



Compliance with the SBP Framework: Public Summary Report

Preferred by Nature OÜ
Evaluation of Södra Wood A/S

Scope Change Audit

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1 Overview

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Date of installation:	
SBP Certificate Code:	SBP-01-48
Date of certificate issue:	02 Nov 2021
Date of certificate expiry:	01 Nov 2026
Audit closing meeting date:	03 Jul 2025
Audit cycle:	Scope Change 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):	Kersti Kuum
Date of decision:	17 Sep 2025
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

N/A

No NCR's identified

2.4 Notes for the next Audit

N/A

3 Scope of the audit and SBP certificate

Scope item	Check all that apply to the Certificate scope
Primary activity	Trader
Secondary activity	
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 2.1 Wood chips, WB 1.1 Wood pellets
Feedstock origin (countries):	
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	Yes
Changes in the scope	Södra Wood A/S will be utilizing an outsourced warehouse in Riga for storage of material received with SBP claims, Under storage Södra Wood retains ownership of the material and a signed and valid contract has been entered into with the subcontractor prior to the handling SBP certified material. Södra Wood A/S has developed documented procedures for all outsourced activities that ensures that all subcontractors comply with the applicable requirements of the SBP standards. Subcontractor procedures are included in the outsourcing agreements.

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.

Södra Wood A/S is trader in wood pellets and wood chips with its SBP scope covering trading activities only. The purchase and sales are usually made under the INCOTERM FOB terms for both purchases and sales, but could also be CIF depending on the customer's facilities. In connection with trading in SBP certified biomass, only SBP-compliant biomass is sourced. The company's certifications are primarily based on certification according to the transfer system within SBP, however, mass balances are kept at Södra Wood's warehouse in Riga.

3.2 Site details

Legal entity name	Address	Site Activity	Visited during the audit
Södra Wood A/S	Frydenborgvej 27K, 3400 Hillerød	Main Office	☐

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 Organisation implements a FSC CoC transfer system although it is never in physical possession of claimed material.

4 Specific objective of the audit

The specific objective of this scope expansions audit was to confirm that the Organisation's management system is being implemented in accordance with SBP standards version 2 requirements applicable to traders, including the use of outsourced storage functions, and maintaining conformance with SBP CoC requirements, including activities handled by subcontractors.

The Organisation implements the chain of custody transfer systems. The point of purchase varies, and can be FOB, at storage facilities in several ports or EXW at the biomass production facility, and the point of sale can be FOB at export harbour, CIF at harbour or at customer's facilities.

The scope of the evaluation covered:

- Review of documented procedures;
- Review of the storage / logistics processes,
- Review of chain of custody system control points, analysis of the system;
- Interviews with responsible staff;
- Review of the records.

5 Evaluation process

5.1 Timing and duration of evaluation activities

Audit Level of Effort (LoE)		
Activity	Auditors	Auditor hours
1. Preparation	Christian Jürgensen	2.0
2. On-site (excl. travel time)	Christian Jürgensen	4.0
3. Report writing	Christian Jürgensen	5.0
4. Other	Christian Jürgensen	0.5

5.2 Auditor team qualification

Auditor qualification		
Auditor name	Role	Qualification
Christian Jürgensen	Lead Auditor	Christian holds a master's degree in Forestry and Nature Management from Copenhagen University and has more than 12 years of experience within state administration, the UN system and the NGO field. At Preferred by Nature he functions as a senior biomass auditor and coordinates and conducts evaluations against the SBP and RBP biomass standards, the Danish biomass legislation, PEFC and FSC forest standards and PEFC and FSC chain-of-custody (CoC) standards.

5.3 Description of evaluation activities

This audit was done just four months after the yearly SBP v1, FSC and PEFC CoC audits of the organization and the verification of EU RED II +Danish ad-on requirements compliance of the organization's wood pellets imports.

The auditor convened with representatives of the Organisation for the opening meeting on 3 July 2025. The audit kicked off with an introduction round of all participants. This included a rundown of the audit plan, sample-based methodology description and explanation of the aim of the audit. This also included a brief on the CB's internal audit report approval and confidentiality confirmation among of the auditor.

With this covered, the auditor proceeded to cover all applicable requirements of the Standards, including management system, CoC, recordkeeping requirements, emission and energy data. This was followed with an audit of the purchasing and sales functions. During the process, the overall responsible person for the SBP system and responsible staff with key responsibilities within the system were interviewed.

The closing meeting was held in the afternoon. During the closing meeting, auditor explained the results of the audit and further actions were discussed.

Present during the opening meeting and the closing meeting were Frank Lund Larsen, Managing Director, Rasmus Vadmand, Certification manager together with Preferred by Nature's auditor Christian Jürgensen.

5.4 List of forest management units and feedstock suppliers visited

☒ N/A – No forest sites or suppliers visited during this evaluation
SBP Biomass production not in scope

5.5 Describe audit sampling methodology used

A sample of purchase and sales documents were reviewed

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 Organisation is a trader of biomass and has simple scope and a simple management system with only limited trading of SBP claimed material. This produces good visibility in all operations going on at the company and easy to implement the CoC and SBP procedures.

The organization utilize a newly developed and comprehensive descriptive procedure addressing all of the requirements in Standards 4 and 5 v2 including the relevant instruction documents for SBP trade.

Responsible staff working with SBP related activities has good knowledge about the SBP system, company procedures and how it is implemented in the Organisation.

Likewise, key staff showcased a strong level of understanding in how to handle mass balance accounts that meet the requirements of the Renewable Energy Directive and SBP EU RED Instruction Document.

Weaknesses: No weaknesses related to the Organisation's performance and its adherence to SBP requirements were found during the audit.

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

The Organization has implemented the requirements as defined in the SBP Standard 4. The CoC system is quite straight forward, no mixing of compliant and non-compliant biomass is accepted before re-sell. The Organization has procedures that will be implemented in case non-claimed biomass is purchased, which include a quarantine of the material in question until its status can be verified.

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

5.13 Summary of audit findings for competency of involved personnel

The Organisation has appointed competent personnel to handle to its SBP certificate and associated activities. The main responsible person is Managing Director Frank Lund Larsen supported by Rasmus Vadmand and Rufus Larsen. Other interviewed staff showed good competence, good awareness of standard requirements and own responsibilities.

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