

Guidance Document 4a - Allocation of carbon savings at the national and individual/company level

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Whether a company is based inside or outside the UK, when using GGCS RGGOs they are (with only a few exceptions¹) evidencing use of biomethane, for which a production subsidy (the Renewable Heat Incentive) has been paid by the UK government and that has contributed towards the UK national RED and wider carbon targets.

However the carbon savings from this gas **are still available** to be allocated to individuals, companies and other organisations inside and outside the UK. This can be done via the market in Renewable Gas Guarantees of Origin (RGGOs) listed on Green Gas Certificates.

This approach of allocating carbon savings at the national level and again at the individual/company level is well established in the electricity system through the market in [Renewable Electricity Guarantees of Origin](#) (REGOs), also referred to as Guarantees of Origin (GoOs).

There is no double counting as carbon savings allocated at the individual and company level are never added to national carbon accounts or calculations of RED targets.

National boundaries between the site of biomethane production and the location of the claim of biomethane use are not material, provided both are connected to the same gas grid. However the potential for gas to move through the grid should be considered, for example there is an established practice of French, Dutch and German gas consumers using UK RGGOs, however gas consumers in Poland or Greece may have a more intangible link to UK biomethane production.

The Green Gas Certification Scheme has established within the most widely used greenhouse gas reporting methodology, the GHG Protocol, that our RGGOs meet the same quality criteria that REGOs/GoOs meet. RGGOs can therefore be used within voluntary carbon reporting methodologies to evidence green gas use and report close to zero CO₂e Scope 1 emissions.

More information on this subject can be found on the GGCS website here -

<http://www.greengas.org.uk/certificates/emissions-reporting>

¹ The GGCS has issued a small number of RGGOs for unsupported biomethane production. This gas has sought to be rewarded under the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation and therefore will have also been counted towards the UKs RED targets.