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Control Union Certifications BV Evaluation of BIMATRA BV

First Surveillance Audit

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1 Overview

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Date of installation:	
SBP Certificate Code:	SBP-11-15
Date of certificate issue:	25 Jun 2025
Date of certificate expiry:	24 Jun 2030
Audit closing meeting date:	29 Apr 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):	Robert Knysak
Date of decision:	09 May 2026
Other comments:	The audit was planned to March 10th but a strike in Belgium wave it to April 27

2.2 Open non-conformities and observations

2.2 Closed non-conformities

2.3 Actions taken by Organisation Prior to Report Finalisation

N/A

2.4 Notes for the next Audit

N/A

3 Scope of the audit and SBP certificate

Scope item	Check all that apply to the Certificate scope
Primary activity	Biomass Producer
Secondary activity	
Approved Standards	SBP Standard 2: Feedstock Verification v2.0; 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 REDII: Bridging requirements of the SBP scheme for meeting REDII. v1.2
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)	Yes
Products	WB 2.1 Wood chips
Feedstock origin (countries):	Belgium, Netherlands, 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	Yes
Changes in the scope	N/A

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.

Bimatra is a forest contractor that produces and sells wood chip from primary feedstock, coming mainly forest sites (icluding woodlands near roads and river/channels), but also from urban plantatations and landscape (Trees Outside the Forest). It is a company specialized in forest management and exploitation, as they take care of forest management from A to Z and give wood the right destination for both wholesale and retail as well as for private individuals. They have an extensive and modern fleet to provide a good service to customers and suppliers, directly from forest sites or from the warehouse in Ingelmunster, where covered storage areas let wood chips dry sufficiently to be delivered to the biomass plants at appropriate times. In recent years, the emphasis in trade has been on woody biomass that serves as fuel for biomass power stations in Belgium, South of the Netherlands and part of Northern France. Bimatra's main supply base is Belgium, mainly in Flandres but also a part of Wallonia (that has a REDII Level A risk assessment for Article 29 -forest-biomass- recognised by SBP). Some supply (less then 10% each year) comes from the South of the Netherlands, mainly Zeeland and then a part of France (nearby Belgium border).

3.2 Site details

Legal entity name	Address	Site Activity	Visited during the audit
Bimatra	Industrielaan 6, 8770 Ingelmunster, 8770, Ingelmunster, Belgium	Head Office, stacionary chipping and storage	☒
Port of Ghent	Stukwerkers Havenbedrijf NV Port Arthurlaan 40 9000 Ghent Belgium	Storage	☒
Port of Oostende	HAVEN OOSTENDE Slijkensesteenweg 2 8400 Oostende	Storage	☐

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.

PEFC CoC system is the basis for SBP chain of custody certification. That means that requirements of PEFC CoC system are used by BIMATRA to manage the SBP CoC system. However, in case of conflict between the requirements in the PEFC CoC system requirements and those specified in the SBP standards, the SBP standards have precedence. Product groups within the PEFC Certificate of BIMATRA are defined and compliant.

4 Specific objective of the audit

The specific objective of this evaluation was to confirm that CH management system is capable of ensuring that all requirements of the specific SBP Standards are implemented across the entire scope of certification. The scope of the evaluation covered:
- Review of CH management procedures;
- Review of SBP system control points and an analysis of the existing PEFC CoC system;
- Bridging requirements of the SBP scheme for meeting REDIII
- Interviews with responsible staff;
- Review of the records and calculations;
- Analysis of DTS and SREG knowledge.
- Visit field operations
- Port Visits

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	24.0
3. Report writing	Henrique Silva	4.0
4. Other	Henrique Silva	6.0

5.2 Auditor team qualification

Auditor qualification		
Auditor name	**Role**	**Qualification**
Henrique Silva	Lead auditor	Lead SBP, FSC, PEFC, GGL, SURE and ENPlus auditor successfully passed the ISO9001 LAC training

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

5.4 List of forest management units and feedstock suppliers visited

☐ N/A – No forest sites or suppliers visited during this evaluation

Site name
2026_08
Site location

Poperinge, Flanders
Site description
Inside a protected area for “biodiversity”(Map 3, from GRAS database): “BE2500003 Westvlaams Heuvelland” (West Flemish Hill Country), but operations were authorized and checked for impact by competent authority;
Rationale and focus of visit
Compare the site evaluations and real conditions onsite
Description of audit activity
During the audit, the consultant and the manager followed the inspections describing the activities. All the evaluations and permits were compliant

Site name
2026_04
Site location
Opwijk, Flanders
Site description
Poplar plantation close to farming sites
Rationale and focus of visit
Verify the permits and evaluations for EU RED
Description of audit activity
During the visit it was verified that harvest was allowed and the organization received low forest harvest residues. On the site there was a plate describing the operations as sustainable.

Site name
2026_03
Site location
Ninove, Flanders
Site description
Polpar plantation harvest with new plants planted
Rationale and focus of visit
The objective of this visit was to verify the operations and made and the replanted area.
Description of audit activity
During the audit, the consultant and the manager followed the inspections describing the activities. All the evaluations and permits were compliant

Site name
2026_02
Site location

Maria-Aalter, Aalter, Flanders
Site description
Small Poplar plantation
Rationale and focus of visit
The focus was to verifiy the location, RED evaluation and actual situation.
Description of audit activity
During the audit it was verified that the evaluation is correct with no issues related to RED evaluation. The area is already replanted.

Site name
2026_07
Site location
Oostkamp, Flanders
Site description
inside a protected area for “biodiversity”(Map 3, from GRAS database): “BE2500004 Bossen, heiden en valleigebieden van zandig Vlaanderen: westelijk deel” (Forests, heaths and valley areas of sandy Flanders: western part), but operations were authorized and checked for impact by competent authority in the forest area, not in the heaths;
Rationale and focus of visit
Verify the evaluation made for that location
Description of audit activity
During the audit the permit and maps were evaluated, the poplar was harvested and replanted. Beacuse of wild animals the new plantation has now a fence

Site name
2026_06
Site location
Heverland
Site description
Selective thining from Quercus Rubra
Rationale and focus of visit
During the visit the condicions from the stand and evaluation was controled
Description of audit activity
Compair the evaluation and the real condicions onsite

Site name
2026_05
Site location

Lockrism(Flanders)
Site description
Poplar plantation
Rationale and focus of visit
Verify the conficions fo the site and operations related to RED
Description of audit activity
During the visit the evaluations was inspected. The resukt was positive

Site name
2026_01
Site location
Twe Akreen (Wallonia)
Site description
Poplar platation
Rationale and focus of visit
Inspect the local condicions of the site
Description of audit activity
During the visit , the evaluation was inspected. The result was positive

5.5 Describe audit sampling methodology used

All applicable documents and procedures were reviewed. CH didn't have any SBP transactions recently after closing the old certificate., Because no certified material has been traded. Six invoices have been reviewed and found to be compliant, through invoice and DTS registration verifications, all the procedures were verified and interviews have been conducted in the office and to the contracter inspected. No transactions and SREGs were produced. One supplier (contracter) was visited, 5 sites have been visited and also one port. The team took the decision of sampling 0,6√x (maximal number of supppliers) 8 sites as result.

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 have a strong system suported by a experimented consultant. All the sections on the standard were inspected and no NC were raised during this audit.
The CH don't supply SBP complaint wood chips, only SBP Controled.

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

The organization is certified against PEFC COC and Controled sources

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

The organziation assures the completeness of incoming documentation to forward to their buyers. The organization is a producer of woodchips and comunicates all the data trougth the SAR on DTS.

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 is involved with SBP have received appropriate training where all relevant procedures and requirements have been covered. The SBP responsible staff has shown good understanding of the requirements in relation to SBP certification and of the already implemented PEFC CoC system, they are also suported by an experient consultant on forestry and biomass. Considering the size of the company, there were no risks detected related to the competency of 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