



Control Union Certifications BV Evaluation of Alameda Torrent S.L.U. Compliance with the SBP Framework: Public Summary Report

Second Surveillance Audit

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1 Overview

Certification Body (CB) Name:	Control Union Certifications BV
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SBP Certificate Code:	SBP-06-27
Date of certificate issue:	25 Apr 2019
Date of certificate expiry:	24 Apr 2024
Audit closing meeting date:	07 Apr 2021
Audit cycle:	Second Surveillance 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:	Biomass Producer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved Standards:	SBP Standard 2: Verification of SBP-compliant Feedstock; 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 1.3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Includes Supply Base Evaluation (SBE):	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Includes communication of Dynamic Batch Sustainability Data (DBSD)	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Includes Group Scheme	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Products	Chips	<input type="checkbox"/>

Feedstock types:	Primary	<input type="checkbox"/>
Feedstock origin (countries):	Spain	<input type="checkbox"/>
SBP-endorsed Regional Risk Assessments used:	Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public link: https://sbp-cert.org/documents/standards-documents/risk-assessments/		<input type="checkbox"/>
Chain of custody system implemented:	PEFC: ES16/19612	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.1 Description of the company

Alameda Torrent S.L.U. is a small size company specialized in the production and delivery of wood chips. It has its own harvesting team that annually harvests more than 800 hectares of forests of all kinds in the autonomous community of Catalonia, Spain, doing all kinds of forestry work: pruning, clearing, selective cutting and regeneration. The company adapts to each forest type using the proper machinery and necessary work techniques. The company performs opening and maintenance of fire protection strips at the perimeters of urban areas, industrial areas in order to minimize the risk of forest fires, electric lines cleanings, maintenance cutting and clearcuts for restoration of the land use to pastures. Forest work is performed using manual cutting as well as forwarders, skidders, forestry tractors, crawler and chipping machines. In total it harvests more than 30.000 t of wood per year. Regionally, Alameda Torrent S.L.U. is not a big company in terms of harvesting volumes. There are bigger companies harvesting more wood for biomass purposes, mainly in conifer forests. Alamedas scope for SBP includes production of woodchips made from primary feedstock.

2.2 Detailed description of the Chain of Custody system

The Organization holds a valid PEFC Chain of Custody certificate with physical separation method system in the scope and covers wood chips as a product group. All inputs certified are received as 100% PEFC certified, thus all input feedstock chipped and sold as SBP-compliant biomass is PEFC certified. Material not included in the certification scope is sourced and managed physically segregated. The CoC scope covers the purchase of roundwood in the forest, chipping and transport of biomass to be sold in the Spanish port of Palamos. Purchase documentation (harvesting permit, origin, specie, etc.) is reviewed and validated by the organization prior to start the harvesting activities. The organization has detailed and comprehensive procedures to cover the necessary requirements regarding the SBP-approved Chain of Custody system.

3 Specific objective

The specific objective of this evaluation was to confirm that the Biomass Producer'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 BP's management procedures, including requirements designated in applicable SBP

Standards and Instruction Documents;

- Review of the production processes;

- Review of the updated Supply Base Report;

- Review of SBP system control points, analysis of the existing PEFC CoC system;

- GHG data collection analysis

- Interviews with responsible staff;

- Review of the records

4 Evaluation process

4.1 Timing of evaluation activities

<i>Audit Level of Effort (LoE)</i>		
Activity	Auditors	Auditor hours
1. Preparation	Lennart Holm	4,0
2. On-site (excl. travel time)	Lennart Holm	8,0
3. Report writing	Lennart Holm	4,0
4. Other	N/A	N/A

Audit Schedule			
Activity	Location	Auditor name	Date/time
<i>Opening meeting</i>	Skype call to the Alameda Torrent office	Lennart Holm	07 Apr 2021/10.00
<i>Agreement on Scope</i>	Skype call to the Alameda Torrent office	Lennart Holm	07 Apr 2021/10.15
<i>Supply Base report</i>	Skype call to the Alameda Torrent office	Lennart Holm	07 Apr 2021/10.20
<i>Suppliers and incoming raw material registration</i>	Skype call to the Alameda Torrent office	Lennart Holm	07 Apr 2021/11.30

<i>Chain of Custody registrations and output claims</i>	Skype call to the Alameda Torrent office	Lennart Holm	07 Apr 2021/11.15
<i>Health and safety, and training</i>	Skype call to the Alameda Torrent office	Lennart Holm	07 Apr 2021/12.15
<i>Logo/trademark use</i>	Skype call to the Alameda Torrent office	Lennart Holm	07 Apr 2021/12.30
<i>Lunch break</i>	Lunch	N/A	07 Apr 2021/12.45
<i>GHG data registrations</i>	Skype call to the Alameda Torrent office	Lennart Holm	07 Apr 2021/13.45
<i>Closing meeting</i>	Skype call to the Alameda Torrent office	Lennart Holm	07 Apr 2021/15.00

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

4.2 Description of evaluation activities

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this audit was done remotely.

The audit was held on April 7, 2021 and consisted of an opening meeting, during which the scope was confirmed. The auditor also explained the methods to be employed during the audit. During the audit, all

relevant requirements of the applicable SBP standard(s) were verified on compliance through the use of a report template and checklists. Interviews were made using skype.

This remote audit due to COVID-19 was being undertaken following SBP COVID-19 Normative Requirements of 30 March 2021 2020.

In this remote audit, Control Union used information and communication technology (ICT) to evaluate all requirements from the annual audit plan to the extent possible. The audit was conducted on the basis of virtual meetings / interviews with relevant people of the certificate holder, relevant documents and records, and other best available information.

The audit was completed by filling in the audit checklist and discussing the audit results. During this closing meeting it was also discussed how evidence can be submitted of corrective action with respect to non-conformities that were identified during the audit.

1. Names and affiliations of people interviewed

Name:

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Affiliation:

SBP Manager, Alameda

CEO

Consultant

2. Critical control points, summary

Identified CCP

Sourcing and input check

Reception and storage

Volume control

Invoicing and shipping

Evaluation CCP

Check prior to sending the material by supplier and check upon request

Reception and storage of material based on PEFC physical separation system.

Physical separation but with 100% certified input material

All output materials is be SBP Compliant

4.3 Sampling methodology

All purchase and sales documents were reviewed.

4.4 CB stakeholder engagement

N/A, second surveillance audit without SBE in the scope.

4.5 Stakeholder feedback

N/A.

5 Results

5.1 Main strengths and weaknesses

The audit of Alameda demonstrated a good level of compliance with the required criteria of Standards 2, 4 and 5. There was reasonable evidence provided to support compliance where a Non-Conformity was not detected. The existence of a PEFC Chain of Custody system is considered a main strength with respect to Alamedas overall conformity with the relevant SBP standards.

No weaknesses were identified

5.2 Rigour of Supply Base Evaluation

N/A, no SBE in the scope of the certificate.

5.3 Collection and communication of data

The organization has in depth procedures for this and supplied the auditor accurate data as they relate to completing the SAR on Energy and Carbon Data for Woodchips with Mobile Chipping.

5.4 Competency of involved personnel

The company has one person who has the main responsibility related to the SBP system. All personnel that is involved with SBP have received appropriate training whereby all relevant procedures and requirements have been covered. All training and instructions are based on the procedures as identified in company manuals, and training is provided by internal resources and recorded accordingly. Key personnel showed good knowledge of SBP requirements.

6 Review of company's risk assessments

6.1 Overview of company's risk assessments and mitigation measures

Not applicable, the company is not having SBE in the scope of the certificate

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

N/A

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):	Hubert Jurczyszyn
Date of decision:	14 Jul 2021
Other comments:	N/A