



BES 6001 Annual Report 2023/2024

Executive Summary

During the April 2023 to March 2024 period, certified organisations began their migration to version 4.0 of the BES 6001 standard.

The day-to-day provision of certification services to clients continued to grow with new clients in new sectors and new geographic areas completing their audits and securing BES 6001 certification.

1. Background

This report covers the period April 2023 to March 2024. BRE Global's BES 6001 *Framework Standard for Responsible Sourcing* has been in operation for a period of fifteen years.

2. Certifications

During 2023/24 a total of 16 new certifications were completed by BRE Global and the six licensees of the scheme. Table 1 indicates the sectoral spread of these certificates, and depicts all sectors listed in the Responsible Sourcing League Tables¹.

Products from 10 sectors were awarded certifications; most of these were issued for Steel Products.

As noted in previous reports, there has been continued interest from non-UK based companies; with a number of the certificates issued to those from outside the UK.

Table 1 – Certificates issued by Sector in 2023/24 (with some certificates including more than 1 product group)

Product Type	No.	Product Type	No.
Aggregates	4	Roofing products	1
Asphalt	2	Steel Products	5
Drainage Products	1	Walling Products	2
Insulation & Insulation Products	2	Rebar	2
Flooring Products	1		

(NB all certificate holders can be found online at www.greenbooklive.com/search/scheme.jsp?id=153)

At year end, the total number of valid certificates for BES 6001 stood at 204 certificates covering 174 companies (some companies have multiple certifications).

All certified companies continue to retain their certification in the manner determined by individual scheme certification bodies. There continues to be a small number of industry re-organisations, which have resulted in some certificate amendments (renaming, re-allocation of sites between organisations etc.).

¹ Responsible Sourcing League Tables: www.bregroup.com/services/standards/responsible-sourcing-league-tables/

3. Licensees

The six BES 6001 Licensees (BSI, CARES, Intertek, Lucideon, ERM and QSRMC) have contributed to the continued development of the Standard. During the year, BSI contributed the most certificates at 5, CARES, QSRMC, ERM and Lucideon each contributed 2, and Intertek contributed 1.

4. Scheme Review

Following the release of the updated version of the BES 6001 Standard in 2023, scheme processes and procedures were updated. Version 3.2 of the BES 6001 standard shall be withdrawn at the end of 2026 and therefore all existing certified organisations shall need to have migrated to the new version before this. All new certification projects are now completed in line with version 4.0 to ensure they have a full 3-year certification cycle.

5. Scheme Performance

Following previous reports, this review looks at the pass level of all new certificates, by sector (as defined in Section 2 above). Table 2 has been prepared for the whole sample. The table is presented below:

Table 2 – Table showing the pass level percentage of product certifications

Product	Pass level percentage (%)			
	Pass	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Aggregates	25%	25%	50%	
Asphalt			100%	
Drainage Products		100%		
Insulation & Insulation Products	50%		50%	
Flooring products	50%	50%		
Steel Products	60%	40%		
Walling Products	50%		50%	
Roofing Products				100%
Rebar	50%	50%		

6. Scheme Development

Version 4 of the standard was released in February 2023 and is available for certification. Version 4 is also recognised by the BREEAM family of schemes. Products certified to version 4 of the BES 6001 standard, score a minimum of 6 RCSC points in BREEAM.

In May 2023 BES 6001 also became recognised by the Green Building Council Australia as part of their Green Star Certification Building scheme.

7. Forward Look

The outlook for BES 6001 remains positive. BRE Global continue to work with its clients and Licensees to transition existing clients to the new version of the standard before the end of 2026.