possible, no later than 1st July 2014.

We have also enclosed an appendix of further notes to help explain the Sustainability Requirements and an example of the completed form.

If you have any further questions about the Renewable Energy Directive or require any clarification about completing the Self Declaration Form please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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## Explanatory Notes for the completion of Form ISCC 202-02 (Example Enclosed)

In order to achieve compliance with the Renewable Energy Directive please complete form ISCC 202-02 as follows:

### 1. Tick Box if land in arable production in 2008

**High biodiversity value:** High Biodiversity land is defined as:

- Primary Forest and other wooded land, namely forest and other wooded land of native species, where there is no clearly visible indication of human activity and the ecological processes are not significantly disturbed.
- Areas designated for protection. These are areas designated:
  - (i) by law or by the relevant competent authority for nature protection purposes.
  - (ii) For the protection of rare, threatened or endangered eco-systems or species recognised by international agreements or included in lists drawn up by intergovernmental organisations or the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, subject to their recognition in accordance with the second subparagraph of article 18(4). (unless evidence is provided that the production of that raw material did not interfere with those of nature protection purposes)

### 2. Please leave this Box unticked

**High biodiverse grassland** that is:

- Natural, namely grassland that would remain grassland in the absence of human intervention and which maintains the natural species composition and ecological characteristics and process or:
- non-natural, namely grassland that would cease to be grassland in the absence of human intervention and which is species rich and not degraded, unless evidence is provided that the harvesting of raw material is necessary to preserve its grassland status.

The commission will establish the criteria and geographic ranges for grassland. In order to ensure compliance with definitions any converted permanent pasture to arable production from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008 will be counted as biodiverse grasslands until further clarification is available.

### 3. Please tick all 3 boxes if Single Farm Payment received

As a grower you receive Single Farm Payment (SFP) and as a result comply with EU Cross Compliance Regulations.

### 4. Please tick the large box and the first small box

That you as the grower have the relevant maps related to the cultivated area of the crop and that these are available for inspection.

### 5. Please tick this box

This refers to the green house gas emissions default for the relevant crops which is still under discussion in the UK and does not come into effect until 2013. If we require any further information we will contact you.