



Supply Base Report: Forwarder, Private Unitary Enterprise

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2 Description of the Supply Base

2.1 General description

Feedstock types: Secondary

Includes Supply Base evaluation (SBE): No

Feedstock origin (countries): Belarus

2.2 Description of countries included in the Supply Base

Country: Belarus

Area/Region: All regions of Belarus

Exclusions: No

The timber supply base for the pellets production processes is located in the Republic of Belarus.

During the reporting period, the company produced wood pellets mostly from SBP-compliant secondary feedstock – sawdust (wood processing industry waste). In the production process, for heat generation, the company uses sawdust (woodworking industry waste).

SBP-compliant secondary feedstock – 100% (sawdust - wood processing industry waste)

The factory has approximately 30 feedstock suppliers. The company buys round wood. Roundwood is used for the production of sawn wood, and sawmill waste for the production of pellets.

The wood species - *Picea abies*; *Pinus sylvestris*.

Belarus Forest Resources

Source (<https://www.mlh.by/en/our-main-activities/forestry/forests/>)

In the Republic of Belarus forests are one of the main renewable natural resources and the major national wealth. The woods and forest resources are of great importance for sustainable social and economic development of the country, ensuring its economic, energy, ecological and food security. For a number of the key indicators characterizing forest fund (woodiness of the territory, the area of the woods and stock of growing wood in terms of per capita), Belarus is among the top ten forest states of Europe.

Forests in the Republic of Belarus are the exclusive property of the State, which means that all produced timber origins from state managed forests. The Forest Code (Forest Code of the Republic of Belarus of 2015 No. 332-Z) states that Belarusian forests are divided into 4 categories according to the management purpose: conservation forests, recreation and health forests, protective forests, and managed forests. Harvesting of timber is allowed depending on the management and protection regime assigned based on the forest category.

Forestry of Belarus, successfully implementing the principles of sustainable multipurpose forest management, is important for stable functioning of the forest sector of the country and contributes to the development of allied industries of economy, making a significant contribution to the implementation of the signed international treaties at the global level in the field of environmental protection. Its economic,

environmental and social role has been steadily increasing. All this gives grounds to say that in modern conditions the forestry sector from traditional commodity industry turns into infrastructural and one of the key sectors of the national economic complex, especially in the rural areas of the country.

As a result of purposeful work of foresters since 1994, the main quantitative and qualitative indicators of forests have improved. The forest cover of the republic is close to optimum and amounts to 40.1 %. During the last 60 years forest cover has almost doubled and has reached its maximum value for more than a hundred years (1901 - 37.6 %) and continues to increase.

Belarus has been a signatory of the CITES Convention since 1995. CITES requirements are respected in forest management, although there are no species included in the CITES lists in Belarus.

When harvesting wood, according to the forest legislation of the Republic of Belarus, individual species listed in the Red Book and their habitats are subject to conservation. Cutting of valuable, endangered and protected tree species is prohibited.

2.3 Actions taken to promote certification amongst feedstock supplier

In production of SBP pellets only FSC certified supplier material is used. Since company's policy is to give preference to certified suppliers, the company constantly invites other non-certified suppliers to participate in FSC/PEFC certification.

2.4 Quantification of the Supply Base

Supply Base

- a. **Total Supply Base area (million ha):** 9,58
- b. **Tenure by type (million ha):**9.58 (Public)
- c. **Forest by type (million ha):**9.58 (Temperate)
- d. **Forest by management type (million ha):**9.58 (Natural)
- e. **Certified forest by scheme (million ha):**9.16 (FSC), 8.80 (PEFC)

Describe the harvesting type which best describes how your material is sourced: Other

Explanation: Forest harvesting is subdivided into primary use cuttings, intermediate use cuttings, and other cuttings. The following harvesting methods and types of harvesting shall be classified as clearcuts: clearcuts (clear-cutting); gradual cuttings (even-stage, group-stage, band-stage, and long-stage); and selective cuttings (voluntary selective cuttings). The cuttings of the intermediate use include the following types of cuttings: forest maintenance cuttings (clarifying, clearing, thinning, through cuttings); selective sanitary cuttings; reconstruction cuttings; renewal cuttings; cuttings of forest plantations formation (reshaping). During 2020 forestry enterprises of the Republic of Belarus during the primary use cuttings was 11500 thousand m³ of wood, during the intermediate use cuttings was 6900 thousand m³ of wood, during the other cutting was 8700 thousand m³ of wood. Data on 2021 will be formed in the next reporting period. Roundwood is used for the production of lumber products, while sawmill residues (sawdust) are used for the production of pellets.

Was the forest in the Supply Base managed for a purpose other than for energy markets? Yes - Majority

Explanation: In Belarus, the forest industry consists of forestry (13.5% of all products), wood processing (69.5% of all products), pulp and paper (16.4% of all products) sectors. Ministry of Forestry manages the sector. Historically, sawmilling has always been one of the most significant activities, with about 1,500 businesses licensed to produce sawnwood. Most of them are sawnwood production combined with mechanical wood processing (window and door blocks, wooden frame houses) or wood harvesting. State forestry institutions («forestry establishments») also own woodworking workshops where roundwood of their own production is processed.

For the forests in the Supply Base, is there an intention to retain, restock or encourage natural regeneration within 5 years of felling? Yes - Majority

Explanation: Reforestation on the lands of a forest fund suitable for forestry conditions of the forest crops creation is carried out within three years from the date of signing of the forest survey certificate according to the Forest Code of the Republic of Belarus. The forecast for reforestation and forestry is 36.1 thousand hectares including the creation of forest crops with selective sowing and planting material is 16.5 thousand hectares. Creation of hardwood forest crops in the total amount of reforestation and forestry is 2.6 thousand hectares, introduction of young forest growth into the category of valuable tree plantations is 25.1 thousand hectares, care cuttings in young forest growth (lightening, cleaning) is 53.9 thousand hectares, construction of forestry roads is 115.3 km according to the Decree of the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Belarus "On Estimated Balance Indicators of the Forecast of Socio-Economic Development of the Republic of Belarus for 2021".

Was the feedstock used in the biomass removed from a forest as part of a pest/disease control measure or a salvage operation? No

Explanation: N/A

Feedstock

Reporting period from: 18 Feb 2021

Reporting period to: 18 Apr 2021

- a. **Total volume of Feedstock:** 1-200,000 m³
- b. **Volume of primary feedstock:** 0 N/A
- c. **List percentage of primary feedstock, by the following categories.**
 - Certified to an SBP-approved Forest Management Scheme: N/A
 - Not certified to an SBP-approved Forest Management Scheme: N/A
- d. **List of all the species in primary feedstock, including scientific name:** N/A
- e. **Is any of the feedstock used likely to have come from protected or threatened species?** N/A
 - Name of species: N/A
 - Biomass proportion, by weight, that is likely to be composed of that species (%): N/A
- f. **Hardwood (i.e. broadleaf trees): specify proportion of biomass from (%):** N/A
- g. **Softwood (i.e. coniferous trees): specify proportion of biomass from (%):** N/A
- h. **Proportion of biomass composed of or derived from saw logs (%):** N/A
- i. **Specify the local regulations or industry standards that define saw logs:** N/A
- j. **Roundwood from final fellings from forests with > 40 yr rotation times - Average % volume of fellings delivered to BP (%):** N/A
- k. **Volume of primary feedstock from primary forest:** N/A N/A
- l. **List percentage of primary feedstock from primary forest, by the following categories. Subdivide by SBP-approved Forest Management Schemes:**

- Primary feedstock from primary forest certified to an SBP-approved Forest Management Scheme: N/A
- Primary feedstock from primary forest not certified to an SBP-approved Forest Management Scheme: N/A

m. Volume of secondary feedstock: 1-200,000 m3

- Physical form of the feedstock: Sawdust

n. Volume of tertiary feedstock: 0 N/A

- Physical form of the feedstock: N/A

Proportion of feedstock sourced per type of claim during the reporting period

Feedstock type	Sourced by using Supply Base Evaluation (SBE) %	FSC %	PEFC %	SFI %
Primary	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Secondary	0,00	100,00	0,00	0,00
Tertiary	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Other	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00

3 Requirement for a Supply Base Evaluation

Is Supply Base Evaluation (SBE) is completed? No

N/A

4 Supply Base Evaluation

4.1 Scope

Feedstock types included in SBE: N/A

SBP-endorsed Regional Risk Assessments used: N/A

List of countries and regions included in the SBE:

N/A

4.2 Justification

N/A

4.3 Results of risk assessment and Supplier Verification Programme

N/A

4.4 Conclusion

N/A

5 Supply Base Evaluation process

N/A

6 Stakeholder consultation

N/A

6.1 Response to stakeholder comments

N/A

7 Mitigation measures

7.1 Mitigation measures

N/A

7.2 Monitoring and outcomes

N/A

8 Detailed findings for indicators

Detailed findings for each Indicator are given in Annex 1 in case the Regional Risk Assessment (RRA) is not used.

Is RRA used? N/A

9 Review of report

9.1 Peer review

N/A

9.2 Public or additional reviews

N/A

10 Approval of report

Approval of Supply Base Report by senior management			
Report Prepared by:	Mikhail Ivanovich Poddubitsky	director	19 May 2021
	Name	Title	Date
<p>The undersigned persons confirm that I/we are members of the organisation's senior management and do hereby affirm that the contents of this evaluation report were duly acknowledged by senior management as being accurate prior to approval and finalisation of the report.</p>			
Report approved by:	Mikhail Ivanovich Poddubitsky	director	19 May 2021
	Name	Title	Date

Annex 1: Detailed findings for Supply Base Evaluation indicators

N/A