



# **Control Union Certifications BV Evaluation of Tree Trading DWC LLC Compliance with the SBP Framework: Public Summary Report**

Main (Initial) Audit

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# 1 Overview

|                               |                                                                                                      |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Certification Body (CB) Name: | Control Union Certifications BV                                                                      |
| Primary CB contact for SBP:   | Robin Rosendahl                                                                                      |
| Primary CB contact email:     | rrosendahl@controlunion.com                                                                          |
| Audit team leader:            | Lennart Holm                                                                                         |
| Audit team members:           | -                                                                                                    |
| Name of the Company:          | Tree Trading DWC LLC                                                                                 |
| Company legal address:        | Business Center Logistics City; Dubai Aviation City; P.O. box: 390667<br>Dubai, United Arab Emirates |
| Company contact for SBP:      | Joana Carvalho                                                                                       |
| Company contact email:        | joana.carvalho@atgreen.pt                                                                            |
| Company website:              | <a href="https://treetrading.ae/">https://treetrading.ae/</a>                                        |
| SBP Certificate Code:         | SBP-06-66                                                                                            |
| Date of certificate issue:    | 15 Oct 2021                                                                                          |
| Date of certificate expiry:   | 14 Oct 2026                                                                                          |
| Audit closing meeting date:   | 15 Sep 2021                                                                                          |
| Audit cycle:                  | Main (Initial) Audit                                                                                 |

## 2 Scope of the evaluation and SBP certificate

| Scope Item                                                         | Check all that apply to the Certificate Scope                                                                                                                                           | Change in scope (N/A for Assessments) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Primary Activity:                                                  | Trader                                                                                                                                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/>              |
| Approved Standards:                                                | 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 1.4 | <input type="checkbox"/>              |
| Includes Supply Base Evaluation (SBE):                             | No                                                                                                                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/>              |
| Includes communication of Dynamic Batch Sustainability Data (DBSD) | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/>              |
| Includes Group Scheme                                              | No                                                                                                                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/>              |
| Products                                                           | Pellets, Chips                                                                                                                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/>              |

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                        |                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Feedstock types:                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Primary, Secondary     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Feedstock origin (countries):                                                                                                                                                                                               | Portugal               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| SBP-endorsed Regional Risk Assessments used:<br><br>Public link:<br><a href="https://sbp-cert.org/documents/standards-documents/risk-assessments/">https://sbp-cert.org/documents/standards-documents/risk-assessments/</a> | Not applicable         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Chain of custody system implemented:                                                                                                                                                                                        | FSC: not yet certified | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Transfer               | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## 2.1 Description of the company

Tree Trading is a worldwide biomass trading company, founded in 2020, with headquarters in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Tree Trading is applying for the following certifications pertaining to the trading of woody biomass: • FSC® Chain of Custody; • Sustainable Biomass Program; • Green Gold Label. Tree Trading trades woody biomass in the form of pellets and wood chips. Possible incoterms conditions for Tree Trading's trades are FCA, DAP, DDP, DPU, CIP, EXW, FOB, CIF, CPT, and CFR. Company registration number: 10112 Company address: Business Center Logistics City; Dubai Aviation City; P.O. box: 390667; Dubai; United Arab Emirates. Website: <https://treetrading.ae/> Contact person, regarding SBP and GGL certification: Name and Title: Joana Carvalho, Certification Manager Phone: +351 927526444

## 2.2 Detailed description of the Chain of Custody system

The organization has implemented FSC transfer system with biomass (wood chips and pellets) in the scope of their certificates, although the FSC certificate is not yet issued. The process covers trade of biomass with and without physical possession. Valid FSC system description and other documents exist. As a trading company, they imports biomass (wood chips and pellets) by sea mainly CIF, with or without storage.

### 3 Specific objective

The specific objective of this evaluation was to confirm that Tree Trading'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 Tree Trading's management procedures;
- Review of SBP system control points and an analysis of the existing FSC CoC system;
- Interviews with responsible staff;
- Review of the records and calculations;
- Analysis of DTS and SREG knowledge.

## 4 Evaluation process

### 4.1 Timing of evaluation activities

| <i>Audit Level of Effort (LoE)</i> |              |               |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Activity                           | Auditors     | Auditor hours |
| 1. Preparation                     | Lennart Holm | 2,0           |
| 2. On-site (excl. travel time)     | Lennart Holm | 8,0           |
| 3. Report writing                  | Lennart Holm | 2,0           |
| 4. Other                           | -            | 0,0           |

| <i>Audit Schedule</i>                                             |                                             |              |                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Activity                                                          | Location                                    | Auditor name | Date/time         |
| <i>Opening meeting</i>                                            | Remote audit of Tree Trading using MS Teams | Lennart Holm | 11 Sep 2021/9.00  |
| <i>Business integrity, social, health and safety requirements</i> | Remote audit of Tree Trading using MS Teams | Lennart Holm | 11 Sep 2021/9.30  |
| <i>Logo/Trademark use</i>                                         | Remote audit of Tree Trading using MS Teams | Lennart Holm | 11 Sep 2021/9.45  |
| <i>Complaints Procedures</i>                                      | Remote audit of Tree Trading                | Lennart Holm | 11 Sep 2021/10.00 |

|                                                               |                                             |              |                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
|                                                               | using MS Teams                              |              |                   |
| <i>Incoming material claims and raw material registration</i> | Remote audit of Tree Trading using MS Teams | Lennart Holm | 11 Sep 2021/10.10 |
| <i>GHG Data registration</i>                                  | Remote audit of Tree Trading using MS Teams | Lennart Holm | 15 Sep 2021/13.00 |
| <i>Chain of Custody Registrations</i>                         | Remote audit of Tree Trading using MS Teams | Lennart Holm | 15 Sep 2021/13.30 |
| <i>Outstanding Issues and next steps</i>                      | Remote audit of Tree Trading using MS Teams | Lennart Holm | 15 Sep 2021/14.00 |
| <i>Report writing</i>                                         | -                                           | Lennart Holm | 15 Sep 2021/14.30 |
| <i>Closing Meeting</i>                                        | Remote audit of Tree Trading using MS Teams | Lennart Holm | 15 Sep 2021/17.00 |

| Auditor qualification |              |                                                                                                                |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Auditor name          | Role         | Qualification                                                                                                  |
| Lennart Holm          | Lead Auditor | Lead SBP, GGL, SDE+ and FSC and PEFC FM/COC auditor and successfully passed the SBP auditor training programme |

## 4.2 Description of evaluation activities

This was a remote audit due to COVID-19 restrictions and was being undertaken following SBP COVID-19 Normative Requirements of 18 June, 2021.

In this remote audit, Control Union used information and communication technology (ICT) to evaluate all requirements from the annual audit plan to the extent possible. The audit was conducted on the basis of virtual meetings / interviews with relevant people of the certificate holder, relevant documents and records, and other best available information.

This remote 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 at ports were reviewed remotely. All relevant requirements for storage locations 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.

### **4.3 Sampling methodology**

All applicable documents and procedures were reviewed. Tree Trading has not yet traded any wood based products, thus no invoices, DTS registrations, SAR or SREG to check.

### **4.4 CB stakeholder engagement**

N/A

### **4.5 Stakeholder feedback**

N/A

## **5 Results**

### **5.1 Main strengths and weaknesses**

The audit of Tree Trading 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 Tree Trading's overall conformity with the relevant SBP standards.

No weaknesses were identified.

### **5.2 Rigour of Supply Base Evaluation**

N/A

### **5.3 Collection and communication of data**

Tree Trading assures the completeness of incoming documentation to forward to their buyers. Tree Trading is a trader with and without physical possession, and thus may does handle with the purchased biomass. Tree Trading forwards to its customer the energy use data, received from their suppliers, supported by the production of a SREG if required.

### **5.4 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 FSC CoC system. Considering the size of the company, there were no risks detected related to the competency of involved personnel.

# 6      Review of company's risk assessments

## 6.1   Overview of company's risk assessments and mitigation measures

N/A

## 6.2   Specified risk indicators and mitigation measures

| Country/Area | Indicator | Specified risk description | Mitigation measure |
|--------------|-----------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| N/A          | N/A       | N/A                        | N/A                |

# 7      **Non-conformities and observations**

N/A

## 8 Certification decision

| Based on the auditor's recommendation and the Certification Body's quality review, the following certification decision is taken: |                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Certification decision:                                                                                                           | Certification approved |
| Certification decision by (name of the person):                                                                                   | Robin Rosendahl        |
| Date of decision:                                                                                                                 | 15 Oct 2021            |
| Other comments:                                                                                                                   | N/A                    |