



# **Supply Base Report:** **Ecogran-prom plus, Limited Liability Company**

First Surveillance Audit

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# 1 Overview

**Producer name:** Ecogran-prom plus, Limited Liability Company

**Producer address:** 5th km of the Minsk shosse, Mogilev region, 213824 Bobruisk, Belarus

**SBP Certificate Code:** SBP-07-64

**Geographic position:** 53.144900, 29.235300

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**Company website:** www.ecogran.by

**Date report finalised:** 25 Feb 2021

**Close of last CB audit:** 31 Jan 2020

**Name of CB:** NEPCon OÜ

**SBP Standard(s) used:** SBP Standard 5: Collection and Communication of Data Instruction

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

**SBP Endorsed Regional Risk Assessment:** N/A

**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:** Secondary

**Includes Supply Base evaluation (SBE):** No

**Feedstock origin (countries):** Belarus

### 2.2 Description of countries included in the Supply Base

**Country:** Belarus

**Area/Region:** Belarus

**Exclusions:** No

“Ecogran-prom Plus is a private limited liability company founded in 2011. The main activity of the company is the production of wood pellets, the alternative activity is production of animal feed additives.

The timber supply base for the pellets production processes is located in the Republic of Belarus.

The company produces wood pellets from SBP-compliant secondary feedstock – sawdust (wood processing industry waste).

SBP-compliant certified material makes up 100.00% of all production raw materials. The factory has 3 stable feedstock supplier for FSC certified.

The wood species - *Pinus sylvestris*;

Belarus Forest Resources

In the Republic of Belarus, forests are one of the main renewable natural resources and the most important national wealth. The total land area of the forest fund is 9.696 million hectares. Forest covered lands occupy 8.8 million hectares. Forest cover of the territory of the Republic of Belarus reached 39.9%. The total standing stock of wood stands at 1,832 million cubic meters, including 385 million cubic meters of ripe and mature plantings. As a result of focused work on the reproduction of forests, the area covered by forests is increasing. So, over the past 60 years, the forest cover of the republic has almost doubled and reached its maximum values for more than a century. The increase is occurring both naturally and due to afforestation of badlands unsuitable for agriculture. In Belarus, along with an increase in the total area of the forest fund, a steady growth in the areas of ripening, ripe and overripe stands is observed. The share component of ripe and mature forests is 16.7%. The average age of stands is 56 years. In the forests of Belarus 28 species of trees and about 70 species of shrubs grow. The most common tree species are: ordinary pine - 50.3%, birch - 23.2%, European spruce - 9.2%, black alder - 8.5%, oak - 3.4%, aspen - 2.1%. Depending on the

functions performed, the lands of the forest fund are divided into forests of the first and second groups. The first group includes specially protected natural territories, the share of which is 52%, the second group includes production forests intended for timber harvesting (48%).

In accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Belarus, all the lands of the forest fund are in state ownership and transferred to the use and management of state forestry institutions.

Distribution of the forest fund of the Republic of Belarus:

| Name of the ministries, organizations                                 | Area, thousand ha. | The percent of total area |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| The Ministry of Forestry                                              | 8627,3             | 89,0                      |
| Ministry of Emergency Situations                                      | 216,9              | 2,2                       |
| Ministry of education                                                 | 27,8               | 0,3                       |
| Administrative Department of the President of the Republic of Belarus | 767,8              | 7,8                       |
| The national Academy of Sciences of Belarus                           | 41,6               | 0,4                       |
| Local executive and administrative bodies                             | 15,4               | 0,2                       |
| In all                                                                | 9696,8             | 100,0                     |

Forest management in Belarus is carried out according to the principle continuity and inexhaustibility. The average annual wood harvest is about 18 million cubic meters per year, of which:

- main cutting (in ripe stands) 40%;
- thinning and sanitary felling (in young, middle-aged and ripening stands 48%);
- other felling 12%.

Ensuring high-quality reproduction of forest resources and protective afforestation is a prerequisite for the use of forests. So in 2019 reforestation and afforestation carried out on a total area of 51.8 thousand hectares, including 43.8 thousand ha of new forests laid due to sowing and planting forests.

Belarus has been a signatory of the CITES Convention since 1995. CITES requirements are respected in forest management, although there are no species included in the CITES lists in Belarus.

When harvesting wood, according to the forest legislation of the Republic of Belarus, individual species listed in the Red Book and their habitats are subject to conservation. Cutting of valuable, endangered and protected tree species is prohibited.

In Belarus there are two republican reserves - the Berezinsky Biosphere Reserve (85.2 thousand ha) and the Polesky State Radiation and Ecological Reserve (216.1 thousand ha), and four national parks - Belovezhskaya Pushcha (152.962 thousand ha), Braslav Lakes (69.115 thousand hectares), Narochansky (93.3 thousand hectares) and Pripyatsky (85.841 thousand hectares), 334 reserves of republican and local significance and 874 natural monuments .

Forest certification is an effective tool to combat illegal logging and illegal timber trafficking. Two schemes of forest certification have found their place in the Republic of Belarus - the forest certification system FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) and the forest certification system of the National Conformity Certification

System, recognized by the Pan-European Forest Certification Council (PEFC). Taking into account the requirements of the international scheme of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), 8.3 million hectares of forest fund are certified (98.5% of the total forest fund). PEFC certified forest management and forest management systems of 93 legal entities conducting forestry on an area of 8.0 million hectares of forest fund.

In Belarus, the forest industry consists of forestry (13.5%), woodworking (69.5%) and pulp and paper industry (16.4%). The woodworking industry is one of the largest industries in Belarus. Woodworking accounts for approximately 2% of the total manufacturing industry of the Republic of Belarus. Forest share industry in the country's GDP is approximately 1.1%. Timber products and services are exported to 30 countries.

## 2.3 Actions taken to promote certification amongst feedstock supplier

In production of SBP pellets only FSC certified supplier material is used. Since company's policy is to give preference to certified suppliers, the company constantly invites other non-certified suppliers to participate in FSC/PEFC certification.

## 2.4 Quantification of the Supply Base

### Supply Base

- a. **Total Supply Base area (million ha):** 9,69
- b. **Tenure by type (million ha):**9.69 (Community concession)
- c. **Forest by type (million ha):**9.69 (Temperate)
- d. **Forest by management type (million ha):**9.69 (Managed natural)
- e. **Certified forest by scheme (million ha):**8.30 (FSC)

**Describe the harvesting type which best describes how your material is sourced:** Mix of the above

**Explanation:** N/A

**Was the forest in the Supply Base managed for a purpose other than for energy markets?** Yes - Majority

**Explanation:** N/A

**For the forests in the Supply Base, is there an intention to retain, restock or encourage natural regeneration within 5 years of felling?** Yes - Majority

**Explanation:** N/A

**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:** N/A

## Feedstock

Reporting period from: 01 Jan 2020

Reporting period to: 31 Dec 2020

- 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:** N/A (N/A);
- 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 (%): N/A
- f. **Hardwood (i.e. broadleaf trees): specify proportion of biomass from (%):** N/A
- g. **Softwood (i.e. coniferous trees): specify proportion of biomass from (%):** N/A
- h. **Proportion of biomass composed of or derived from saw logs (%):** N/A
- 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 (%):** N/A
- k. **Volume of primary feedstock from primary forest:** N/A 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: Sawdust
- n. **Volume of tertiary feedstock:** 0 N/A
- Physical form of the feedstock: N/A

| 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                                                                       | 0,00                                            | 0,00   | 0,00   | 0,00  |
| Secondary                                                                     | 0,00                                            | 100,00 | 0,00   | 0,00  |
| Tertiary                                                                      | 0,00                                            | 0,00   | 0,00   | 0,00  |

|       |      |      |      |      |
|-------|------|------|------|------|
|       |      |      |      |      |
| Other | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00 |

### 3 Requirement for a Supply Base Evaluation

Is Supply Base Evaluation (SBE) is completed? No

N/A

## 4 Supply Base Evaluation

### 4.1 Scope

Feedstock types included in SBE: N/A

SBP-endorsed Regional Risk Assessments used: N/A

List of countries and regions included in the SBE:

Country: N/A

Indicator with specified risk in the risk assessment used:  
N/A

Specific risk description:

### 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

N/A

## **7 Mitigation measures**

### **7.1 Mitigation measures**

N/A

### **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                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                              |                              |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| Report Prepared by:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Denis Shachenok              | Head of marketing department | 28 Jan 2021 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Name                         | Title                        | Date        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                              |                              |             |
| 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. |                              |                              |             |
| Report approved by:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Preffered by Nature (NEPCon) | Siarhei Minkevich            | 25 Feb 2021 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Name                         | Title                        | Date        |

**Annex 1: Detailed findings for Supply Base Evaluation indicators**

N/A