



SCS Global Services Evaluation of Fuelwood Group Sweden AB Compliance with the SBP Framework: Public Summary Report

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1 Overview

Certification Body (CB) Name:	SCS Global Services
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SBP Certificate Code:	SBP-04-68
Date of certificate issue:	18 Mar 2020
Date of certificate expiry:	17 Mar 2025
Audit closing meeting date:	08 Nov 2022
Audit cycle:	Third 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:	Biomass Producer	☐
Approved Standards:	SBP Standard 2: Verification of SBP-compliant Feedstock; 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 1.5	☐
Includes Supply Base Evaluation (SBE):	No	☐
Includes communication of Dynamic Batch Sustainability Data (DBSD)	Yes	☐
Includes Group Scheme	No	☐
Products	Pellets	☐

Feedstock types:	Secondary	☐
Feedstock origin (countries):	Sweden, Norway, Finland	☐
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: SCS-COC-008761	☐
	Credit	☐

2.1 Description of the company

Fuelwood Group Sweden AB is a pellet production and sales company with a pellet plant located in the Mid-Eastern side of Sweden in Söderhamn. The company was founded in 2017 by a group of Estonian entrepreneurs. Pellet production started in 2019. By now Fuelwood Group Sweden produces wood pellets from processing residues (sawdust, shavings, chips). Relatively small company. Pellet production capacity is around 50 000 tons a year. The production plant is run by a small team of 9 employees. As well the processing steps are quite simple. The production mainly is ran by external electricity (conveyor, hammermill, pellet press) and heat (for feedstock drying) provided by local suppliers, also 2 wheel loaders used for feedstock handling. Feedstock suppliers are local (Swedish) wood processing companies. The feedstock is delivered by trucks. Pellets are delivered by trucks to closest port (Stangskärvägen 10, Sandarne, 82022, Sweden) and sold at closest port Stangskärvägen 10, Sandarne, 82022 on FOB incoterms, by now single client in Denmark.

2.2 Detailed description of the Chain of Custody system

Organization holds valid FSC COC as well PEFC COC certificates. All feedstock used for biomass production is FSC and PEFC certified. By now source only pine and spruce sawdust and processing residues from suppliers in Sweden. Receive feedstock by trucks according to agreement with supplier. Segregate the certified material from non-certified material through all CCP's. Maintain credit system for control of biomass/pellets volumes. All feedstock is also eligible for NL category 5, for which credit account maintained. Sell pellets on FOB incoterms, sales invoices made for each ship, by now to single costumer in Denmark.

3 Specific objective

The specific objective of this evaluation was to confirm that the Biomass Producer's management system is capable of ensuring that all requirements of SBP Standards 2, 4, & 5 are implemented across the entire scope of certification.

4 Evaluation process

4.1 Timing of evaluation activities

Audit Level of Effort (LoE)		
Activity	Auditors	Auditor hours
1. Preparation	Modris Okmanis	2,0
2. On-site (excl. travel time)	Modris Okmanis	14,0
3. Report writing	Modris Okmanis	6,0
4. Other	N/A	N/A

Audit Schedule			
Activity	Location	Auditor name	Date/time
<i>Opening meetng</i>	Flygstaden, Byggnad 34 Söderhamn 826 70 Sweden	Modris Okmanis	07 Nov 2022/10:00
<i>Review of CoC/SBP procedures, products, accounting, interviews</i>	Flygstaden, Byggnad 34 Söderhamn 826 70 Sweden	Modris Okmanis	07 Nov 2022/10:30
<i>Walkthrough of facility</i>	Flygstaden, Byggnad 34	Modris Okmanis	07 Nov 2022/12:00

	Söderhamn 826 70 Sweden		
<i>Review of material balances and records</i>	Flygstaden, Byggnad 34 Söderhamn 826 70 Sweden	Modris Okmanis	07 Nov 2022/13:00
<i>Verification of calculations (conversion factors, credit accounts)</i>	Flygstaden, Byggnad 34 Söderhamn 826 70 Sweden	Modris Okmanis	07 Nov 2022/15:00
<i>Review of GHG data collection</i>	Flygstaden, Byggnad 34 Söderhamn 826 70 Sweden	Modris Okmanis	08 Nov 2022/09:00
<i>Review of SBR</i>	Flygstaden, Byggnad 34 Söderhamn 826 70 Sweden	Modris Okmanis	08 Nov 2022/12:00
<i>Evaluation of trademarks</i>	Flygstaden, Byggnad 34 Söderhamn 826 70 Sweden	Modris Okmanis	08 Nov 2022/14:00
<i>Closing meeting and review of findings</i>	Flygstaden, Byggnad 34 Söderhamn 826 70 Sweden	Modris Okmanis	08 Nov 2022/14:30

Auditor qualification		
Auditor name	Role	Qualification
Modris Okmanis	Lead auditor	Master's degree in Forest science, more than 5 year experience in Forestry. ISO9001, FSC and PEFC COC and FM lead auditor qualification.

4.2 Description of evaluation activities

During the audit the feedstock receipt, storage, biomass production process, storage and realization was verified. Checked the actual inputs (physical inspection and supplier documentation) received and used for biomass production. Verified production process/scheme of pellets. Verified GHG data provided in SAR and supporting documentation (registers invoices, measurements), inspected production facility. DTS checked and compared with actual sales invoices, checked SREG data credibility. Relevant staff interviewed. All feedstock used for biomass production eligible for DBSD NL cat. 5, checked credit account and actual inputs and outputs.

4.3 Sampling methodology

During audit relevant staff interviewed. Visited production site and port storage. Two feedstock suppliers and single client, sampled invoices, checked all relevant records and credit account. Verified data in DTS. Verified credibility of all data provided in SBR, SAR and SREG.

4.4 CB stakeholder engagement

No specific stakeholder engagement as this is surveillance evaluation. Staff interviewed.

4.5 Stakeholder feedback

No stakeholder feedback or concerns received.

5 Results

5.1 Main strengths and weaknesses

Organization is considerably small, with 5 employees, all management processes are considerably simple and easy to manage by single person. All feedstock sourced is FSC certified and by now from Sweden. Staff aware of relevant provisions.

For the weaknesses see non-conformity section.

5.2 Rigour of Supply Base Evaluation

N/A

5.3 Collection and communication of data

Additional registers and processes implemented to collect relevant GHG data on daily bases and adequate calculations made to provide data to client through DTS and SAR.

5.4 Competency of involved personnel

Relevant staff expressed awareness of relevant requirements. SBE not applicable.

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

NC number NC-001771 (01.2022)	NC Grading: Minor
Standard:	SBP Standard 2: Verification of SBP-compliant Feedstock
Requirement:	6.3 The BP shall ensure that the place of harvesting is within the defined SB.
Description of Non-conformance and Related Evidence:	
By now single supplier, which is also processor - Setra Trävaror AB inv. No. 121861 from 22.10.2021. sawdust 56 734,47 MWh for the period 01.03.2021-03.08.2021. SGSCH-COC- 002085 FSC Mix Credit, obtained procurement policy from supplier to confirm legality and sustainability of feedstock but not the origin of the material. No documents confirming that feedstock originates from supply base available, only verbal information.	
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:	Obtained declarations on origin from suppliers.
Findings for Evaluation of Evidence:	Evident supplier declarations e.g. Setra Trävaror AB November 2022, origin Sweden, signed by sustainability director M.S.
NC Status:	Closed

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):	William Arreaga
Date of decision:	28 Feb 2023
Other comments:	N/A