Compliance with the SBP Framework: Public Summary Report

Preferred by Nature OÜ
Evaluation of COGECAB

First Surveillance Audit

Sustainable Biomass Program
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Completed in accordance with the CB Public Summary Report Template Version 2.1 and SBP Bridging Requirements for Meeting the Directive EU/2023/2413 (REDIII)

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Document history

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1 Overview

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SBP Certificate Code:	SBP-13-45
Date of certificate issue:	12 Sep 2025
Date of certificate expiry:	11 Sep 2030
Audit closing meeting date:	27 May 2026
Audit cycle:	First 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):	Kersti Kuum
Date of decision:	22 Aug 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

None.

2.4 Notes for the next Audit

None.

3 Scope of the audit and SBP certificate

Scope item	Check all that apply to the Certificate scope
Primary activity	End User
Secondary activity	
Approved Standards	SBP Standard 4: Chain of Custody v2.0; SBP Standard 5: Collection and Communication of Data v2.0; SBP Standard 6: Energy and Carbon Balance Calculation v2.0; Instruction Document REDII: Bridging requirements of the SBP scheme for meeting REDII. v1.2; Instruction Document 5E: Collection and Communication of Energy and Carbon data. v2.1
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
Feedstock origin (countries):	France
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	France has EU REDII grand fathering clause, which the Organisation uses.

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.

COGECAB is a CHP based on the same site of Pomacle than FICAP, which is its only supplier of feedstock. It is supplied directly from FICAP's logyard through a conveyor belt. The organisation is certified with SBP Standards 4, 5 and 6, as well as instruction documents 5E and the RED II bridging document (with grandfathering clause), since it is acting as end user.

3.2 Site details

Legal entity name	Address	Site Activity	Visited during the audit
COGECAB	Chemin d'exploitation N 12, Le Boucher Lambert, 51110 Pomacle, France	End user	☒

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 is an energy supplier that receives directly wood chips from FICAP's logyard with SBP controlled claims. The feedstock is received by a conveyor belt and burned directly in the CHP. FICAP is the only supplier. The end user can use biomass originating from forest, processing residues and post-consumer material. Biomass is under the form of wood chips. Physical separation is used since all supplies are done with a SBP Controlled claim.

4 Specific objective of the audit

The specific objective of this evaluation was to confirm that the Organisation's management system is capable of ensuring that all requirements of specified SBP Standards are implemented across the entire scope of certification.

The scope of the evaluation covered:

- Review of the Organisations management procedures, including requirements designated in applicable SBP Standards and Instruction Documents;
- Review of SBP system control points;
- Review of the records, calculations and mass balance system;
- Review of implementation and management of RED requirements;
- GHG data collection analysis;
- Interviews with responsible staff.

5 Evaluation process

5.1 Timing and duration of evaluation activities

Audit Level of Effort (LoE)		
Activity	**Auditors**	**Auditor hours**
1. Preparation	Francois Gambier	2.0
2. On-site (excl. travel time)	Francois Gambier	4.0
3. Report writing	Francois Gambier	7.0

5.2 Auditor team qualification

Auditor qualification		
Auditor name	**Role**	**Qualification**
Francois Gambier	Team leader	François holds a Master's degree in wood engineering from ENSTIB (France) and a PhD in wood and fibre sciences from the Université de Lorraine (France). He is a qualified auditor for FSC CoC and PEFC CoC certifications since 2022, SBP auditor since 2023, PEFC RED since 2025. He is Supply Chain Specialist at Preferred by Nature since 2023.

5.3 Description of evaluation activities

The first annual audit was conducted on-site on May 26 and 27, 2026. The audit focused on the evaluation of the management system and its implementation: a division of the responsibilities, health and safety, record keeping, input material classification (reception and registration), energy and carbon data collection and communication, REDII sustainability criteria evaluation.

During the opening meeting, the auditor was introduced, the certification scope was clarified, information about the audit plan, methodology, auditor qualification, confidentiality issues, assessment methodology, and other applicable Preferred by Nature policies and procedures was provided. During the opening meeting the company´s responsible persons were introduced as well as core data from the company was presented.

On the same date, interviews and documentation review for the applicable requirements of the SBP standards were conducted. During the process, the overall responsible person for the SBP system and other staff were interviewed. In the course of the audit, critical control points at the stage of biomass acceptance, dumping and storing were evaluated. Traceability documentation was reviewed, following a sampling by the auditor.

On the second day of the on-site audit, findings were summarised, and preliminary audit conclusions were provided to the Organisation’s management.
Following the audit, the auditor completed review of procedures and records that were requested during the audit to formalise conclusions.

5.4 List of forest management units and feedstock suppliers visited

☒ N/A – No forest sites or suppliers visited during this evaluation
The Organisation is an end user.

5.5 Describe audit sampling methodology used

A sampling has been implemented, based on the following criteria: • Review of procedures; • Review of training records; • Review of information related to suppliers; • Review of delivery documentation and cross-check with DTS; • Interviews with staff to evaluate theoretical and practical experience of intended approaches implementation. The focus was on key responsible staff.

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 Organization is on the same site as its only supplier (FICAP). The Organization management is the same as the suppliers Management and is therefore aware of the requirements to be received from its supplier.
No weakness was 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

Traceability documentation was reviewed, following a sampling by the auditor. Interviews were conducted, and on-site visit of feedstock unloading and storage bays.

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

The End User collects information on energy and carbon from it's supplier via DTS and internal database. These records includes information on types of biomass, energy and carbon in the SAR documents, delivery records and other relevant data. The data is used to determine the option for the GHG criterion for biomass fuels and the methods of communication of savings.

5.13 Summary of audit findings for competency of involved personnel

In general a few management persons shares responsibilities for maintaining the management system, ensuring good traceability and data communication. During the assessment the staff showed good knowledge of applicable requirements and effective management of the areas of responsibility was demonstrated, The End User uses the support of an umbrella company (Pearl) and the only supplier FICAP.

5.14 Summary of audit findings for GHG methodology per Standard 6 (if applicable)

The Organisation decides to use default values for GHG emission savings (a). The level of saving may vary depending on the feedstock types used by the biomass producers upstream the supply chain. The Organization demonstrated and explained the decision-making system to determine the savings values using Annex VI of the REDII.

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