

FAQ Quantity Report

Who must register biomass quantities in the SURE database?

- ✓ The quantity report for the 2025 reporting year requires **a valid system contract and a valid certificate in the 2025 reporting year.**
- ✓ The quantity reporting is mandatory for all system participants. The **quantities of sustainable biomass must be reported for the year 2025** or it must be actively confirmed that no biomass quantities were marketed as sustainable or used (internally) in 2025. Economic operators who **do not report the quantity on time** are recorded by SURE with a quantity of zero. **The biomass quantities registered in the database are subject to the mass balance check in the next audit.** Significant deviations between the reported quantities and the quantity determined in the next audit represent a serious deviation and can lead to the loss of the certificate.
- ✓ Economic operators who have only concluded a system contract with SURE in 2026 actively indicate in which market segment (biomass/biogas) they operate. The quantities are automatically set to zero because no sustainable quantities could have been available in the previous year.
- ✓ Economic operators can only declare biomass as sustainable **once they have received a certificate.** Reporting quantities of sustainable biomass for 2025 therefore requires a valid certificate with a term starting in 2025 or ending in 2025.
- ✓ If you had a SURE system contract in 2025 but **no certificate**, you cannot declare any biomass as sustainable in the SURE EU system for 2025. Your quantity report will then be preset with the following text: "No sustainable biomass was purchased, used or marketed in 2025". The economic operators must indicate here in which market segment (biomass/biogas) they are active. The quantities are automatically set to zero.
- ✓ Please only report the **biomass quantity for the YEAR 2025** in the SURE database.

What quantities must be reported?

- ✓ **All economic operators** in the SURE system must report the quantities of **biomass or biomass fuel** that were actually used or traded as sustainable biomass in the 2025 reporting year as the basis for determining the 2026 annual fee (**certificate!**). The quantities are derived from the mass balance that all scheme participants must keep and are the subject of the audits. Only the quantities that were registered in the **mass balance** as **outgoing/outgoing goods**, i.e. that have been marketed as sustainable biomass/biomass fuel to other economic operators,
 - marketed to other economic operators, or
 - used to generate electricity or heat are recorded.
- ✓ First gathering points and collectors must also report the quantities they have received from producers of agricultural or forestry biomass or from waste and residue producers (**incoming goods**).

What do I have to report if I have produced or used biogas or biomethane?

- ✓ Operators of a biogas or biomethane plants, only report the quantity of biomethane produced and marketed/used (for biogas: biomethane content in biogas, see below) and not the quantities of substrate used to produce the gas. This also applies if, for example, you produce biomass as a farmer and use it yourself to produce biogas.

How can I register biogas in the database?

- ✓ SURE bases the annual fee on the proportion of biomethane in the biogas. **If you have produced and marketed biogas or used it to generate electricity**, please state the corresponding quantity and desired unit. SURE converts the quantity using a conversion factor of 0.6 (see fee schedule):

Amount of biogas x 0.6 = amount of biomethane in the biogas

Who has to register biomass quantities for reporting to the EU Commission?

- ✓ The EU Commission records the total amount of biomass that was used in the EU in 2025 as sustainable biomass for electricity/heat generation (and for biofuel production). SURE, like all other recognized certification systems, is therefore obliged to record the biomass quantities that were first introduced into the system as sustainable biomass. In order to avoid double counting due to quantity reports in the supply chain, only first gathering points and collectors must also register the biomass quantities in the SURE database that they have **received as sustainable goods** in 2025 and entered in the **mass balance**. The reporting of sustainable biomass quantities for the EU Commission is therefore only possible for economic operators with the **certified scopes 2101, 2201 or 2301**.

What reporting obligations do I have as a producer of electricity or heat from biomass fuels?

- ✓ Last interfaces (scopes 5101, 5102, 5201, 5202, 5301, 5302) that produce **electricity or heat** from sustainable biomass report the quantities of biomass fuel used to generate electricity/heat.

Do I have to provide information about the market segment?

- ✓ In the quantity reports of the past few years, the system participants had to provide information on the market segment for each type of biomass (biomass/biogas). With the revision of the input mask for the quantity report, this is no longer necessary. The economic operators no longer have to provide information on the market segment. This information is automatically derived from the information on the product/fuel when the quantity report is submitted and stored in the quantity report.
- ✓ The exception is the "zero" report for economic operators who either did not have a certificate or did not trade/market sustainable biomass (fuels) in 2025. These market participants please select the market segment in which the focus of their business activity (biomass/biogas) lies.

I am (also) a first gathering point / collectors and have to report the amount of biomass to the EU Commission (incoming goods). Are the amounts reported to the EU Commission identical to the amounts used to calculate the annual fee?

- ✓ When reporting quantities to the EU Commission, the incoming goods are taken into account. What matters here is the amount of biomass that a first gathering point or collectors has received from a producer of biomass.
- ✓ When reporting quantities for the purpose of calculating fees for participation in the SURE system, the outgoing goods are taken into account. What matters here is the amount of biomass/biomass fuels that the economic operator has sold to a customer. (An exception to this are systems that produce electricity/heat/cold. When reporting quantities, you also take into account the goods incoming - i.e. how much biomass you have used to produce electricity/heat/cold.)
- ✓ **The amount of biomass in the incoming goods is usually not identical to the amount of biomass in the outgoing goods. Consequently, the two quantity reports differ from each other.**

Can I report substrates, solid / liquid manure for biogas production as the last interface?

- ✓ Last interfaces, e.g., biogas plants with power generation, must always specify the individual materials used under the "Biomass Type" tab for the biomass input. This could be, for example, corn silage, rye, or wheat. The biomass fuel (e.g., biogas) must always be selected as the product. Only if the biomass (e.g., wheat, corn silage, etc.) is resold before conversion may the product category be "Substrate for biomethane", "Liquid Manure for biomethane" or "Manure for biomethane".

Can errors in the quantity report be corrected subsequently?

- ✓ Economic operators who have already submitted a quantity report can correct it independently in the database within the reporting deadline (31.03.2026).
- ✓ After this deadline, economic operators will no longer be able to make any corrections in the database.

- ✓ The quantity reports form the basis for invoicing for participation in the SURE-EU system. **If invoices have to be adjusted subsequently due to a correction of the quantities, SURE will charge a processing fee of 50 euros.**
- ✓ Subsequent corrections must be made using the appropriate form (application for correction of the quantity report). The application must be fully completed and signed by the certification body. **Applications without the certification body's signature will not be processed.**