



Compliance with the SBP Framework: Public Summary Report

Control Union Certifications BV
Evaluation of Biopower, Ida.

Third Surveillance Audit

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1 Overview

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Date of installation:	11 Oct 2024
SBP Certificate Code:	SBP-06-67
Date of certificate issue:	09 Dec 2021
Date of certificate expiry:	08 Dec 2026
Audit closing meeting date:	11 Oct 2024
Audit cycle:	Third 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):	Robin Rosendahl
Date of decision:	14 Feb 2025
Other comments:	N/A

2.2 Open non-conformities and observations

2.3 Closed non-conformities

NC number 4395 copied from NC-001750 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. N/A N/A
Description of Non-conformance and Related Evidence:	
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:	The scope of FSC now includes W3.6 and PEFC 2010 Fuelwood
Findings for Evaluation of Evidence:	NC, can be closed
NC Status:	Closed

2.4 Actions taken by Organisation Prior to Report Finalisation

The CH have changed the FSC and PEFC scope

2.5 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	Trader
Secondary activity	
Approved Standards	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 v2.0; Instruction Document REDII: Bridging requirements of the SBP scheme for meeting REDII. v1.1
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 RED II Scheme	Yes
Includes RED II Supply Base Evaluation (SBE)	No
Products	Pellets
Feedstock origin (countries):	Portugal
SBP-endorsed Regional Risk Assessments used:	Not applicable
Public link: https://sbp-cert.org/documents/standards-documents/risk-assessments/	
Chain of custody system	☐ Physical separation ☒ Mass balance
Outsourcing	No
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.

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.

3.2 Site details

Legal entity name	Address	Site Activity	Visited during the audit
Biopower Lda	Largo Serpa Pinto, Vendas Novas, Lisboa	Head office	☒

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.

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).

4 Specific objective of the audit

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.
- RED II requirements

5 Evaluation process

5.1 Timing and duration of evaluation activities

Audit Level of Effort (LoE)		
Activity	Auditors	Auditor hours
2. On-site (excl. travel time)	Henrique Silva and Bruna Scarparo	8.0
3. Report writing	Henrique Silva	2.0
1. Preparation	Henrique Silva	2.0
4. Other	N/A	

5.2 Auditor team qualification

Auditor qualification		
Auditor name	Role	Qualification
Henrique Silva	Lead Auditor	Lead SBP, GGL, ENplus, Din Plus and FSC and PEFC FM/COC and PEFC CoC auditor and successfully passed the SBP auditor training programme

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.

Identification of CCP (to be filled prior to the onsite audit!)

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

Evaluation of CCP

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

Volume control	PEFC and FSC physical separation method, with 100% PEFC certified input material
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5.4 List of forest management units and feedstock suppliers visited

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

Trader with no physical possession

5.5 Describe audit sampling methodology used

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.

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 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.

5.9 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 REDII

☒ 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 CoC system was evaluated based on FSC and PEFC certification. Invoices, interviews and relevant documents have been inspected

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

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.

5.13 Summary of audit findings for competency of involved personnel

The company consists 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.

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 REDII scope

N/A

6.2 CB evaluation of specified risk indicators and mitigation measures