

Summary of Revisions in the *IBI Biochar Certification Program Manual* Version 2.1

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Version 2.1 of the *IBI Biochar Certification Program Manual* contains minor editorial revisions, as well as technical program revisions related to feedstock chain of custody requirements, summarized as follows:

1) Feedstock Chain of Custody

a) Clarifications were made on the information that must be provided on the *IBI Feedstock Chain of Custody Form* when applying for IBI biochar certification in the following categories:

- i) Feedstock type and description,
- ii) Feedstock conversion rate, and
- iii) Feedstock harvest location.

(1) In cases where the precise harvest location is unknown or unverifiable, additional information requirements were added with the aim of ensuring that feedstocks were harvest legally as follows:

- (a) the location (address and/or lat/long coordinates) of the collection facility (e.g., lumber mill) and approximate radius of harvest from the collection facility;
- (b) proof of purchase (e.g., invoices, bills of lading, shipping receipts, etc.) showing, at a minimum, the date and quantity of feedstock purchased; and
- (c) a signed attestation from the applicant stating that the feedstock has not been harvested illegally.

(2) New provisions were included for applicants to bypass feedstock harvest location requirements (a)(b), and (c) if their feedstocks are certified as sustainably harvested by one or more of the following independent, third-party certification programs:

- (a) Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)
- (b) Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI)
- (c) American Tree Farm System (ATFS)
- (d) Canadian Standards Association – Sustainable Forest Management (CSA)
- (e) Roundtable on Sustainable Biomaterials (RSB)