



Control Union Certifications BV Evaluation of Albioma Galion SAS Compliance with the SBP Framework: Public Summary Report

Main (Initial) Audit

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1 Overview

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SBP Certificate Code:	SBP-06-65
Date of certificate issue:	30 Jul 2021
Date of certificate expiry:	29 Jul 2026
Audit closing meeting date:	03 Jun 2021
Audit cycle:	Main (Initial) 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:	End User	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved Standards:	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)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Includes Group Scheme	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Products	Pellets	<input type="checkbox"/>

Feedstock types:	Primary, Secondary	<input type="checkbox"/>
Feedstock origin (countries):	United States	<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, FSC: Not yet certified	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.1 Description of the company

Albioma is independent renewable energy producer. The power plant Albioma Galion SAS is an end-user. Albioma Galion (AG) operates a recently built dedicated biomass station, located in the island of Martinique, which has been consuming imported wood pellets. Following the ship's discharge the wood pellets are stored at the port, in domes that are owned by Albioma. The pellets are then loaded into trucks and delivered directly at the plants following a 28 km trip. There are no other wood pellet users on the island. Since 2007, Albioma's thermal biomass and photovoltaic businesses have been enhancing the energy independence of Martinique, which is not connected to mainland electrical networks. In Martinique, Albioma has built, commissioned and is now operating the Galion combustion turbine and the first all-biomass thermal power plant in Overseas France. Against the backdrop of the energy transition, this new facility, Galion 2, covers approximately 15% of the island's power needs, while also enabling the share of intermittent energy sources such as solar power to be increased. Galion 2, operated by Albioma, is the first power plant in Overseas France to produce electric power and low-pressure steam using biomass only. The plant has an installed capacity of 40 MW and is expected to representing 19% of total demand from the grid. Following the commissioning of Galion 2 in 2018, renewable electricity as a share of total production in Martinique has tripled from 5% to 19%. During sugar harvests, the plant is supplied with bagasse (a fibrous residue of sugar cane) under the terms of a partnership with the neighbouring Galion sugar refinery. The rest of the year, this fuel source is supplemented with other forms of locally-sourced biomass, including cane straw, chipped green waste and lagging waste, as well as wood pellets imported from the United States. These pellets are sourced from sustainably-managed forests, and are finely chipped and then compressed to increase their density, enabling more efficient transport and storage. Over time, the share of locally-sourced biomass is expected to increase to 40%.

2.2 Detailed description of the Chain of Custody system

The organization has implemented FSC transfer and PEFC physical separation systems with biomass (wood pellets and wood chips) in the scope of their certificates. The process covers trade of biomass with physical possession. Valid FSC and PEFC system description and other documents exist. As a trading company and end user, they buy biomass (wood pellets) by sea with storage at their port. They store biomass in domes at the port prior to transport to the power plant. Every consignment is assigned a unique reference number for traceability, which is recorded in Doc-2 Material Balance. The necessary CoC information on the sales and delivery documentation is requested and required from the suppliers to ensure the certified status of the material. The material is then incinerated at the power plant. Valid FSC and PEFC system description and other documents exist.

3 Specific objective

The specific objective of this evaluation was to confirm that Albioma'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 Albioma's management procedures;
- Review of SBP system control points and an analysis of the existing PEFC and FSC CoC system;
- Interviews with responsible staff;
- Review of the records and calculations;
- SREG data collection analysis.

4 Evaluation process

4.1 Timing of evaluation activities

<i>Audit Level of Effort (LoE)</i>		
Activity	Auditors	Auditor hours
1. Preparation	Lennart Holm	2,0
2. On-site (excl. travel time)	Remote audit, Lennart Holm	6,0
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>	MS Teams call to the Albioma office	Lennart Holm	03 Jun 2021/09.00
<i>Business integrity, social, health and safety requirements</i>	MS Teams call to the Albioma office	Lennart Holm	03 Jun 2021/09.30
<i>Logo/Trademark Use</i>	MS Teams call to the Albioma office	Lennart Holm	03 Jun 2021/09.45
<i>Complaints procedures</i>	MS Teams call to the Albioma office	Lennart Holm	03 Jun 2021/10.00

<i>Incoming Material claims and raw material registration</i>	MS Teams call to the Albioma office	Lennart Holm	03 Jun 2021/10.10
<i>Lunch break</i>	-	-	03 Jun 2021/12.00
<i>GHG Data registration</i>	MS Teams call to the Albioma office	Lennart Holm	03 Jun 2021/13.00
<i>Chain of Custody registrations</i>	MS Teams call to the Albioma office	Lennart Holm	03 Jun 2021/13.30
<i>Outstanding issues and next steps</i>	MS Teams call to the Albioma office	Lennart Holm	03 Jun 2021/14.00
<i>Closing Meeting</i>	MS Teams call to the Albioma office	Lennart Holm	03 Jun 2021/14.30

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

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

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.

This remote 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. Procedures for ports included in the scope of Albioma were reviewed remotely. All relevant requirements for storage locations at these ports were evaluated and found to be sufficiently managed.

The audit was completed by filling in the audit report and discussing the audit results.

Critical Control points were evaluated and found to be sufficiently managed and a closing meeting performed.

4.3 Sampling methodology

All applicable documents and procedures were reviewed. Albioma has not yet traded any wood based SBP products, thus no sales invoices, DTS registrations, SAR or SREG to check. Purchase documents of bought wood pellets were sampled and reviewed.

4.4 CB stakeholder engagement

N/A

4.5 Stakeholder feedback

N/A

5 Results

5.1 Main strengths and weaknesses

The audit of Albioma demonstrated a good level of compliance with the required criteria of Standard 4 and 5. There was reasonable evidence provided to support compliance where a Non-Conformity was not detected. The existence of a FSC/PEFC Chain of Custody system, although not yet certified are considered a main strength with respect to Albioma's overall conformity with the relevant SBP standards.

No weaknesses were identified.

5.2 Rigour of Supply Base Evaluation

N/A

5.3 Collection and communication of data

Albioma assures the completeness of incoming documentation to forward to their buyers in case of trading wood pellets. Albioma is an end user, and trader with or without physical possession. Albioma will forward to its customer the energy use data, received from their suppliers, supported by the production of the applicable SREG.

5.4 Competency of involved personnel

The company consist of a Corporate Social Responsibility department where the Director member 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

6 Review of company's risk assessments

6.1 Overview of company's risk assessments and mitigation measures

N/A

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):	Robin Rosendahl
Date of decision:	30 Jul 2021
Other comments:	N/A