



Compliance with the SBP Framework: Public Summary Report

Control Union Certifications BV
Evaluation of RWE Generation NL B.V.
Fourth Surveillance Audit

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1 Overview

Certification Body (CB) Name:	Control Union Certifications BV
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Company website:	http://www.rwe.com
Date of installation:	01 Jun 2023
SBP Certificate Code:	SBP-06-08
Date of certificate issue:	03 Sep 2022
Date of certificate expiry:	02 Sep 2027
Audit closing meeting date:	09 Jun 2026
Audit cycle:	Fourth Surveillance Audit

2 Audit conclusions

2.1 Certification decision

Based on the auditor's recommendation and the Certification Body's technical review, the following certification decision is taken:

Certification decision:	Certification approved
Certification decision by (name of the person):	Evaline Okumu
Date of decision:	08 Sep 2026
Other comments:	N/A

2.2 Open non-conformities and observations

2.2 Closed non-conformities

2.3 Actions taken by Organisation Prior to Report Finalisation

NA

2.4 Notes for the next Audit

NA

3 Scope of the audit and SBP certificate

Scope item	Check all that apply to the Certificate scope
Primary activity	End User
Secondary activity	Trader
Approved Standards	SBP Standard 4: Chain of Custody v2.0; SBP Standard 5: Collection and Communication of Data v2.0; Instruction Document 5E: Collection and Communication of Energy and Carbon data. v2.1; Instruction Document EU RED: Bridging Requirements for Meeting the Directive EU/2023/2413 v2.0
Product Group IDs	☐ Forest feedstock (1A) ☐ Trees outside forest (TOF) - Urban and landscape feedstock (2A) ☐ Trees outside forest (TOF) - Agricultural land feedstock (3A) ☒ Processing residues feedstock (4A) ☐ Post-consumer feedstock (5A) ☐ Other (please specify)
SBP Feedstock types	☒ SBP Compliant; ☒ SBP Controlled
Includes Supply Base Evaluation (SBE)	No
Includes EU RED Scheme	Yes
Includes EU RED Supply Base Evaluation (SBE)	No
Products	WB 1.1 Wood pellets
Feedstock origin (countries):	Malaysia, Canada, Estonia, Latvia, Portugal, United States
SBP-endorsed Regional Risk Assessments used:	Not applicable
Public link: https://sbp-cert.org/documents/standards-documents/risk-assessments/	
Chain of custody system	☒ Physical separation ☒ Mass balance
Outsourcing	No
Changes in the scope	NA

3.1 Description of the company

Guidance: Please describe the type, structure and operations of the company including its role in the supply chain, its inputs and outputs as they related to SBP Standards.

RWE Generation NL B.V. is, being a power plant, an end user of biomass. For SBP, the power plant has a biomass trader scope to be able to buy and sell biomass with an SBP claim. The company does not have the aim to sell biomass to other entities than to RWE Eemshaven, but there is also the option to sell surpluses of biomass, and their COC system can accommodate this. The company is a coal power plant, planning to use up to 80% of biomass input. Delivery takes place by barges. These range in size subject to the availability. On the premises the company is able to store and buffer biomass prior to usage. The company consists of many technical people, safety on the site is highest priority. Mr R. Kruit (Senior Risk & Quality officer) is responsible for the SBP system. The company is also GGL, Better Biomass, PEFC and FSC CoC certified.

3.2 Site details

Legal entity name	Address	Site Activity	Visited during the audit
RWE Generation Amercentrale	Amerweg 1, 4931 NC Geertruidenberg	End User & Trader	☒

3.3 Detailed description of the Chain of Custody system and Product Groups

Guidance: Please describe the operation of the CoC system including details of the mass balance management and a list of established Product Groups.

The organization has implemented FSC transfer and PEFC physical separation systems with biomass (wood pellets and wood chips) in the scope of their certificates. The process covers trade of biomass with physical possession. Valid FSC and PEFC system description and other documents exist. As a trading company and end user, they buy biomass (wood pellets) by sea mainly without storage. Valid FSC and PEFC system description and other documents exist.

4 Specific objective of the audit

The specific objective of this evaluation was to confirm that the organizations management system is capable of ensuring that all requirements of specified SBP Standards including RED are implemented across the entire scope of certification

The scope of the evaluation covered:

- Review of the management procedures;
- Review of Chain of Custody system control points and an analysis of the existing FSC and PEFC CoC system;
- Interviews with responsible staff;
- Review of the records, calculations and conversion coefficients; and
- GHG data collection analysis.

5 Evaluation process

5.1 Timing and duration of evaluation activities

Audit Level of Effort (LoE)		
Activity	Auditors	Auditor hours
1. Preparation	Adam Horvath	4.0
2. On-site (excl. travel time)	Adam Horvath	8.0
3. Report writing	Adam Horvath	4.0

5.2 Auditor team qualification

Auditor qualification		
Auditor name	Role	Qualification
Adam Horvath	Lead Auditor	Lead Auditor in FSC PEFC (CoC,), SBP, GGL,

5.3 Description of evaluation activities

This was a on-site audit.

In this audit, Control Union used information and documents provided to evaluate all requirements from the annual audit plan to the extent possible. The audit was conducted on the basis of meetings / interviews with relevant people of the certificate holder, relevant documents and records, and other best available information. This audit consisted of an opening meeting, during which the scope was confirmed. The auditor also explained the methods to be employed during the audit.

After this introduction, all relevant requirements of the applicable SBP standard(s) were verified on compliance through the use of a report template and checklists. Procedures for handling of biomass were reviewed on-site. All relevant requirements for reception of biomass was evaluated and found to be sufficiently managed.

The audit was completed by filling in the audit report and discussing the audit results.

Critical Control points were evaluated and found to be sufficiently managed and a closing meeting performed.

Names and affiliations of people interviewed:

- Teun Hermans – Risk & quality officer
- Yvet de Jong – Management Safety en Health.
- Yari maarten johannes boogaarts – Environmental assurance officer –
- Ad Wiereke – Safety Expert HVK ,
- Marco Breke Logistics ,
- Koen Jongste sustainability Controller

5.4 List of forest management units and feedstock suppliers visited

☒ N/A – No forest sites or suppliers visited during this evaluation
NA

5.5 Describe audit sampling methodology used

All applicable documents and procedures were reviewed. Sales invoices to RWE Eemshaven purchase invoices were randomly sampled with an accompanying detailed list of volume (weight), claim and certificate code of the client and the supplier.

5.6 CB stakeholder engagement

☒ N/A – Certification Body stakeholder consultation not applicable for this evaluation

Guidance: Please specify the number and types of stakeholders engaged, method of engagement and its outcomes.

5.7 Stakeholder feedback and response

☒ N/A – Certification Body stakeholder consultation not applicable for this evaluation

5.8 Main strengths and weaknesses of the management system and operations

The audit of RWE demonstrated a good level of compliance with the required criteria of Standard 4 and 5 including RED. The in-depth procedures and record keeping are thought to be more than sufficient for the size and complexity of the company. There was reasonable evidence provided to support compliance. The existence of a FSC/PEFC Chain of Custody system in combination with GGL are considered a main strength with respect to the overall conformity with the relevant SBP standards. No weaknesses were identified.

5.9 Summary of evaluation activities for robustness of the Supply Base Evaluation

☒ N/A – Standard 1 not in the scope of the evaluation

5.10 Summary of evaluation activities for Processing residues and/or Post-consumer feedstock requirements per Standard 2 and EU RED

☒ N/A – processing residues and/or post-consumer feedstock not used.

5.11 Summary of evaluation activities for chain of custody system per Standard 4

This was an on-site audit conducted on 09/06/2026

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5.12 Summary of evaluation activities for collection and communication of data per Standard 5

The company has procedures for this. The company is not involved in vessel and barge transport, this is arranged by the supplier. Calculations were prepared and verified. Furthermore, the company assure completeness of incoming documentation to complete the GHG calculation.

5.13 Summary of audit findings for competency of involved personnel

The company consists of a quality department where the senior staff member has the main responsibility related to the SBP system. During the audit the auditee showed clear and in-depth understanding of SBP, its procedures and the proper execution of those. Considering the size of the company, there were no risks detected related to the competency of involved personnel.

5.14 Summary of audit findings for GHG methodology per Standard 6 (if applicable)

☒ N/A – Standard 6 not in the scope

6 Detailed evaluation of BP's Supply Base Evaluation (if applicable)

☒ N/A – Supply Base Evaluation not in the scope of the evaluation

6.1 Overview of BP's risk assessments and mitigation measures including EU RED scope

N/A

6.2 CB evaluation of specified risk indicators and mitigation measures