



Supply Base Report: Balcas Timber Ltd.

Main (Initial) Audit

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1 Overview

Producer name: Balcas Timber Ltd.

Producer address: 75 Killadeas Road, Laragh, Ballinamallard, BT94 2ES Enniskillen, United Kingdom

SBP Certificate Code: N/A

Geographic position: 54.402032, -7.633836

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Company website: www.balcas.com

Date report finalised: N/A

Close of last CB audit: 09 Feb 2025

Name of CB: Preferred by Nature OÜ

SBP Standard(s) used: SBP Standard 2: Verification of SBP-compliant Feedstock, SBP Standard 4: Chain of Custody, SBP Standard 5: Collection and Communication of Data Instruction, Instruction Document 5E: Collection and Communication of Energy and Carbon Data 1.5

Weblink to Standard(s) used: <https://sbp-cert.org/documents/standards-documents/standards>

SBP Endorsed Regional Risk Assessment: Not applicable

Weblink to SBR on Company website: N/A

Indicate how the current evaluation fits within the cycle of Supply Base Evaluations					
Main (Initial) Evaluation	First Surveillance	Second Surveillance	Third Surveillance	Fourth Surveillance	Re-assessment
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2 Description of the Supply Base

2.1 General description

Feedstock types: Processing residues²

Includes Supply Base evaluation (SBE): No

Includes REDII: Yes

Includes REDII SBE: No

Includes RED II TOF: No

Feedstock origin (countries): Ireland, United Kingdom

2.2 Description of countries included in the Supply Base

Country: Ireland

Area/Region: Republic of Ireland

Sub-Scope: N/A

Exclusions: No

The supply base for Balcas Timber Ltd is sourced exclusively from the Island of Ireland encompassing both NI (United Kingdom/Northern Ireland) and ROI (Republic of Ireland). Species extracted from this supply base can include all conifer species located in Ireland. Spruce (Sitka & Norway) accounts for 94% of the supply with the remainder being made up of various other conifer species such as Larch (Hybrid/Japanese), Fir (Douglas, Grand & Noble), Pine (Lodgepole, Stone & Scots), Western Red Cedar and Western Hemlock.

Country: United Kingdom

Area/Region: Northern Ireland

Sub-Scope: N/A

Exclusions: No

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Data on forest cover from forest research 2023 - a summary of statistics on woodland and forestry in the UK states NI forest cover is approximately 118,000ha or 9% of the total land area in NI.

2.3 Actions taken to promote certification amongst feedstock supplier

We use only secondary feedstock in the manufacture of our wood pellets. Our main supplier is our own onsite saw mill and the second is our sister sawmill.

2.4 Quantification of the Supply Base

Supply Base

- a. **Total Supply Base area (million ha):** 0.85
- b. **Tenure by type (million ha):** 0.45 (Public), 0.40 (Privately owned)
- c. **Forest by type (million ha):** 0.85 (Temperate)
- d. **Forest by management type (million ha):** 0.84 (Plantation), 0.01 (Managed natural)
- e. **Certified forest by scheme (million ha):** 0.50 (FSC), 0.46 (PEFC)

Describe the harvesting type which best describes how your material is sourced: N/A

Explanation: We only use secondary feedstock from sawmill residues.

Was the forest in the Supply Base managed for a purpose other than for energy markets? N/A

Explanation: We only use secondary feedstock from sawmill residues.

For the forests in the Supply Base, is there an intention to retain, restock or encourage natural regeneration within 5 years of felling? N/A

Explanation: We only use secondary feedstock from sawmill residues.

Was the feedstock used in the biomass removed from a forest as part of a pest/disease control measure or a salvage operation? N/A

Explanation: We only use secondary feedstock from sawmill residues.

What is the estimated amount of REDII-compliant sustainable feedstock that could be harvested annually in a Supply Base (estimated): 200000.00 tonnes

Explanation: all feedstock sourced by the BP shall be considered compliant with EU REDII

Feedstock

Reporting period from: 01 Sep 2023

Reporting period to: 31 Aug 2024

- a. **Total volume of Feedstock:** 1-200,000 tonnes
- b. **Volume of primary feedstock:** 0 N/A
- c. **List percentage of primary feedstock, by the following categories.**
 - Certified to an SBP-approved Forest Management Scheme: N/A

- Not certified to an SBP-approved Forest Management Scheme: N/A
- d. List of all the species in primary feedstock, including scientific name:**
- e. Is any of the feedstock used likely to have come from protected or threatened species? N/A**
 - Name of species: N/A
 - Biomass proportion, by weight, that is likely to be composed of that species (%):
- f. Hardwood (i.e. broadleaf trees): specify proportion of biomass from (%):**
- g. Softwood (i.e. coniferous trees): specify proportion of biomass from (%):**
- h. Proportion of biomass composed of or derived from saw logs (%):**
- i. Specify the local regulations or industry standards that define saw logs: N/A**
- j. Roundwood from final fellings from forests with > 40 yr rotation times - Average % volume of fellings delivered to BP (%):**
- k. Volume of primary feedstock from primary forest: N/A**
- l. List percentage of primary feedstock from primary forest, by the following categories. Subdivide by SBP-approved Forest Management Schemes:**
 - Primary feedstock from primary forest certified to an SBP-approved Forest Management Scheme: N/A
 - Primary feedstock from primary forest not certified to an SBP-approved Forest Management Scheme: N/A
- m. Volume of secondary feedstock: 1-200,000 tonnes**
 - Physical form of the feedstock: Chips, Sawdust
- n. Volume of tertiary feedstock: 0 N/A**
 - Physical form of the feedstock: N/A
- o. Estimated amount of REDII-compliant sustainable feedstock that could be collected annually by the BP: 200000.00tonnes**

Proportion of feedstock sourced per type of claim during the reporting period				
Feedstock type	Sourced by using Supply Base Evaluation (SBE) %	FSC %	PEFC %	SFI %
Primary feedstock	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Processing residues ²	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Post consumer ²	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

3 Requirement for a Supply Base Evaluation

Note: Annex 1 is generated by the system if the SBE is used without Region Risk Assessment(s). Annex 2 is generated if RED II SBE is in the scope.

Is Supply Base Evaluation (SBE) is completed? No

N/A

Is REDII SBE completed? No

N/A

4 Supply Base Evaluation

Note: Annex 2 is generated if RED II is in the scope.

4.1 Scope

Feedstock types included in SBE: N/A

SBP-endorsed Regional Risk Assessments used: Not applicable

List of countries and regions included in the SBE:

4.2 Justification

N/A

4.3 Results of risk assessment and Supplier Verification Programme

N/A

4.4 Conclusion

N/A

5 Supply Base Evaluation process

N/A

6 Stakeholder consultation

N/A

6.1 Response to stakeholder comments

7 Mitigation measures

7.1 Mitigation measures

7.2 Monitoring and outcomes

N/A

8 Detailed findings for indicators

Detailed findings for each Indicator are given in Annex 1 in case the Regional Risk Assessment (RRA) is not used.

Is RRA used? N/A

9 Review of report

9.1 Peer review

N/A

9.2 Public or additional reviews

N/A

10 Approval of report

Approval of Supply Base Report by senior management			
The undersigned persons confirm that I/we are members of the organisation's senior management and do hereby affirm that the contents of this evaluation report were duly acknowledged by senior management as being accurate prior to approval and finalisation of the report.			

Annex 1: Detailed findings for Supply Base Evaluation indicators

N/A

Annex 2: Detailed findings for REDII

Section 1. RED II Supply Base Evaluation

N/A

Section 2. RED II detailed findings for secondary and tertiary feedstock

10.1 Verification and monitoring of suppliers

The BP conducts a verification process for its suppliers of secondary feedstock to determine if the feedstock is eligible for the exemption per the REDII Article 29. Verification includes the following elements:

a) For each supplier, the BP shall define the necessary evidence, actions and record keeping procedures to show that feedstock received complies with the SBP definitions of secondary and tertiary. These records specify:

- i. Name and address of the supplier
- ii. Type of Supplier (e.g. purchaser/ collector from point of reclamation, trader)
- iii. Categories of feedstock supplied
- iv. Level of control required
- v. Self-declaration that the feedstock qualifies as processing residue or waste according to the REDII

b) The BP shall monitor the compliance of its suppliers with SBP definitions and purchase specifications and shall have a contingency plan to cater for non-compliant feedstock.

10.2 Feedstock inspection and classification upon receipt

Upon receipt, secondary feedstock is visually inspected and classified into secondary and tertiary feedstock.

The BP retains documentary evidence that the feedstock complies with SBP definitions for feedstock. The BP keeps the following documentary evidence: feedstock samples, pictures, quality analysis reports, invoices, delivery notes, and/or shipping documents.

In case when adequate evidence for the classification of feedstock as secondary and tertiary feedstock is not available at the point of receipt, the BP shall include the supplier in the supplier audit.

In cases when the feedstock received does not comply with purchase specifications and/or the quantities stated on the invoices are incorrect, the BP takes corrective actions. Corrective actions shall be recorded and communicated to the CB during the annual audit.

10.3 Supplier audit for secondary and tertiary feedstock

The BP is conducting supplier audits to check for feedstock compliance with REDII REDII Directive Article 29 requirements.

Section 3. RED II detailed findings for TOF feedstock

NOTE: For “Trees outside forests (TOF) – Urban and landscape feedstock¹” no REDII sustainability requirements apply, only the GHG savings criteria apply (SBP REDII Bridging ID Section 4.2). The land use category in this case is neither forest land nor agricultural land. For “Trees outside forests (TOF) – Agricultural land feedstock” the applicable criteria are Article 29 paragraphs (2)-(5).

N/A