



Compliance with the SBP Framework: Public Summary Report

Control Union Certifications BV
Evaluation of Steampower – Soluções
Energéticas, S.A.

Second Surveillance Audit

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1 Overview

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Date of installation:	25 Mar 2026
SBP Certificate Code:	SBP-06-99
Date of certificate issue:	05 Mar 2024
Date of certificate expiry:	04 Mar 2029
Audit closing meeting date:	25 Mar 2026
Audit cycle:	Second 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):	Henrique Silva
Date of decision:	25 Mar 2026
Other comments:	N/A

2.2 Open non-conformities and observations

NC number 8681	NC Grading: Observation
Standard:	Instruction Document 5E: Collection and Communication of Energy and Carbon data. v2.1
Requirement:	1.3.1 Legal Owners shall make all data available using the DTS and using the templates specified in 1.2.1. N/A N/A N/A
Description of Non-conformance and Related Evidence:	
At the moment the organization receives all the data on DTS, it could be a good procedure to declare all the sales on DTS even if the client is not certified.	
Timeline for Conformance:	N/A
Evidence Provided by Company to close NC:	N/A
Findings for Evaluation of Evidence:	N/A
NC Status:	Open

2.2 Closed non-conformities

2.3 Actions taken by Organisation Prior to Report Finalisation

N/A

2.4 Notes for the next Audit

Close the observation raised

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 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	Version updated for EU-RED requirements

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.

Steampower – Soluções Energéticas, S.A. is a biomass production and trading company specialized in reliable just-in-time deliveries of energy products. Steampower was founded in 2023 and is located in Vila do Conde, in the north of Portugal. The main product is Palm Kernel Shell, a biomass proposed as an innovator in alternative fuels. Coming from Asia, Africa and South America (Indonesia, Malaysia, Ivory Coast, Benin, Nigeria, Brazil) it is a 100% clean and renewable product that results from palm oil production processes in underdeveloped countries. Its use contributes, on the one hand, to eliminating the risk of waste accumulation in countries of origin and, on the other, as a substitute for other biomass resulting from the deforestation of national forests (pellet production, etc.). The organization started a department to trade woodpellets

3.2 Site details

Legal entity name	Address	Site Activity	Visited during the audit
Steampower	Rua de Vila Verde, nº 500 4485-912 Mosteiro Vila do Conde	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 -physical separation systems with wood pellets in the scope of their certificates. The process covers trade of biomass without physical possession. Valid FSC CoC system description and other documents exist. As a trading company, they buy biomass (wood pellets) from other traders or producers, without storage for now. 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 Steampower – Soluções Energéticas, S.A 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 Steampower – Soluções Energéticas, S.A management procedures;
- Review of SBP system control points and an analysis of the existing FSC CoC system;
- Analyse the bridging requirements between the current SBP normative framework and recast Renewable Energy *Directive (EU) 2023/2413 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 October 2023*
- Interviews with responsible staff;
- Review of the records and calculations;
- Analysis of DTS and SREG knowledge.

5 Evaluation process

5.1 Timing and duration of evaluation activities

Audit Level of Effort (LoE)		
Activity	Auditors	Auditor hours
1. Preparation	Henrique Silva	2.0
2. On-site (excl. travel time)	Henrique Silva	6.0
3. Report writing	Henrique Silva	2.0

5.2 Auditor team qualification

Auditor qualification		
Auditor name	Role	Qualification
Henrique Silva	Lead Auditor	Lead SBP, FSC, PEFC, GGL; SURE and ENPlus auditor and successfully passed ISO 9001 training.
Bruna Scarparo	Auditor	Lead SBP, FSC, PEFC, SURE and ENPlus 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 and RED III 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.

5.4 List of forest management units and feedstock suppliers visited

☒ N/A – No forest sites or suppliers visited during this evaluation
CH is a trader

5.5 Describe audit sampling methodology used

All applicable documents and procedures were reviewed. The organization doesn't have trades with SBP claim at the moment considering they are doing the initial audit for SBP program.

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 this organization 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 an FSC Chain of Custody system are considered a main strength overall conformity with the relevant SBP and RED III 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

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Critical Control points were evaluated and found to be sufficiently managed and a closing meeting performed.

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

This organization assures the completeness of incoming documentation to forward to their buyers. Steampower is a trader without physical possession, and thus, does not physically handle the purchased biomass.

Steampower forwards to its customer the energy use data, received from their suppliers, supported by the

production of the applicable SREG if and when required. It is possible that the organization may create a warehouse for wood pellets in the future.

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 are involved with SBP have received appropriate training where all relevant procedures and requirements have been covered. The SBP responsible staff has shown a good understanding of the requirements in relation to SBP certification and of the already implemented FSC CoC system. Considering the size of the company, there were no risks detected related to the competency of the 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