



# Presentation to Woodfuel Supplier Meeting Stoneleigh

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# HETAS Context

- HETAS already approve fuels, appliances, chimney equipment, installers, chimney sweeps (see our Guide and Web site)?
- Already take part in Technical and Regulatory reviews e.g. Clean air, Building Regs, Safety, standards in UK; we work with DEFRA, CLG and BERR
- Already run and contribute to European Standards Committees
- We actively support the development and reputation of biomass in UK – working with REA, CT etc



# Background

- Wood/biomass from sustainable sources
  - Carbon neutral
  - Environmentally friendly
  - Commercially attractive



# Customer perspective

- Customer confidence
  - What are they buying?
  - Fit for purpose and for their appliance?
- EU Standards DD CEN/TS
  - Currently 25 standards covering all fuels
  - Meaningless to most end users
  - Need for interpretation



# Scheme outline

- Certify the producer/supplier
  - Product meets relevant EU standards
  - Quality measures in place for continued production to standards
  - Periodic audits – with testing as necessary
  - Compliance with certification body contract including complaints procedures



# Products covered

- Wood logs
- Pellets from wood and other biomass
- Briquettes from wood and other biomass
- Chips from wood and other biomass



# Benefits

- Improved fuel quality
- Consumer confidence, sustainability, fitness for purpose, increased uptake of the technologies
- Better regulation of the supply industry
- Improved combustion, lower emissions
- Overall CO<sub>2</sub> reduction



# Scheme Logo

- Scheme participants can use the logo on their packaging and promotional literature





# Current Status

- First scheme member signed up
- Interest being shown from suppliers
- Currently working with Wood Fuel Wales – a jointly badged scheme
  - 1<sup>st</sup> member signed up
- Possible tie in with other Regional Agencies



# Challenges

- For log scheme, moisture measurement needs work
  - Range of meters available
  - Correlation with actual measurement



# Funding

- HETAS is “Not for Profit” – limited by Guarantee and limited resources
- Kick start funding from Government
- Industry champions
- Should become self financing



# The Next Steps

- Sign up interested suppliers
- Continue discussions with partners
- Expand the scheme to cover other fuel types
- Feedstock materials other than wood