



Control Union Certification B.V. Evaluation of BSL Comércio Internacional, S.A. 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-06-46

Date of certificate issue: 16/Dec/2020

Date of certificate expiry: 15/Dec/2025

This report relates to the Main (Initial) Audit

2 Scope of the evaluation and SBP certificate

The certificate scope covers the office Rua Gonçalo Sampaio, 329 – 4.º Esquerdo, 4150-367 Porto. The Organisation has been audited against FSC® Chain of Custody but the certificate has not yet been issued. Feedstock used in the biomass production originates from Portugal. A Supply Base Evaluation is not included in the scope of this evaluation, but they are thinking about doing it in the near future. The scope includes communication of Dynamic Batch Sustainability Data.

The following SBP standards are applicable and form the scope of the evaluation and thus, the SBP certificate: Standard 4 and Standard 5. All is either SBP compliant, FSC or PEFC certified.

No discrepancies were found.

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3 Specific objective

The specific objective of this evaluation was to confirm that the Trader'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 the Trader's management procedures;
- Review of the buying and selling processes;
- Review of SBP system control points and an analysis of the existing FSC and PEFC CoC system;
- Interviews with responsible staff;
- Review of records; and
- GHG data collection analysis - Instruction Document 5D: Dynamic Batch Sustainability Data v1.1 evaluation

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

Not applicable.

5 Description of Company, Supply Base and Forest Management

5.1 Description of Company

BSL Comércio Internacional, S.A. was founded in 1994 as a family business with a share capital of EUR 400,000.00. The administrators are Dr. Estima Reis with a degree in Economics from the Faculty of Economics of Porto and in Law from the Faculty of Law of Coimbra and Dr. Jaime Reis with a degree in Management from the Catholic University of Portugal. Its staff is made up of 8 workers distributed across different areas of the company.

It is a Trading company where its main businesses are in the area of wood, steel products, textile products and cement. In fact, BSL has commercial relations with countries such as Spain, France, Turkey, Germany, Ukraine, Russia, Sweden, Finland, Estonia, among others. It exports wood to Spain and France and imports from France, Finland, Estonia, Madagascar etc. Steel products come from Ukraine, Russia and Turkey, with cement also originating in Turkey.

Their competitive advantage comes from the transport of goods as the contacts they have at that level are good, particularly in transport by sea as they have a partnership with a large German group in the area, MTL- Maritime Transport Logistic as well as with Intersee, also German.

The trading of pellets is the main objective of this phase of the company. Pellets are purchased from several national producers.

5.2 Description of Company's Supply Base

Not applicable, The company is a Biomass Trader

5.3 Detailed description of Supply Base

Not applicable, The company is a Biomass Trader

5.4 Chain of Custody system

BSL Comércio Internacional holds a valid FSC® Chain of Custody (COC) certificate and PEFC™ Chain of Custody (COC) certificate. For SBP they can use either the FSC CoC (APCER-COC- 150121) or PEFC CoC (APCER/210/CDR.0025) as the basis for their SBP CoC system. They will trade back to back. The sustainability characteristics will stay linked to the shipment and are noted in their transfer system registration balance. The outgoing sustainability declaration will be the same as the incoming declaration, having the same sustainability characteristics (or without SBP claim in case the buyer is not SBP certified and part of DTS). The GHG for handling and shipping while the material is in their possession will be noted in their SREG. Communication and passing information in the chain will be done with the use of the DTS system.

6 Evaluation process

6.1 Timing of evaluation activities

The audit occurred between November 12-13, 2020 by the above mentioned audit team. This report is the result of the findings of a certification evaluation carried out by an independent lead auditor representing Control Union Certifications. The purpose of the assessment was to evaluate the compliance of the client with respect to the standards used within the scope of the certificate.

Activity	Site	Date/Time
Thursday 12-11-2020		
Opening meeting	Remote audit	14:30-14:45
Business integrity, social, health and safety requirements Logo/Trademark use Complaints procedures Management system overview		14:45-18:00
Final discussion / days closing meeting		18:00-18:30
Friday 13-11-2020		
Day's Opening meeting		09:00-09:15
Incoming material claims and Incoming raw material registration Output Claims Logo/Trademark use Complaints procedures		09:15-13:00
Lunch Break		13:00-14:00
Management system overview Chain of Custody registrations Business integrity, social, health and safety requirements GHG data registrations		14:00-17:00

Review of missing items		17:00-17:30
Closing meeting		17:30-18:00

• Names and affiliations of people interviewed	
Name:	Affiliation:
Cecília Nolasco	BSL Comércio Internacional, S.A. CoC Co-Manager FSC, PEFC and Manager SBP
Pedro Rodrigues	BSL Comércio Internacional, S.A. CoC Manager FSC and PEFC

6.2 Description of evaluation activities

The 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. No critical control points were identified. The audit was completed by filling in the audit report and discussing the audit results.

6.3 Process for consultation with stakeholders

Not applicable, The company is a Biomass Trader.

7 Results

7.1 Main strengths and weaknesses

The audit was conducted in an open and positive environment. Company was prepared for the audit both in knowledge as in manual and management system. No issues were found that could be raised as noncompliance to the requirement of the standard. The depth procedures and record keeping are thought to be more than sufficient for the size and complexity of the company.

The existence of a FSC and PEFC Chain of Custody system in combination with the SBP are considered a strength with respect to the organizations overall conformity with the relevant SBP standards.

No SBP material was traded yet.

7.2 Rigour of Supply Base Evaluation

Not applicable, is a Trader not a producer.

7.3 Collection and Communication of Data

The company has procedures for this. Understand DTS system, though no actual SBP trades have yet been done. The company will be doing FOB sales. Example documents were prepared. They also confirmed that they have to assure completeness of incoming documentation to be forwarded to their buyers.

7.4 Competency of involved personnel

The company has a biomass trading desk for which one has the main responsibility related to the SBP system.

During the audit the auditee showed clear and in-depth understanding of SBP, its procedures and the proper execution of those. Considering the size of the company, there were no risks detected related to the competency of involved personnel. SBP training has been received by the staff from an external consultant.

7.5 Stakeholder feedback

Not applicable, BSL Comércio Internacional, S.A. is a Biomass Trader so no stakeholder consultation is executed by the CB.

7.6 Preconditions

There were no non-conformities detected during this audit.

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.

No applicable. BSL Comércio Internacional, S.A. is a trader, so no SVP.

9 Review of Company's mitigation measures

No applicable. BSL Comércio Internacional, S.A. is a trader.

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 non-conformities have been raised.

NC number <i>Enter number</i>	NC Grading: Observation
Standard & Requirement:	Standar ID5E – 3.3.1
Description of Non-conformance and Related Evidence:	
BSL is a trader, the Manual that is available, does not clarify very well the list of each claim for each transaction, it only reports on a specific physical quantity of biomass. The organization's Excel has this information.	
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:	<i>Click or tap here to enter description provided by Company to close the NC.</i>
Findings for Evaluation of Evidence:	<i>Click or tap here to enter findings for evaluation of evidence by the auditor.</i>
NC Status:	Open

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):	Andrea Ferrazzo
Date of decision:	15/Dec/2020
Other comments:	<i>Click or tap here to enter text.</i>