



NEPCon Evaluation of SIA Vudera Compliance with the SBP Framework: Public Summary Report

Main (Initial) Audit

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1 Overview

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Certified Supply Base:	N/A Trader
SBP Certificate Code:	SBP-08-15
Date of certificate issue:	24/Jul/2020
Date of certificate expiry:	23/Jul/2025

This report relates to the Main (Initial) Audit

2 Scope of the evaluation and SBP certificate

SIA “Vudera” is a trader registered in Latvia, but with office in Lithuania. It is the trader without physical possession trading the wood pallets. The organization is under process of getting FSC certificate with transfer system implemented (for this evaluation FSC CoC system was used). The assessment audit was conducted in parallel with this SBP assessment. The point of purchase is port of Kaliningrad in Russia.

The scope of the evaluation includes the trading of wood pallets under FOB in Kaliningrad port (Russia). When the material is purchased it is re-sold at the same port under FOB. The material is purchased and sold at the same port where the material was purchased (under FOB).

Description of the scope: Trade of wood pallets under FOB in Kaliningrad port (Russia). The scope of the certificate does not include Supply Base Evaluation. The scope includes communication of Dynamic Batch Sustainability Data.

3 Specific objective

The specific objective of this evaluation was to confirm that the Biomass Trader'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 Biomass Trader's management procedures;
- Review of FSC system control points, analysis of the existing FSC CoC system;
- Interviews with responsible staff;
- Review of the records and calculations
- GHG data collection analysis.

4 SBP Standards utilised

4.1 SBP Standards utilised

Please select all SBP Standards used during this evaluation. All Standards can be accessed and downloaded from <https://sbp-cert.org/documents/standards-documents/standards>

SBP Framework Standard 1: Feedstock Compliance Standard (Version 1.0, 26 March 2015)

- SBP Framework Standard 2: Verification of SBP-compliant Feedstock (Version 1.0, 26 March 2015)
- SBP Framework Standard 4: Chain of Custody (Version 1.0, 26 March 2015)
- SBP Framework Standard 5: Collection and Communication of Data (Version 1.0, 26 March 2015)

4.2 SBP-endorsed Regional Risk Assessment

N/A Trader

5 Description of Company, Supply Base and Forest Management

5.1 Description of Company

SIA "Vudera" is the trader registered in Latvia, but with office in Lithuania. SIA "Vudera" is trading wood pallets in Kaliningrad port (Russia) on FOB conditions. The organization holds FSC certificate with transfer system implemented. The point of purchase is the port of Kaliningrad (Russia). The pellets are unloaded and stored in Kaliningrad (port (Russia)). The whole vessel is sold.

5.2 Description of Company's Supply Base

N/A

5.3 Detailed description of Supply Base

N/A

5.4 Chain of Custody system

The organization has implemented the FSC transfer system for wood pellets in the scope of the certificate. The process covers trade with wood pallets. The material is sourced only from single FSC and SBP certified supplier in Russia. The material is purchased and sold at the same port where the material was purchased (under FOB). The Organization intends to buy and sell from single supplier SBP compliant and SBP Controlled wood pallets. In such cases individual batches with different claims would remain the same on input and output. SDIs are always connected to each individual batch.

In all cases material received is always at least EUTR compliant biomass. Non certified EUTR biomass is always segregated from SBP biomass. Each purchased material is recorded in the internal system. These records include the certification status of the material and the sales documents always contain the same type and quantity of material as purchased. The FSC is mentioned on the sales invoices and SBP claim in the DTS.

6 Evaluation process

6.1 Timing of evaluation activities

The audit was carried out on 20th July 2020. One day was needed for the onsite audit.

Activity	Location	Auditor(s)	Date/time
Opening meeting*	Office,	GG,	20/07/2020 09.00-09.30
Interview with the SBP and CoC responsible person; review of procedures and any open NCR(s) if applicable	Office,	GG,	09:30-10.30
Interview with responsible person (material sourcing and reception, purchasing documents)	Purchasing department	GG,	10:30-11:30
Interviews with the responsible person for different sections of the SBP and CoC control system (storage, labelling, sales documents)	Sales department, logistic department	GG,	11:30-13:00
Break			13:00-13:30
Review of the summary volume figures	CoC responsible person	GG,	13:30 – 14:30
Energy data collection and calculation, management of SBP batches and sustainability characteristics	Office,	GG,	14.30-15:30
Closing meeting*	Office,	GG,	16:00 – 17:00

GG – Gerimantas Gaigalas

6.2 Description of evaluation activities

Auditor was welcomed in SIA "Vudera" office (Siauliai) and audit started with an opening meeting attended by Arminas Cypas, Commercial Director

Lead auditor introduced himself, provided information about audit plan, methodology and aim of the audit. CB's approval related issues and confidentiality issues were covered as well.

After that auditor went through all applicable requirements of the standard covering management system, CoC, recordkeeping requirements. Later on the purchasing and sales topocs were covered. During the process the overall responsible person for SBP system was interviewed and the energy data collection and SREGs issued to the customers were analyzed. During the closing meeting auditor explained the results of the audit and further actions were discussed.

Composition of audit team

Auditor(s), roles	Qualifications
Gerimantas Gaigalas, Lead auditor for SBP, FSC, evaluation against all applicable requirements	He has Master 's degree on Forestry (graduated in Lithuanian Academy of Agriculture), BSc degree in Law and Master 's degree in International Law (graduated in University of Mykolas Romeris) and diploma in programming (Electronic College in Vilnius). He has experience leading the International Relations and Agreements Division in the Ministry of Environment as well as experience working in United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Papua New Guinea regional office and Institute of Environment Sustainability of EU Commission in Italy. Gerimantas has successfully passed Forest Management and Chain of Custody lead auditor training. Gerimantas is working in UAB "NEPCon LT" as certification manager since 2013. Since 2014 he is implementing PEFC CoC audits, in 2013 completed PEFC CoC auditor training according to the new Chain of Custody standard. In 2016, he got the SBP lead auditor qualification and started to audit according to SBP scheme.

6.3 Process for consultation with stakeholders

N/A

7 Results

7.1 Main strengths and weaknesses

Strengths: The internal system is well organized, small number of suppliers, simple management system.

Weaknesses: The person dealing with sustainability in the organization does not have a backup (it is only person dealing with SBP issues). It is recommended to extend the sustainability team in order to ensure that the tasks can be managed appropriately.

7.2 Rigour of Supply Base Evaluation

N/A

7.3 Collection and Communication of Data

The responsible person has a good overview about the energy data of the supplies and the system for recording this data is well managed.

7.4 Competency of involved personnel

The main responsible person in the company is Arminas Cypas, Commercial director. Arminas proved very good knowledge of the certification requirements as well as general knowledge about the sector.

7.5 Stakeholder feedback

N/A

7.6 Preconditions

N/A

8 Review of Company's Risk Assessments

Describe how the Certification Body assessed risk for the Indicators. Summarise the CB's final risk ratings in Table 1, together with the Company's final risk ratings. Default for each indicator is 'Low', click on the rating to change. Note: this summary should show the risk ratings before AND after the SVP has been performed and after any mitigation measures have been implemented.

N/A

Table 1. Final risk ratings of Indicators as determined BEFORE the SVP and any mitigation measures.

Indicator	Risk rating (Low or Specified)		Indicator	Risk rating (Low or Specified)	
	Producer	CB		Producer	CB
1.1.1	Low	Low	2.3.3	Low	Low
1.1.2	Low	Low	2.4.1	Low	Low
1.1.3	Low	Low	2.4.2	Low	Low
1.2.1	Low	Low	2.4.3	Low	Low
1.3.1	Low	Low	2.5.1	Low	Low
1.4.1	Low	Low	2.5.2	Low	Low
1.5.1	Low	Low	2.6.1	Low	Low
1.6.1	Low	Low	2.7.1	Low	Low
2.1.1	Low	Low	2.7.2	Low	Low
2.1.2	Low	Low	2.7.3	Low	Low
2.1.3	Low	Low	2.7.4	Low	Low
2.2.1	Low	Low	2.7.5	Low	Low
2.2.2	Low	Low	2.8.1	Low	Low
2.2.3	Low	Low	2.9.1	Low	Low
2.2.4	Low	Low	2.9.2	Low	Low
2.2.5	Low	Low	2.10.1	Low	Low
2.2.6	Low	Low			
2.2.7	Low	Low			
2.2.8	Low	Low			
2.2.9	Low	Low			
2.3.1	Low	Low			
2.3.2	Low	Low			

Table 2. Final risk ratings of Indicators as determined AFTER the SVP and any mitigation measures.

Indicator	Risk rating (Low or Specified)	
	Producer	CB
1.1.1	Low	Low
1.1.2	Low	Low
1.1.3	Low	Low
1.2.1	Low	Low
1.3.1	Low	Low
1.4.1	Low	Low
1.5.1	Low	Low
1.6.1	Low	Low
2.1.1	Low	Low
2.1.2	Low	Low
2.1.3	Low	Low
2.2.1	Low	Low
2.2.2	Low	Low
2.2.3	Low	Low
2.2.4	Low	Low
2.2.5	Low	Low
2.2.6	Low	Low
2.2.7	Low	Low
2.2.8	Low	Low
2.2.9	Low	Low
2.3.1	Low	Low
2.3.2	Low	Low

Indicator	Risk rating (Low or Specified)	
	Producer	CB
2.3.3	Low	Low
2.4.1	Low	Low
2.4.2	Low	Low
2.4.3	Low	Low
2.5.1	Low	Low
2.5.2	Low	Low
2.6.1	Low	Low
2.7.1	Low	Low
2.7.2	Low	Low
2.7.3	Low	Low
2.7.4	Low	Low
2.7.5	Low	Low
2.8.1	Low	Low
2.9.1	Low	Low
2.9.2	Low	Low
2.10.1	Low	Low

9 Review of Company's mitigation measures

N/A

10 Non-conformities and observations

Identify all non-conformities and observations raised/closed during the evaluation (a tabular format below may be used here). Please use as many copies of the table as needed. For each, give details to include at least the following:

- *applicable requirement(s)*
- *grading of the non-conformity (major or minor) or observation with supporting rationale*
- *timeframe for resolution of the non-conformity*
- *a statement as to whether the non-conformity is likely to impact upon the integrity of the affected SBP-certified products and the credibility of the SBP trademarks.*

No NCR issued

11 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):	Olesja Puiso
Date of decision:	23/Jul/2020
Other comments:	<i>Click or tap here to enter text.</i>