

# NEPCon Evaluation of CM Biomass LLC Compliance with the SBP Framework: Public Summary Report

Third Surveillance Audit

Reinstatement audit

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# 1 Overview

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Certified Supply Base: N/A - Trader

SBP Certificate Code: SBP-01-41

Date of certificate issue: 04/Oct/2016

Date of certificate expiry: 03/Oct/2021

This report relates to the Third Surveillance Audit & Reinstatement audit

## 2 Scope of the evaluation and SBP certificate

Organization is a biomass trader sourcing the material from a number of pellet producers in North-West Russia. The material is delivered to St. Petersburg seaport by suppliers by truck, at this moment possession is taken over by CM Biomass LLC (based on acceptance act) and immediately after that it is sold by organization to its exclusive customer. Therefore, the organization shall be considered as a trader without physical possession. There is no any energy consumption for biomass handling, storage and/or shipment.

### 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

## 4 SBP Standards utilised

### 4.1 SBP Standards utilised

*Please select all SBP Standards used during this evaluation. All Standards can be accessed and downloaded from <https://sbp-cert.org/documents/standards-documents/standards>*

- ☐ SBP Framework Standard 1: Feedstock Compliance Standard (Version 1.0, 26 March 2015)
- ☐ SBP Framework Standard 2: Verification of SBP-compliant Feedstock (Version 1.0, 26 March 2015)
- ☒ SBP Framework Standard 4: Chain of Custody (Version 1.0, 26 March 2015)
- ☒ SBP Framework Standard 5: Collection and Communication of Data (Version 1.0, 26 March 2015)

### 4.2 SBP-endorsed Regional Risk Assessment

Not applicable

## 5 Description of Company, Supply Base and Forest Management

### 5.1 Description of Company

Organization is a biomass trader sourcing the material from a number of pellet producers in North-West Russia (since the initial evaluation there were two suppliers). The material is delivered to S.Petersburg sea port by suppliers by truck, at this moment possession is taken over by CM Biomass LLC (based on acceptance act) and immediately after that it is sold by organization to its exclusive customer. Therefore, the organization shall be considered as a trader without physical possession. There is no any energy consumption for biomass handling, storage and/or shipment.

### 5.2 Description of Company's Supply Base

Not applicable – organisation is trader.

### 5.3 Detailed description of Supply Base

Not applicable – organisation is trader.

### 5.4 Chain of Custody system

The Organization has implemented the FSC transfer system with biomass in the scope of the certificate - NC-COC-025650. The process covers trade with biomass without physical possession. The material is delivered by suppliers by truck to S.Petersburg sea port and sold to Organization, which then sells it to its customer. Delivery conditions are FCA, S.Petersburg sea port (Incoterms). Potentially, biomass may be purchased and sold with different FSC claims (FSC 100%, FSC Mix Credit, FSC Mix%, FSC Controlled Wood). Non-certified and non-controlled biomass is not purchased.

## 6 Evaluation process

### 6.1 Timing of evaluation activities

Desk evaluation was conducted on August 09, 2019. Evaluation activities included documents review at NEPCon office and staff interviews by skype and phone.

| Activity                                   | Location      | Date/time                   |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Review documentation before the assessment | Office NEPCon | 07/08/2019<br>10.00-14.00   |
| Opening meeting by skype                   | Office NEPCon | 09/08/2019<br>12.30-12.45   |
| Staff interviews by skype                  | Office NEPCon | 09/08/2019<br>12.45 – 13.45 |
| Closing meeting by skype                   | Office NEPCon | 09/08/2019<br>13.45 – 14.00 |

### 6.2 Description of evaluation activities

Composition of audit team:

| Auditor(s), roles  | Qualifications                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Natalia Zaladinova | Lead auditor<br>NEPCon SBP lead auditor. She successfully passed SBP auditor training course in December 2016 in Amsterdam and participated in a number of SBP assessments and annual audits in Russia. |

This was a desk audit conducted by telephone and via Skype. Prior to the audit the Organization provided the auditor with documentation related to SBP certification. The auditor reviewed and analyzed the received documents, interviewed responsible staff members and finally provided preliminary results of the audit.

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## 6.3 Process for consultation with stakeholders

No stakeholder consultations conducted prior, during and after this audit (n/a for trader).

## 7 Results

### 7.1 Main strengths and weaknesses

Organisation is a trader without physical possession, implementing transfer system of FSC and SBP claims, therefore it is relatively simple certification. Organisation has effective bookkeeping system, so all operations on biomass purchase and sales are clearly identifiable. No energy used for pellets handling etc. Auditor did not identify any weaknesses in Organisation's management systems.

### 7.2 Rigour of Supply Base Evaluation

Not applicable.

### 7.3 Collection and Communication of Data

CM Biomass LLC is a trader without physical possession, and does not handle with the purchased biomass, therefore this section is not applicable. Organization forwards to its customer the energy use data, received from its suppliers.

### 7.4 Competency of involved personnel

All staff involved into SBP certification and interviewed during assessment showed good understanding of the requirements in relation to SBP certification and of the FSC CoC system.

### 7.5 Stakeholder feedback

No stakeholder consultations conducted prior, during and after this audit (n/a for traders).

### 7.6 Preconditions

None

## 8 Review of Company's Risk Assessments

*Describe how the Certification Body assessed risk for the Indicators. Summarise the CB's final risk ratings in Table 1, together with the Company's final risk ratings. Default for each indicator is 'Low', click on the rating to change. Note: this summary should show the risk ratings before AND after the SVP has been performed and after any mitigation measures have been implemented.*

Not applicable.

## 9 Review of Company's mitigation measures

Not applicable

## 10 Non-conformities and observations

*Identify all non-conformities and observations raised/closed during the evaluation (a tabular format below may be used here). Please use as many copies of the table as needed. For each, give details to include at least the following:*

- *applicable requirement(s)*
- *grading of the non-conformity (major or minor) or observation with supporting rationale*
- *timeframe for resolution of the non-conformity*
- *a statement as to whether the non-conformity is likely to impact upon the integrity of the affected SBP-certified products and the credibility of the SBP trademarks.*

None

## 11 Certification decision

**Based on the auditor's recommendation and the Certification Body's quality review, the following certification decision is taken:**

|                                                        |                                         |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>Certification decision:</b>                         | Certification approved                  |
| <b>Certification decision by (name of the person):</b> | Pilar Gorría Serrano                    |
| <b>Date of decision:</b>                               | 12/Aug/2019                             |
| <b>Other comments:</b>                                 | <i>Click or tap here to enter text.</i> |