



NEPCon OÜ Evaluation of Uranium One Holding N. V. Compliance with the SBP Framework: Public Summary Report

Second Surveillance Audit

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1 Overview

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SBP Certificate Code:	SBP-07-23
Date of certificate issue:	11 Jul 2019
Date of certificate expiry:	10 Jul 2024
Audit closing meeting date:	18 May 2021
Audit cycle:	Second Surveillance 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	☐
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	☐
Includes Supply Base Evaluation (SBE):	No	☐
Includes communication of Dynamic Batch Sustainability Data (DBSD)	No	☐
Includes Group Scheme	No	☐
Products	Pellets, Chips	☐

Feedstock types:	N/A	☐
Feedstock origin (countries):	N/A	☐
SBP-endorsed Regional Risk Assessments used: Public link: https://sbp-cert.org/documents/standards-documents/risk-assessments/	Not applicable	☐
Chain of custody system implemented:	FSC: NC-COC-054667	☐
	Credit, Transfer	☐

2.1 Description of the company

Organisation is a trader with physical possession having legal address in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Organisation purchases SBP-certified / FSC-certified biomass (wood pellets, briquettes and wood chips) from biomass producers in Russia (ExWorks, FCA harbour, FOB, CIF, DAP– Incoterms), transports and stores the biomass in harbour, loads and delivers the biomass to customers by vessels. Potentially there may be different harbors in Russia used for biomass shipments by Organisation. All activities in harbour, related to biomass unloading, handling, storage and loading to vessels are executed by contractor (based on outsourcing agreements). The scope of certificate also includes the possibility of direct transportation of biomass by trucks from biomass producers to Organisation's customers. Biomass is sold to customers on different Incoterms delivery conditions.

2.2 Detailed description of the Chain of Custody system

Organisation is a trader with physical possession having legal address in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Organisation is owned by Uranium One Group JSC which staff provides administrative services to maintain FSC and SBP certification. Organisation holds valid FSC CoC certificate <https://info.fsc.org/details.php?id=a02f300000gXKesAAG&type=certificate>. The scope of the certificate includes FSC credit and FSC transfer systems of claims for biomass trade. At the moment of this audit, FSC certificate scope includes one harbour, where all purchased biomass is unloaded, stored, handled and loaded to vessel. All activities in harbour are implemented by contractor based on outsourcing agreement. By default, Organisation uses FSC Credit system of claims, but in some specific cases the FSC transfer system of claims may be implemented. In such cases Organisation will ensure physical segregation of biomass during its handling, storage and loading to vessel. The scope of certificate also includes the possibility of direct transportation of biomass by trucks from biomass producers to Organisation's customers using transfer system of FSC claims. Possible FSC input and output claims for transfer system – FSC 100%, FSC Mix Credit, FSC Recycled, FSC Controlled Wood. Possible FSC input claims for credit system: FSC 100%, FSC Mix Credit, FSC Recycled, FSC Controlled Wood. Possible output claims for credit system: FSC Mix Credit and FSC Controlled Wood.

3 Specific objective

The specific objective of this evaluation was to confirm that the Biomass Trader'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 Biomass Trader's management procedures;
- Review of FSC system control points, analysis of the existing FSC CoC system;
- Interviews with responsible staff;
- Review of the records and calculations;
- Review of the transportation, storage and deliverance processes

4 Evaluation process

4.1 Timing of evaluation activities

<i>Audit Level of Effort (LoE)</i>		
Activity	Auditors	Auditor hours
1. Preparation	Nikolai Tochilov	1,0
2. On-site (excl. travel time)	Nikolai Tochilov	7,0
3. Report writing	Nikolai Tochilov	5,0
4. Other	N/A	N/A

<i>Audit Schedule</i>			
Activity	Location	Auditor name	Date/time
<i>Opening meeting</i>	St.Petersburg	Nikolai Tochilov	17 May 2021/11:00
<i>Inspection of the contractor in harbor</i>	St.Petersburg	Nikolai Tochilov	17 May 2021/12:00
<i>Documents review; staff interview</i>	St.Petersburg	Nikolai Tochilov	18 May 2021/10:00
<i>Closing meeting</i>	St.Petersburg	Nikolai Tochilov	18 May 2021/16:00

Auditor qualification		
Auditor name	Role	Qualification
Nikolai Tochilov	Audit team leader	NEPCon International Senior Auditor. In January 2015 he successfully passed SBP auditor training in Tallinn, Estonia. Since that time he has conducted more than 60 SBP assessments and annual audits for biomass producers and traders in Russia, Belarus, Latvia, Portugal, Netherlands, Belgium and Germany.

4.2 Description of evaluation activities

Audit started with opening meeting. Auditor introduced himself, provided information about audit plan, methodology and aim of the assessment. CB's accreditation related issues and confidentiality issues were covered as well. After that, auditor conducted inspection of the contractor in harbor in St.Petersburg. The next day auditor continued the audit in NEPCon office in St.Petersburg. Auditor went through all applicable requirements of the standards covering management system, CoC, recordkeeping requirements and emission and energy data (where applicable), and made staff interviews, evaluated critical control point. During the closing meeting auditor explained the results of the audit and further actions were discussed.

4.3 Sampling methodology

Documents: auditor reviewed all applicable documents related to SBP certification (including SBP documented procedure, incoming documents from biomass suppliers, credit account, internal registers, contracts etc.). Onsite inspection: auditor visited the single active contractor in harbor in St.Petersburg. Interviews: auditor interviewed both staff members of the Organisation and contractor to verify the information obtained during the documents review and onsite inspection in harbor.

4.4 CB stakeholder engagement

No stakeholder consultations conducted prior to, during or after this audit.

4.5 Stakeholder feedback

No feedback received from stakeholders prior to, during or after this audit.

5 Results

5.1 Main strengths and weaknesses

Strengths: robust recordkeeping system. Limited number of staff involved into SBP/FSC certification and good awareness of certification requirements by involved staff.

Weaknesses: please see minor NCR 01/21.

5.2 Rigour of Supply Base Evaluation

not applicable

5.3 Collection and communication of data

There were no SBP-certified biomass sales yet, therefore Organisation explained auditor how they will be filling out SREG in the future supplies, when required. Organisation staff explained auditor how they will be collecting and justifying the relevant energy use data (nominal capacity of the vessel, fuel type and consumption, distance to destination port).

5.4 Competency of involved personnel

Both Organisation and contractor staff involved into SBP/FSC certification, showed good understanding of all applicable SBP requirements. Basically, one staff member (chief of commerce and trading department) is involved in SBP certification and has overall responsibility (updating of SBP procedure; management system review and monitoring; control of FSC CoC critical control points; development of SREG documents, DDS, invoices, DTS, SBP trademark use).

6 Review of company's risk assessments

6.1 Overview of company's risk assessments and mitigation measures

not applicable

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

NC number NC-000667 (01/21)	NC Grading: Minor
Standard:	SBP Standard 4: Chain of Custody
Requirement:	IN 4B; 1.2 In order to use the SBP trademarks, the organisation shall have signed the SBP trademark licence agreement.
Description of Non-conformance and Related Evidence:	
In the reporting Organisation used SBP trademark in press-release published in Internet: https://rosatom.ru/en/press-centre/news/uranium-one-enters-italian-biofuel-market/ https://www.rosatom.ru/journalist/news/uranium-one-vykhodit-na-rynok-biotopliva-italii/ SBP trademark use has not been submitted by Organisation to SBP for approval, as it is required by SBP TMLA.	
Timeline for Conformance:	By the next surveillance audit, but no later than 12 months from report finalisation date
Evidence Provided by Company to close NC:	N/A
Findings for Evaluation of Evidence:	N/A
NC Status:	Open

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):	Olesja Puiso
Date of decision:	27 Sep 2021
Other comments:	N/A