

# SBP Response to Consultation

## Instruction Document 2D: SBP Requirements for Group Schemes

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# 1 Introduction

SBP has considered the likely market demand for biomass produced from primary feedstock that meets the Netherlands SDE+ biomass sustainability requirements and has determined that there is sufficient interest to merit an SBP solution. Accordingly, SBP published Instruction Document 2D, which specifies the requirements for the evaluation and certification of Group Schemes for the purpose of demonstrating compliance with the Netherlands' requirements for biomass produced from primary feedstock.

Following the approval of the Instruction Document by the SBP Stakeholder Committee, SBP sought the views of a wider range of stakeholders through public consultation, with a deadline for comments of Monday, 30 July 2018. SBP undertook *not* to allow certification against the requirements of the Instruction Document until stakeholders' comments had been received and reviewed.

## 1.1 Specifics and definitions

Instruction Document 2D specifies the requirements for the evaluation and certification of Group Schemes for the purpose of demonstrating compliance with the Netherlands SDE+ requirements for category 1-4 biomass.

A Group Scheme comprises a single Group Manager and Group Members.

The Group Manager is the entity representing the Forest Management Units that constitute the Group Members. The Group Manager applies for and may ultimately hold Group Scheme certification. In the SBP certification system, the Group Manager is an SBP-certified Biomass Producer. A Group Member is a forest owner or forest manager who participates in a group scheme for the purpose of SBP Group Scheme certification. Group Members are responsible for implementing any and all requirements of group membership that are applicable to the Group Member. Group Members do not hold individual certificates, but as long as they comply with all the requirements of group membership, their forest properties are covered by the scope of the certificate issued to the Group Manager

## 2 SBP public consultation

### 2.1 Consultation period

On Wednesday, 27 June 2018, *Instruction Document 2D: SBP Requirements for Group Schemes* was published on the SBP website at: <https://sbp-cert.org/news/sbp-consults-on-solution-for-primary-feedstock-compliance-with-sde>. Interested parties were invited to provide written comments on the document by the close of business on Monday, 30 July 2018.

### 2.2 Comments received

No comments were received.

### 3 SBP internal review

Following the close of the public consultation period, SBP performed an internal review of the process in accordance with the internal procedures.

## 4 Approval and endorsement of Instruction Document 2D

SBP has approved and endorsed *Instruction Document 2D: SBP Requirements for Group Schemes* and as of 28 August 2018 permits certification against its requirements.