



BES 6001 Annual Report 2021/2022

Executive Summary

During the April 2021 to March 2022 period, the update of the BES 6001 standard to version 4 progressed well and was released for public consultation.

Meanwhile, whilst the standard update was underway, 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 2021 to March 2022. BRE Global's BES 6001 *Framework Standard for Responsible Sourcing* has been in operation for a period thirteen years. Issue 3.2 of the BES 6001 standard was published in January following a minor revision to the text.

2. Certifications

During 2021/22 a total of 39 certifications were completed by BRE Global and the five 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 11 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 2021/22

Product Type	No.	Product Type	No.
Aggregates	2	Aluminium	1
Asphalt	1	Cement	1
Concrete	11	Doors and Windows	1
Glass	1	Insulation and Insulated Products	4
Roofing	2	Steel	12
Sustainable Development Solutions	1	Walling	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 BES6001 stood at 197 certificates covering 164 companies (some companies have multiple certifications).

All certified companies continue to retain their certification in the manner determined by individual scheme certification bodies. There continue to be a small number of industry re-organisations, which

¹ Responsible Sourcing League Tables <http://www.bre.co.uk/page.jsp?id=3569>

have resulted in some certificate amendments (Renaming, re-allocation of sites between organisations etc.).

3. Licensees

The five BES 6001 Licensees (BSI, CARES, Intertek, Lucideon and QSRMC) have all contributed to the continued development of the Standard. During the year, BSI contributed the most certificates at 14, Intertek contributed 6 certificates, CARES 4, Lucideon 3 and QSRMC 3. Licensees also continued to play a full part in the stakeholder consultation activity supporting the scheme development outlined below in Section 6.

4. Scheme Review

The process of updating of the scheme will commence upon the release of the final updated version of the BES 6001 Standard, which is planned for release in Summer 2022.

5. Scheme Performance

Following previous reports, this review looks at the pass level of all certificates, by sector (as defined in Section 2 above). Table 2 has been prepared for the whole sample. The sample size was all 39 certificates (where all necessary data was available). 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	-	50	-	50
Aluminium Products	100	-	-	-
Asphalt	-	100	-	-
Cement	-	-	-	100
Concrete Products	16.67	41.67	16.67	25
Doors and Windows	-	-	100	-
Glass	-	100	-	-
Insulation & Insulation Products	-	50	50	-
Roofing Products	-	100	-	-
Steel Products	8.33	58.33	25	8.33
Sustainable Development Solutions	-	100	-	-
Walling products	-	100	-	-

6. Scheme Development

Version 4 of the standard was released for public consultation on 8th November 2021. After reviewing all the feedback that was received the standard underwent a further amendment which was the put out for a further consultation.



7. Forward Look

The outlook for BES 6001 remains positive.

Upon the release of version 4 of the BES 6001 Standard, BRE Global will work with its clients and Licensees to transition existing clients to the new version of the standard.

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