



Control Union Certifications BV Evaluation of Biopower, Ida. Compliance with the SBP Framework: Public Summary Report

Main (Initial) Audit

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1 Overview

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Company website:	N/A
SBP Certificate Code:	SBP-06-67
Date of certificate issue:	09 Dec 2021
Date of certificate expiry:	08 Dec 2026
Audit closing meeting date:	08 Oct 2021
Audit cycle:	Main (Initial) 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)	Yes	☐
Includes Group Scheme	No	☐
Products	Chips, Pellets	☐

Feedstock types:	Primary, Secondary	☐
Feedstock origin (countries):	Portugal, Spain	☐
SBP-endorsed Regional Risk Assessments used: Public link: https://sbp-cert.org/documents/standards-documents/risk-assessments/	Not applicable	☐
Chain of custody system implemented:	PEFC, FSC: FSC: TT-COC-006597 PEFC: BMT-PEFC-1764	☐
	Transfer	☐

2.1 Description of the company

Biopower Florestal is a company dedicated to forestry production and trading, founded in 2010. Its main office is located in Vendas Novas and its branch office is in Miranda do Corvo. Biopower is certified by the following references: • Chain of Custody FSC® FSC-STD-40-004 • Chain of Custody PEFC - PEFC ST 2002:2013 • Trading of chips and pellets SBP – SBP Standard 4 and SBP Standard 5 FSC® Certification Code: TT-COC-006597 FSC® Controlled Wood Code: TT-CW-006597 FSC® CoC system: Transfer system PEFC certification code: BMT-PEFC-1764 PEFC CoC system: Physical separation system Company registration number: 508663580 Contact person, regarding SBP certification: Eng^a Cláudia Filipe Title: Manager and Certification Manager E-mail: claudia.filipe@biopower.com.pt Phone: +351 927421792 Biopower certifications regarding the trading of woody biomass: • FSC® Chain of Custody; • PEFC Chain of Custody; • SBP Trading of wood pellets and chips. Biopower intends to trade woody biomass in the form of pellets and chips.

2.2 Detailed description of the Chain of Custody system

The organization has implemented FSC transfer and PEFC physical separation systems with wood pellets and chips in the scope of their certificates. The process covers trade of biomass with or without physical possession. Valid FSC and PEFC CoC system description and other documents exist. As a trading company, they export and sell biomass (wood pellets and chips) by sea or by truck, with or without storage. The Chain of custody process is simple, and consist of purchasing - transport - sales based on back to back business (supplier to recipient).

3 Specific objective

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

The scope of the evaluation covered:

- Review of Biopower's management procedures;
- Review of SBP system control points and an analysis of the existing PEFC and FSC CoC system;
- Interviews with responsible staff;
- Review of the records and calculations;
- Analysis of DTS and SREG knowledge.

4 Evaluation process

4.1 Timing of evaluation activities

<i>Audit Level of Effort (LoE)</i>		
Activity	Auditors	Auditor hours
1. Preparation	Lennart Holm	2,0
2. On-site (excl. travel time)	Lennart Holm	6,5
3. Report writing	Lennart Holm	2,0
4. Other	-	N/A

<i>Audit Schedule</i>			
Activity	Location	Auditor name	Date/time
<i>Opening Meeting</i>	Vendas Novas	Lennart Holm	08 Oct 2021/9.00
<i>Business integrity, social, health and safety requirements</i>	Vendas Novas	Lennart Holm	08 Oct 2021/9.30
<i>Logo/Trademark use</i>	Vendas Novas	Lennart Holm	08 Oct 2021/9.45
<i>Complaints procedures</i>	Vendas Novas	Lennart Holm	08 Oct 2021/10.00

<i>Incoming material claims and raw material registration</i>	Vendas Novas	Lennart Holm	08 Oct 2021/10.10
<i>Lunch Break</i>	-	-	08 Oct 2021/12.00
<i>GHG data registrations</i>	Vendas Novas	Lennart Holm	08 Oct 2021/13.00
<i>Chain of Custody registrations</i>	Vendas Novas	Lennart Holm	08 Oct 2021/13.00
<i>Outstanding issues and next steps</i>	Vendas Novas	Lennart Holm	08 Oct 2021/14.15
<i>Cloising Meeting</i>	Vendas Novas	Lennart Holm	08 Oct 2021/15.15

Auditor qualification		
Auditor name	Role	Qualification
Lennart Holm	Lead Auditor	Lead SBP, GGL, SDE+ and FSC and PEFC FM/COC auditor and successfully passed the SBP auditor training programme

4.2 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.

Names and affiliations of people interviewed

Name:	Affiliation:
Claudia Filipe	Biopower
Barbara Rosa	Biopower
Rute Gestão	Biopower
Joana Carvalho	Consultant

Critical control points, summary

Identified CCP

Purchase and sales: Checking of Valid certificates in case of SBP

Volume control

Evaluation CCP

Procedures in place. Training done. Interview confirms understanding of the system.

FSC and PEFC, with mass balance system in place

4.3 Sampling methodology

All applicable documents and procedures were reviewed. Biopower has not yet traded any wood pellets or chips, thus no invoices, DTS registrations, SAR or SREG to check.

4.4 CB stakeholder engagement

N/A

4.5 Stakeholder feedback

N/A

5 Results

5.1 Main strengths and weaknesses

The audit of Biopower demonstrated a good level of compliance with the required criteria of Standard 4 and 5. There was reasonable evidence provided to support compliance where a Non-Conformity was not detected. The existence of a FSC/PEFC Chain of Custody system are considered a main strength with respect to Biopower's overall conformity with the relevant SBP standards.

No weaknesses were identified.

5.2 Rigour of Supply Base Evaluation

N/A

5.3 Collection and communication of data

Biopower assures the completeness of incoming documentation to forward to their buyers. Biopower is a trader without physical possession, and thus, does not handle with the purchased biomass. Biopower forwards to its customer the energy use data, received from their suppliers, supported by the production of the applicable SREG if and when required.

5.4 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 FSC/PEFC CoC system. Considering the size of the company, there were no risks detected related to the competency of involved personnel.

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-000716 (1)	NC Grading: Minor
Standard:	SBP Standard 4: Chain of Custody
Requirement:	5.1.2 The legal owner shall implement all aspects of the SBP-approved CoC system requirements for the SBP feedstock and biomass. Where there is a conflict between the requirements in the SBP-approved CoC system requirements and those specified in the SBP standards, the SBP standards shall have precedence. Note: SBP feedstock or biomass will not necessarily enter into the scope of the SBP-approved CoC system certification, but the SBP-approved CoC system CoC processes and requirements shall extend to SBP feedstock and biomass.
Description of Non-conformance and Related Evidence:	
Biopower is FSC and PEFC CoC certified. The scope of the FSC COC certification includes chips: W3.1, but not pellets: W3.6. The scope of the PEFC COC certification includes: 1030 Chips and particles but not 2010 Fuelwood (incl chips, residues, pellets, bricks, etc.). No conflicts identified yet.	
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):	Robin Rosendahl
Date of decision:	09 Dec 2021
Other comments:	N/A