Compliance with the SBP Framework: Public Summary Report

Control Union Certifications BV Evaluation of Unimadeiras, SA

Re-assessment

Sustainable Biomass Program
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Completed in accordance with the CB Public Summary Report Template Version 2.1 and SBP Bridging Requirements for Meeting the Directive EU/2023/2413 (REDIII)

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1 Overview

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Date of certificate issue:	16 Jul 2026
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Audit cycle:	Re-assessment

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):	Bruna Scarparo
Date of decision:	17 Jul 2026
Other comments:	N/A

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	Trader
Approved Standards	SBP Standard 1: Feedstock Compliance v2.0; 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 EU RED: Bridging Requirements for Meeting the Directive EU/2023/2413 v2.0
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)	Yes
Includes EU RED Scheme	Yes
Includes EU RED Supply Base Evaluation (SBE)	Yes
Products	WB 2.1 Wood chips
Feedstock origin (countries):	Portugal
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	No
Changes in the scope	The organization changed the scope only to woodchips producer

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.

Unimadeiras S.A. is a company dedicated to forestry production and trading. Its main office is located in Albergaria-a-Velha and a branch office is in Figueira da Foz. Founded in October 1974, it is the largest supplier of rolls for pulp, wood chipboard for panels and MDF in the Iberian Peninsula and has more than 600 shareholders spread throughout the country. Among the main customers are some of the most important companies in the forestry sector in Portugal, such as The Navigator Company (former Portucel-Soporcel Group), Altri, Sonae Indústria, LusoFinsa, Palser, Europac & C and Gesfinu. Unimadeiras SA takes its social responsibility very seriously, as it deals with over 640 shareholders and over 1000 timber suppliers spread across the country, creating, directly and indirectly, more than 2500 jobs and contributing to about 20% of national market share. The constitution of Unifloresta group represented an important stage in the activities under the social responsibility of Unimadeiras SA, which obtained the certificate of sustainable forest management FSC® in 2008, and PEFC in 2012. The certification of forest management, joined by the Unifloresta group, seeks to guarantee that the timber comes from properties managed in an ecological, socially fair and economically profitable way, and in compliance with all applicable laws. The Unifloresta group is managed by Unimadeiras SA, which is responsible for ensuring compliance and enforcing of the legal requirements and applicable standards. Unimadeiras is certified by the following references: • Quality - NP EN ISO 9001: 2015 • Forest Management FSC-STD-PRT-02-2025 PT • Sustainable Forest Management PEFC - NP 4406: 2014 • Chain of Custody FSC - FSC-STD-40-004 V3-0 • Chain of Custody PEFC - PEFC ST 2002:2013 Unimadeiras certifications regarding the trading of woody biomass: • FSC® Chain of Custody; • PEFC Chain of Custody; • Sustainable Biomass Program (applying); Unimadeiras trade woody biomass in the form of pellets. Possible incoterms conditions for Unimadeiras trade are FCA, DAP, DDP, DPU, CIP, EXW, FOB, CIF, CPT, and CFR. •SURE

3.2 Site details

Legal entity name	Address	Site Activity	Visited during the audit
Unimadeiras S,A	Arruamento Q, Zona Industrial, Apartado nº3 3850-909 Albergaria-a-Velha	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 in the scope of their certificates. The process covers trade of biomass with and without physical possession. Valid FSC and PEFC CoC system description and other documents exist. As a trading company, they export biomass (wood pellets) by sea mainly CIF, without storage. If the market doesn't allow to trade the organization has a small capability of storage. The Chain of custody process is simple, and consist of purchasing -(storage)- transport - sales based on back to back business (supplier to recipient). On Biomass prodution the process is simple, the organization uses the SBE to evaluate and mitigate the risks during the production of biomass form residues of harvesting.

4 Specific objective of the audit

The specific objective of this evaluation was to confirm that Unimadeiras management system is capable of ensuring that all requirements of the specified SBP Standards are implemented across the entire scope of certification and prepared to chenage the scope to producer.

The scope of the evaluation covered:

- Review of Unimadeiras management procedures;
- Review of SBP system control points and an analysis of the existing PEFC and FSC 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

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

5.2 Auditor team qualification

Auditor qualification		
Auditor name	**Role**	**Qualification**
Henrique Silva	Lead auditor	FSC,PEFC, SBP,GGL,SURE and ENPlus lead auditor

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. During the Audit there were no operations for biomass production in the last period, since there was no FMUs producing Biomass, one site was visit to inspect the way the organization evaluate the sites and claim as SBP compliat if necessary.
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
Fafe
Site location

Fafe
Site description
Forest site were Sure feedstock was made
Rationale and focus of visit
There was a pile of biomsse being grinded. This site had a evaluation for SBP and EU-RED compliancy, the evaluation was correct and the operator was operating with all the procedures in place.
Description of audit activity
The procedure is clear and efective

5.5 Describe audit sampling methodology used

All applicable documents and procedures were reviewed. Unimadeiras has traded wood pellets , all were reviewed and found to be compliant, through invoice and DTS registration verifications, only the time to deescribed was not compliant and one NC was raised. No SREG were produced and verified. 1 supplier was visited onsite and one port verified remotly to confirm the procedures of the company. There is only one supplier in the list at this moment

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 Unimadeiras demonstrated a good level of compliance with the required criteria of Standard 4 and 5 and the Bridging requirements of the SBP scheme for meeting REDIII. 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 Unimadeiras overall conformity with the relevant SBP standards. On standards 1 and 2 the process is well prepared and the the organization has a experienced consultant following all the processes.

5.9 Summary of evaluation activities for robustness of the Supply Base Evaluation

☐ N/A – Standard 1 not in the scope of the evaluation

The SBE was evaluated and it is compliant with all the standards, all the risks identified are in line with the Portuguese reality. the mitigation measures were evaluated and they are robust.

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

Unimadeiras is certified against FSC COC and PEFC COC.

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

Unimadeiras assures the completeness of incoming documentation to forward to their buyers. Unimadeiras is a producer of woodchips trader with and without physical possession, and thus, does handle with the purchased biomass. Unimadeiras 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 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.

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

The mitigation measures evaluated during the audit are adapted to be compliant , included with the RED III scope.

6.2 CB evaluation of specified risk indicators and mitigation measures

Country
Portugal
Area/Sub-Scope
Mainland
Indicator
2.1.2 Threats to and impacts on the identified key species, habitats, ecosystems, and areas of high conservation value (HCV) pertaining to biodiversity in the Supply Base shall be identified and evaluated.
Specified risk description
Regarding HCV 1 –Species diversity, there is a specified risk that forest operations on private, communitarian and public areas not managed by ICNF could harm species diversity. For HCV 3 – Ecosystems and habitats, there is a specified risk that forest operations on private, communitarian and public areas not managed by ICNF could harm ecosystems and habitats. There are HCV areas are designated as protected and classified areas at national or EU level (Natura 2000). There are also smaller areas and biotopes important to biodiversity, which can be classified as priority species habitats.
Detailed description of a mitigation measure
- Desk Assessment of possible impacts of harvesting operations, regarding Publicly available information from credible third parties; - Identification and mapping of protected species, habitats and key ecosystems; - Training/information to suppliers on identification of forests with HCVs, and methods to protect HCVs; Harvesting according to best practices in sustainable forest management.
Detailed description of CB evaluation of mitigation measure and its conclusions
During the audit it was verified that the evaluation and the mitigation measures are well defined. The Mitigation measures are complaiant and in line the the Portuguese reality and the European normatives.

Country
Portugal
Area/Sub-Scope

Mainland	

Indicator
2.1.3 Key species, habitats, ecosystems, and areas of high conservation value (HCV) pertaining to biodiversity in the Supply Base shall be maintained or enhanced.
Specified risk description
Around 3 600 species of plants can be found in Portugal. There are 69 taxa of terrestrial mammals, a total of 313 bird species, of which around 35% are threatened, and 17 amphibians and 34 reptile species that are present in Portugal. Some of the main threats to the biological diversity of Portugal include: change or destruction of habitats; pollution; overexploitation; invasive alien species; urbanization and fires. This, in combination with the fact that there are many small parcels to which few regulations apply puts biodiversity under pressure.
Detailed description of a mitigation measure
Unimadeiras prepares (publicly available) data on ecosystems and habitats. This information is given to all feedstock suppliers. Feedstock suppliers are trained/informed to recognise key ecosystems and habitats. - Desk assessment on key ecosystems and habitats -all classified areas: . National Network of Protected Areas; . Special Areas of Conservation (SAC); . Special Protection Areas (SPA); . Ramsar sites; . Important Bird Areas (IBA); . Priority habitats in Natura 2000 network; . Areas where threatened species occur; . Areas where endemic species of the Iberian Peninsula occur; . Areas where seasonal concentrations of species occur; . Large landscape level forests; . Important areas for watershed protection; - Mapping of the harvesting plot, indicating key ecosystems, habitats and objects of importance to biodiversity; making photos prior to harvesting. Best forestry practices, including measures to conserve and increase biodiversity (for example, standing dead wood).
Detailed description of CB evaluation of mitigation measure and its conclusions
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Country
Portugal
Area/Sub-Scope
Mainland
Indicator
2.2.1 Feedstock shall not be sourced from land that had one of the following statuses in January 2008 and no longer has that status due to land conversion: a. Forests b. Wetlands c. Peatlands d.

Highly biodiverse grasslands.
Specified risk description
The conversion of forests to urban and agricultural is a reality: in total, the forest area decreased by 150 611 ha (between 1995 and 2010, according to the 6th National Forest Inventory of the ICNF). ICNF states that the increase of wood lands exceeds the decline in forests. FAO statistics (2016) show a decrease in forest and agricultural area in Portugal.
Detailed description of a mitigation measure
Unimadeiras checks if forests have been changed due to land conversion after 2008, i.e., the history of the land use is investigated. If needed, interviews with stakeholders and residents are taken. This is dealt with in the Feedstock Supplier Declaration.
Detailed description of CB evaluation of mitigation measure and its conclusions
During the audit it was verified that the evaluation and the mitigation measures are well defined. The Mitigation measures are complaiant and in line the the Portuguese reality and the European normatives.

Country
Portugal
Area/Sub-Scope
Mainland
Indicator
2.2.2 Ecosystems, their health, vitality, functions and services in the Supply Base shall be maintained or enhanced.
Specified risk description
The Portuguese legal framework covering these aspects is robust but the diversity (of aspects) covered by this indicator and the ownership of the Portuguese forest, mostly small size private properties, makes it difficult to ensure that in all territory this indicator can be classified as Low risk. Thus, this indicator has Low risk in areas where management plan exists, and Specified risk in areas with no management plan.
Detailed description of a mitigation measure
- Desk assessment on potential impacts of operations on forest ecosystem health, functions, vitality and services, using publicly available information; Training/information to suppliers on best management practices, including measures to minimize impacts of operations.
Detailed description of CB evaluation of mitigation measure and its conclusions
During the audit it was verified that the evaluation and the mitigation measures are well defined. The Mitigation measures are complaiant and in line the the Portuguese reality and the European normatives.

Country

Portugal
Area/Sub-Scope
Mainland
Indicator
2.2.3 Soil quality in the Supply Base shall be maintained or enhanced
Specified risk description
In some regions of the supply base there is a risk of degradation of soils (drought), mainly due to previous land-use practices and to climate change.
Detailed description of a mitigation measure
Desk assessment of the site on soil quality using publicly available information and mapping; - Training/information to suppliers on best forestry practices, including on soil protection.
Detailed description of CB evaluation of mitigation measure and its conclusions
During the audit it was verified that the evaluation and the mitigation measures are well defined. The Mitigation measures are complaiant and in line the the Portuguese reality and the European normatives.

Country
Portugal
Area/Sub-Scope
Mainland
Indicator
2.2.5 Quality and quantity of ground water, surface water and water downstream shall be maintained or enhanced.
Specified risk description
The thresholds mentioned by law are 50 ha and 10 ha. This are still large areas regarding the populated and hilly countryside of Portugal. A clear-cut area of less than 10 ha can easily create runoff and erosion dangers. The landscape can create dangerous situations; residents could be living in the valley. Small land owners are not obliged to take risks to the surroundings into consideration. These risks can also be related to water lines.
Detailed description of a mitigation measure
- Desk assessment on important areas for watershed protection; Training feedstock suppliers on best forestry practices, including to not contaminate ground water and protect the soil, forest and surroundings from surface water runoff.
Detailed description of CB evaluation of mitigation measure and its conclusions
During the audit it was verified that the evaluation and the mitigation measures are well defined. The Mitigation measures are complaiant and in line the the Portuguese reality and the European normatives.

Country
Portugal
Area/Sub-Scope
Mainland
Indicator
2.2.11 The impacts of natural processes such as fires, pests and diseases shall be managed.
Specified risk description
The Specified risk indicated for this indicator is related with forest wild fires, as although since 2017, the most recent tragic year, the awareness of the population has raised and some mechanisms and obligations were implemented to better prevent and facilitate the wild fire intervention, a recent study showed that summer values of fire risk tend to substantially increase in the future, due to climate change, with a likely stretching of the danger period. The north-western region of Iberia, including the north of Portugal and the north-western-to-central Spain were the regions where larger increases in fire risk in the future were found.
Detailed description of a mitigation measure
- Investigation of PMDFCI (Forest Defense Against Fires Municipal Plan / Plano Municipal de Defesa da Floresta Contra Incêndios); - Implementation of forest fire fighting measures according to legal requirements; Training/information to suppliers on best forestry practices, including related with fire protection and prevention during operations.
Detailed description of CB evaluation of mitigation measure and its conclusions
During the audit it was verified that the evaluation and the mitigation measures are well defined. The Mitigation measures are complaiant and in line the the Portuguese reality and the European normatives.

Country
Portugal
Area/Sub-Scope
Mainland
Indicator
3.3.1 Feedstock sourcing shall be in compliance with the principles of cascading use, high quality stem wood shall not be used as feedstock if it is in substantial demand for long-lived products in the Supply Base.
Specified risk description
Although the experience shows that market itself regulates the proper use of wood, there are conditions that may justify a deviation on the cascade use, but this shall be properly justified.
Detailed description of a mitigation measure
- Feedstock agreements with suppliers specifying type and main characteristics of

received feedstock; Visual and document control of the feedstock reception.
Detailed description of CB evaluation of mitigation measure and its conclusions
During the audit it was verified that the evaluation and the mitigation measures are well defined. The Mitigation measures are complaiant and in line the the Portuguese reality and the European normatives.

Country
Portugal
Area/Sub-Scope
Mainland
Indicator
4.1.10 Safeguards shall be put in place to protect the health and safety of workers by developing, communicating and implementing policies and procedures.
Specified risk description
This indicator is identified as Specified risk due to the inherent risk of jobs in the forests.
Detailed description of a mitigation measure
Unimadeiras has a control system and adequate procedures related to health and safety of forest workers and demands the same from its feedstock suppliers. Unimadeiras suppliers are required to be qualified and approved before performing any operations to Unimadeiras. Unimadeiras suppliers qualification process includes checking: - Work accidents Insurance and health aptitude forms; - Social Security responsibilities; - Workers training on health and safety; - Health and safety procedures; - Records of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) delivery to workers; Records of machinery safety inspections.
Detailed description of CB evaluation of mitigation measure and its conclusions
During the audit it was verified that the evaluation and the mitigation measures are well defined. The Mitigation measures are complaiant and in line the the Portuguese reality and the European normatives.