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Control Union Certifications BV Evaluation of Biopower, Ida.

Fourth Surveillance Audit

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1 Overview

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Date of installation:	
SBP Certificate Code:	SBP-06-67
Date of certificate issue:	09 Dec 2021
Date of certificate expiry:	08 Dec 2026
Audit closing meeting date:	11 Nov 2025
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):	Adam Horvath
Date of decision:	01 Jan 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

N/A

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
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) Trade
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, WB 2.1 Wood chips
Feedstock origin (countries):	Portugal
SBP-endorsed Regional Risk Assessments used: **Public link:** https://sbp-cert.org/documents/standards-documents/risk-assessments/	Not applicable
Chain of custody system	☐ Physical separation ☒ Mass balance
Outsourcing	No
Changes in the scope	N/A

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.

Biopower Florestal is a company dedicated to forestry production and trading, founded in 2010. Its main office is located in Vendas Novas and its branch office is in Miranda do Corvo. Biopower is certified by the following references: • Chain of Custody FSC® FSC-STD-40-004 • Chain of Custody PEFC - PEFC ST 2002:2013 • Trading of chips and pellets SBP – SBP Standard 4 and SBP Standard 5 FSC® Certification Code: TT-COC-006597 FSC® Controlled Wood Code: TT-CW-006597 FSC® CoC system: Transfer system PEFC certification code: BMT-PEFC-1764 PEFC CoC system: Physical separation system Company registration number: 508663580 Biopower certifications regarding the trading of woody biomass: • FSC® Chain of Custody; • PEFC Chain of Custody; • SBP Trading of wood pellets and chips. Biopower intends to trade woody biomass in the form of pellets and chips.

3.2 Site details

Legal entity name	Address	Site Activity	Visited during the audit
Biopower Lda	Largo Serpa Pinto, nº 16 2ºC, 7080 083, Vendas Novas, Lisboa	Head 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 organization has implemented FSC transfer and PEFC physical separation systems with wood pellets and chips in the scope of their certificates. The process covers trade of biomass with or without physical possession. Valid FSC and PEFC CoC system description and other documents exist. As a trading company, they export and sell biomass (wood pellets and chips) by sea or by truck, with or without storage. The Chain of custody process is simple, and consist of purchasing - transport - sales based on back to back business (supplier to recipient).

4 Specific objective of the audit

The specific objective of this evaluation was to confirm that Biopower´s management system is capable of ensuring that all requirements of the specified SBP Standards are implemented across the entire scope of certification.
The scope of the evaluation covered:
- Review of Biopower´s management procedures;
- Review of SBP system control points and an analysis of the existing PEFC and FSC CoC system;
- Interviews with responsible staff;
- Review of the records and calculations;
- Analysis of DTS and SREG knowledge.
- EU RED requirements

5 Evaluation process

5.1 Timing and duration of evaluation activities

Audit Level of Effort (LoE)		
Activity	**Auditors**	**Auditor hours**
1. Preparation	Henrique Silva	1.0
2. On-site (excl. travel time)	Henrique Silva	8.0
3. Report writing	Henrique Silva	2.0

5.2 Auditor team qualification

Auditor qualification		
Auditor name	**Role**	**Qualification**
Henrique Silva	Lead Auditor	SBP, FSC, PEFC,SURE,GGL,ENPlus and DINPlus lead auditor

5.3 Description of evaluation activities

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. All relevant requirements for transport and transfer 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.

Identification of CCP (to be filled prior to the onsite audit!)	Evaluation of CCP
Purchase and sales: Checking of Valid certificates in case of SBP	Procedures in place. Training done. Interview confirms understanding of the system.
Volume control	PEFC and FSC physical separation method, with 100% PEFC certified input material

5.4 List of forest management units and feedstock suppliers visited

☒ N/A – No forest sites or suppliers visited during this evaluation
Trader with no physical possession

5.5 Describe audit sampling methodology used

All applicable documents and procedures were reviewed. Biopower has not yet traded any wood pellets or chips, thus no invoices, DTS registrations, SAR or SREG to check.

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 Biopower demonstrated a good level of compliance with the required criteria of Standard 4 and 5. There was reasonable evidence provided to support compliance where a Non-Conformity was not detected. The existence of a FSC/PEFC Chain of Custody system are considered a main strength with respect to Biopower´s 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

The CoC system was evaluated bades on FSC and PEFC certification. Invoices , interviews and relevant documents have been inspected

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

Biopower assures the completeness of incoming documentation to forward to their buyers. Biopower is a trader without physical possession, and thus, does not handle with the purchased biomass. Biopower forwards to its customer the energy use data, received from their suppliers, supported by the production of the applicable SREG if and when required.

5.13 Summary of audit findings for competency of involved personnel

The company consist of a biomass trading desk of which one has the main responsibility related to the SBP system. All personnel that is involved with SBP have received appropriate training where all relevant procedures and requirements have been covered. The SBP responsible staff has shown good understanding of the requirements in relation to SBP certification and of the already implemented FSC/PEFC CoC system. 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