



Supporting Document

Overview of Changes SBP Standard 1: Feedstock Compliance

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No.	SBP Standard 1 v2.0	Revision	SBP Standard 1 v2.1	Rationale for change
Principle 1 Feedstock is legally sourced				
Criterion 1.1 Operators and operations are legal.				
1.1.1	Operations related to feedstock sourcing and biomass production shall comply with all existing applicable laws and regulations.	No change	Operations related to feedstock sourcing and biomass production shall comply with all existing applicable laws and regulations.	N/A
1.1.2	Legal ownership of land and resource use rights shall be respected.	No change	Legal ownership of land and resource use rights shall be respected.	N/A
1.1.3	Feedstock shall be legally harvested, supplied and produced, including in compliance with CITES, EUTR and other applicable legal trade requirements.	Revised	Feedstock shall be legally harvested, supplied and produced, including in compliance with applicable legal trade requirements (for example, CITES, EUTR/EUDR or others).	The indicator was updated to explicitly reference the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) to ensure the requirement reflects the current legal landscape for sustainable, legally compliant feedstock sourcing.
1.1.4	Payments for harvest rights and feedstock, including duties, relevant royalties and taxes related to timber harvesting shall be complete and up-to-date.	No change	Payments for harvest rights and feedstock, including duties, relevant royalties and taxes related to timber harvesting shall be complete and up-to-date.	N/A
1.1.5	There shall be adequate protection of the Supply Base from unauthorised and illegal activities, such as illegal logging, mining, and encroachment.	No change	There shall be adequate protection of the Supply Base from unauthorised and illegal activities, such as illegal logging, mining, and encroachment.	N/A

Principle 2 Feedstock sourcing does not harm the environment

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Criterion 2.1 Biodiversity is maintained or enhanced.				
2.1.1	Key species, habitats, ecosystems, and areas of high conservation value (HCV) pertaining to biodiversity in the Supply Base shall be identified.	No change	Key species, habitats, ecosystems, and areas of high conservation value (HCV) pertaining to biodiversity in the Supply Base shall be identified.	N/A
2.1.2	Threats to and impacts on the identified key species, habitats, ecosystems, and areas of high conservation value (HCV) pertaining to biodiversity in the Supply Base shall be identified and evaluated.	No change	Threats to and impacts on the identified key species, habitats, ecosystems, and areas of high conservation value (HCV) pertaining to biodiversity in the Supply Base shall be identified and evaluated.	N/A
2.1.3	Key species, habitats, ecosystems, and areas of high conservation value (HCV) pertaining to biodiversity in the Supply Base shall be maintained or enhanced.	No change	Key species, habitats, ecosystems, and areas of high conservation value (HCV) pertaining to biodiversity in the Supply Base shall be maintained or enhanced.	N/A
Criterion 2.2 Ecosystem productivity, functions, and services are maintained or enhanced.				
2.2.1	Feedstock shall not be sourced from land that had one of the following statuses in January 2008 and no longer has that status due to land conversion: a. Forests b. Wetlands c. Peatlands d. Highly biodiverse grasslands.	No change	Feedstock shall not be sourced from land that had one of the following statuses in January 2008 and no longer has that status due to land conversion: a. Forests b. Wetlands c. Peatlands d. Highly biodiverse grasslands.	N/A
2.2.2	Ecosystems, their health, vitality, functions and services in the Supply Base shall be maintained or enhanced.	No change	Ecosystems, their health, vitality, functions and services in the Supply Base shall be maintained or enhanced.	N/A

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2.2.3	Soil quality in the Supply Base shall be maintained or enhanced.	No change	Soil quality in the Supply Base shall be maintained or enhanced.	N/A
2.2.4	Where the removal of harvest forest residues and/or stumps occurs, this shall not lead to irreversible negative impacts to the ecosystem.	Revised	Where the removal of harvest forest residues, stumps, and/or roots is allowable and occurs, adverse impacts on the ecosystems shall be minimised.	Alignment with REDIII sustainability criteria
2.2.5	Quality and quantity of ground water, surface water and water downstream shall be maintained or enhanced.	No change	Quality and quantity of ground water, surface water and water downstream shall be maintained or enhanced.	N/A
2.2.6	Air emissions shall comply with national legislation or in the absence of national legislation with industry best practice.	Revised	Emissions to air shall comply with national legislation or, in the absence of national legislation, with industry best practice.	To improve the language
2.2.7	Pesticides shall only be used as part of an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan in compliance with national legislation, chemical safety data sheets and industry best practice. Banned pesticides shall not be used.	No change	Pesticides shall only be used as part of an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan in compliance with national legislation, chemical safety data sheets and industry best practice. Banned pesticides shall not be used.	N/A
2.2.8	Waste shall be disposed of in an environmentally appropriate manner.	No change	Waste shall be disposed of in an environmentally appropriate manner.	N/A
2.2.9	Harvesting levels shall be justified as to how they can be sustained with reference to inventory and growth data for the Supply Base.	No change	Harvesting levels shall be justified as to how they can be sustained with reference to inventory and growth data for the Supply Base.	N/A
2.2.10	Harvested areas shall be regenerated.	No change	Harvested areas shall be regenerated.	N/A

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2.2.11	The impacts of natural processes such as fires, pests and diseases shall be managed.	No change	The impacts of natural processes such as fires, pests and diseases shall be managed.	N/A
2.2.12	Genetically modified trees shall not be used.	No change	Genetically modified trees shall not be used.	N/A
2.2.13	N/A	New	Harvesting is carried out in compliance with maximum thresholds for large clear-cuts as defined in the country where the forest is located.	Alignment with REDIII sustainability criteria
2.2.14	N/A	New	Harvesting is carried out in compliance with locally and ecologically appropriate retention thresholds for deadwood extraction.	Alignment with REDIII sustainability criteria

Principle 3 Feedstock is only sourced from Supply Bases where the forest carbon stock is stable or increasing in the long term.

Criterion 3.1 Feedstock sourcing is consistent with international requirements for land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) emissions.

3.1.1	<p>LULUCF emissions shall be accounted for through one of the following routes:</p> <p>Route A Feedstock may be sourced from a country of origin which is party to the Paris Agreement, and which has submitted a Nationally Determined Contribution to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) covering carbon emissions and removals from agriculture, forestry and land use which ensure the changes in carbon stock associated with biomass harvest are counted towards the country's commitment to reduce or limit greenhouse gas emissions, or</p> <p>Route B</p>	No change	<p>LULUCF emissions shall be accounted for through one of the following routes:</p> <p>Route A Feedstock may be sourced from a country of origin which is party to the Paris Agreement, and which has submitted a Nationally Determined Contribution to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) covering carbon emissions and removals from agriculture, forestry and land use which ensure the changes in carbon stock associated with biomass harvest are counted towards the country's commitment to reduce or limit greenhouse gas emissions, or</p> <p>Route B</p>	N/A
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	<p>Feedstock may be sourced from a country of origin which is party to the Paris Agreement and has national or sub-national laws in place (developed in accordance with Article 5 of the Paris Agreement and applicable in the area of harvest), to conserve and enhance carbon stocks and sinks, and provided there is evidence that reported LULUCF-sector emissions do not exceed removals, or</p> <p>Route C Feedstock may be sourced from a Supply Base where an assessment demonstrates that both the carbon stock is stable, and the forests' capacity to act as a carbon sink is stable or increasing over the long term.</p>		<p>Feedstock may be sourced from a country of origin which is party to the Paris Agreement and has national or sub-national laws in place (developed in accordance with Article 5 of the Paris Agreement and applicable in the area of harvest), to conserve and enhance carbon stocks and sinks, and provided there is evidence that reported LULUCF-sector emissions do not exceed removals, or</p> <p>Route C Feedstock may be sourced from a Supply Base where an assessment demonstrates that both the carbon stock is stable, and the forests' capacity to act as a carbon sink is stable or increasing over the long term.</p>	

Criterion 3.2 Carbon stocks in the forest area of the Supply Base are stable or increasing in the long term.

3.2.1	<p>All feedstock sourcing shall be consistent with either of these two options:</p> <p>Option A. Feedstock may be sourced from Supply Bases where an assessment of the Supply Base shows that the forest carbon stocks are stable or increasing, or</p> <p>Option B. Feedstock may be sourced, if the assessment shows that the forest carbon stocks are declining in the Supply Base, provided that the decline is due to natural processes (fire, pests etc.), and sourcing of feedstock has the aim to recover feedstock that would otherwise be lost or to assist regeneration.</p>	No change	<p>All feedstock sourcing shall be consistent with either of these two options:</p> <p>Option A. Feedstock may be sourced from Supply Bases where an assessment of the Supply Base shows that the forest carbon stocks are stable or increasing, or</p> <p>Option B. Feedstock may be sourced, if the assessment shows that the forest carbon stocks are declining in the Supply Base, provided that the decline is due to natural processes (fire, pests etc.), and sourcing of feedstock has the aim to recover feedstock that would otherwise be lost or to assist regeneration.</p>	N/A
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3.2.2	Primary feedstock shall not be sourced from forest areas where site productivity is low and, according to local definitions or norms, the areas are classified as low-productive or difficult to regenerate.	No change	Primary feedstock shall not be sourced from forest areas where site productivity is low and, according to local definitions or norms, the areas are classified as low-productive or difficult to regenerate.	N/A
3.2.3	Primary feedstock shall not be sourced from forest areas in the Supply Base which, according to local definitions or norms, are classified as having combined attributes of high carbon stocks and high conservation value (HCV).	Revised	Primary feedstock shall not be sourced from primary forest, old-growth forests, heathland forming a climax stage or natural highly biodiverse grassland.	Alignment with REDIII concerning designated no-go areas. Additionally, alignment ensures consistency between the RRA conducted for SBP Standard 1 indicators and the REDIII Level A Risk Assessment.
3.2.4	N/A	New	Primary feedstock may be sourced from highly biodiverse forests, peatlands, wetlands, or non-natural highly biodiverse grasslands only when evidence demonstrates that sourcing does not risk diminishing the conservation values.	Alignment with REDIII concerning restricted areas. Additionally, alignment ensures consistency between the RRA conducted for SBP Standard 1 indicators and the REDIII Level A Risk Assessment.

Criterion 3.3 Feedstock sourcing shall not compete with wood sourcing for long-lived wood products.

3.3.1	Feedstock sourcing shall be in compliance with the principles of cascading use, high quality stem wood shall not be used as feedstock if it is in substantial demand for long-lived products in the Supply Base.	No change	Feedstock sourcing shall be in compliance with the principles of cascading use, high quality stem wood shall not be used as feedstock if it is in substantial demand for long-lived products in the Supply Base.	N/A
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Principle 4 Feedstock sourcing benefits people and communities.

Criterion 4.1 Decent working conditions are provided, and labour rights are safeguarded.

No.	SBP Standard 1 v2.0	Revision	SBP Standard 1 v2.1	Rationale for change
4.1.1	Freedom of association and the right to collective bargaining shall be respected in the workplace.	No change	Freedom of association and the right to collective bargaining shall be respected in the workplace.	N/A
4.1.2	Forced or compulsory labour shall not be used.	No change	Forced or compulsory labour shall not be used.	N/A
4.1.3	Child labour shall not be used.	No change	Child labour shall not be used.	N/A
4.1.4	Workers shall not be discriminated in hiring, remuneration, access to training, promotion, termination or retirement.	No change	Workers shall not be discriminated in hiring, remuneration, access to training, promotion, termination or retirement.	N/A
4.1.5	Wages paid to workers shall meet or exceed the legal minimum wage or where there is no statutory minimum wage industry norms shall be met or exceeded.	No change	Wages paid to workers shall meet or exceed the legal minimum wage or where there is no statutory minimum wage industry norms shall be met or exceeded.	N/A
4.1.6	Working hours shall comply with legal requirements.	No change	Working hours shall comply with legal requirements.	N/A
4.1.7	Workers shall have access to health care provisions, sickness benefits, retirement benefits, invalidity benefits, death benefits, and workers' compensation.	No change	Workers shall have access to health care provisions, sickness benefits, retirement benefits, invalidity benefits, death benefits, and workers' compensation.	N/A
4.1.8	Training shall be provided for all workers to allow them to implement the conditions set out in all elements of the SBP Standards relevant to their responsibilities.	No change	Training shall be provided for all workers to allow them to implement the conditions set out in all elements of the SBP Standards relevant to their responsibilities.	N/A
4.1.9	Mechanisms shall be in place for resolving grievances and disputes in the workplace.	No change	Mechanisms shall be in place for resolving grievances and disputes in the workplace.	N/A

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4.1.10	Safeguards shall be put in place to protect the health and safety of workers by developing, communicating and implementing policies and procedures.	No change	Safeguards shall be put in place to protect the health and safety of workers by developing, communicating and implementing policies and procedures.	N/A

Criterion 4.2 Feedstock sourcing benefits communities.

4.2.1	Negative social and community impacts shall be identified and avoided.	No change	Negative social and community impacts shall be identified and avoided.	N/A
4.2.2	Feedstock sourcing shall positively contribute to the local economy, including employment.	No change	Feedstock sourcing shall positively contribute to the local economy, including employment.	N/A
4.2.3	Food, water supply or high conservation values (HCV) that are essential for the fulfilment of basic needs of communities shall be maintained or enhanced.	No change	Food, water supply or high conservation values (HCV) that are essential for the fulfilment of basic needs of communities shall be maintained or enhanced.	N/A
4.2.4	Legal, customary, and traditional tenure and use rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities related to the Supply Base shall be identified, documented, and respected.	No change	Legal, customary, and traditional tenure and use rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities related to the Supply Base shall be identified, documented, and respected.	N/A
4.2.5	Mechanisms shall be in place for resolving grievances and disputes relating to tenure and use rights of the forest and other land management practices.	No change	Mechanisms shall be in place for resolving grievances and disputes relating to tenure and use rights of the forest and other land management practices.	N/A
4.2.6	Where Indigenous Peoples' rights are identified in the Supply Base, and Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) has not been achieved for the proposed and planned activities, a	No change	Where Indigenous Peoples' rights are identified in the Supply Base, and Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) has not been achieved for the proposed and planned activities, a	N/A

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	consultation and, if required, accommodation process shall be put in place.		consultation and, if required, accommodation process shall be put in place.	
4.2.7	Designated cultural heritage sites shall be preserved.	No change	Designated cultural heritage sites shall be preserved.	N/A