

Sustainable Biomass Program

# Publication of SBP Standards v2.1

30 April 2026



# Before we begin



- **Microphone and videos of participants are switched off**
- **Use Q&A function to share your questions**
- **Webinar, slides Q&A are recorded and will be made available**
- **Presentation and Q&A at the end of the session**

# Our speakers



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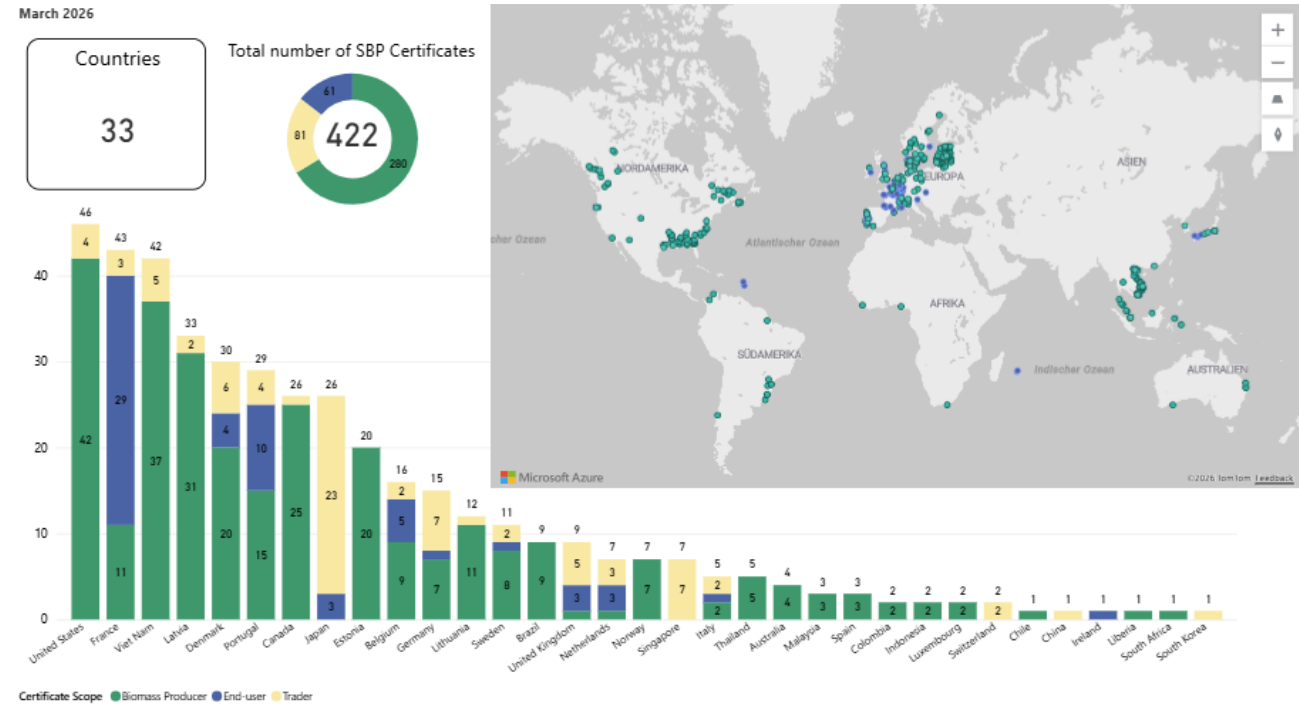
# Standards as keystone to SBP's actions



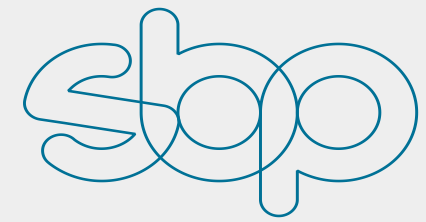
# Responding to Growth and Regulatory Change



- SBP Certification has grown extensively over the last couple of years
- Used in new geographies, serves new markets and attracts new sectors
- In the meantime, regulation has also fast evolved
- EU REDIII has been implemented and EUDR has been published
- SBP is committed to maintain a Certification System that works for Certificate Holders
- Standards need to be auditable



# Why an Update to the SBP Standards Is Needed



- In May 2023, SBP published Standards v2.0.
- Following publication, Certificate Holders and their Certification Bodies implemented v2.0 and provided feedback based on practical experience.
- The SBP Secretariat systematically captured and reviewed this feedback.
- After careful consideration and analysis, targeted updates to Standards v2.0 were identified as necessary to improve operational usability, consistency, and auditability.
- Board approved and aligned with the objectives and focus areas of SBP's Strategy, we launched the v2.0 Revision.



# Not changing but making it better - v2.1



Based on feedback from Certificate Holders, Certification Bodies, Regional Risk Assessment Working Bodies, and regulatory developments since the launch of v2.0, including EU RED III

Clarification of existing requirements,

- Resolution of inconsistencies, ambiguous wording, and operational challenges
- Improved alignment with RED III requirements
- No change to the intent of the Standards
- No weakening of sustainability requirements

=> ***Not changing but making it better!!***



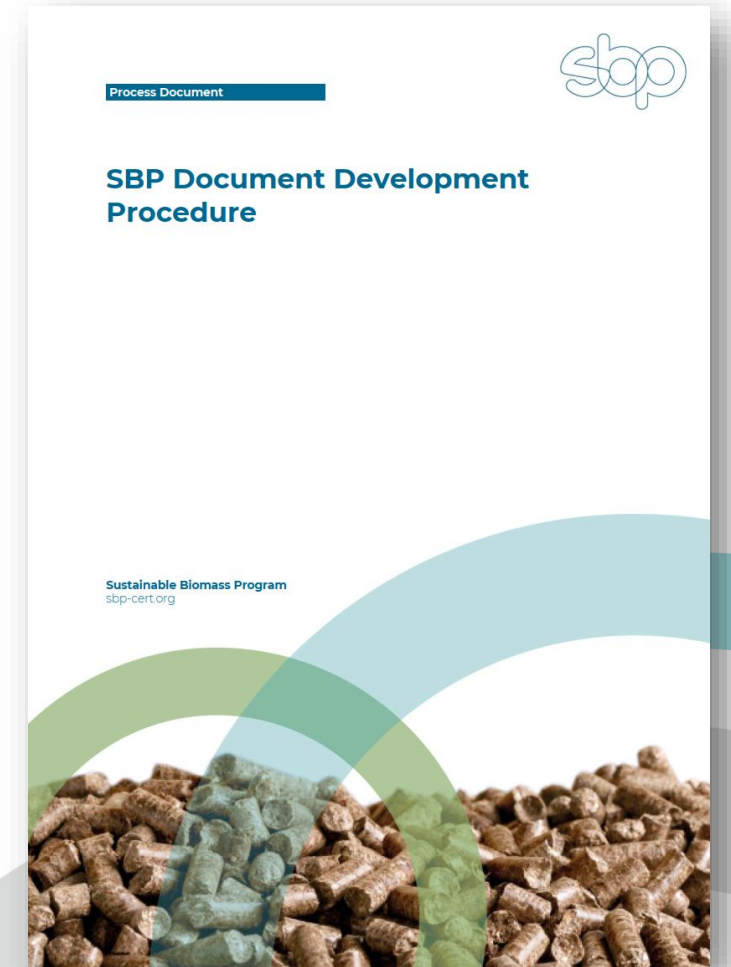
# The journey of updating our standards



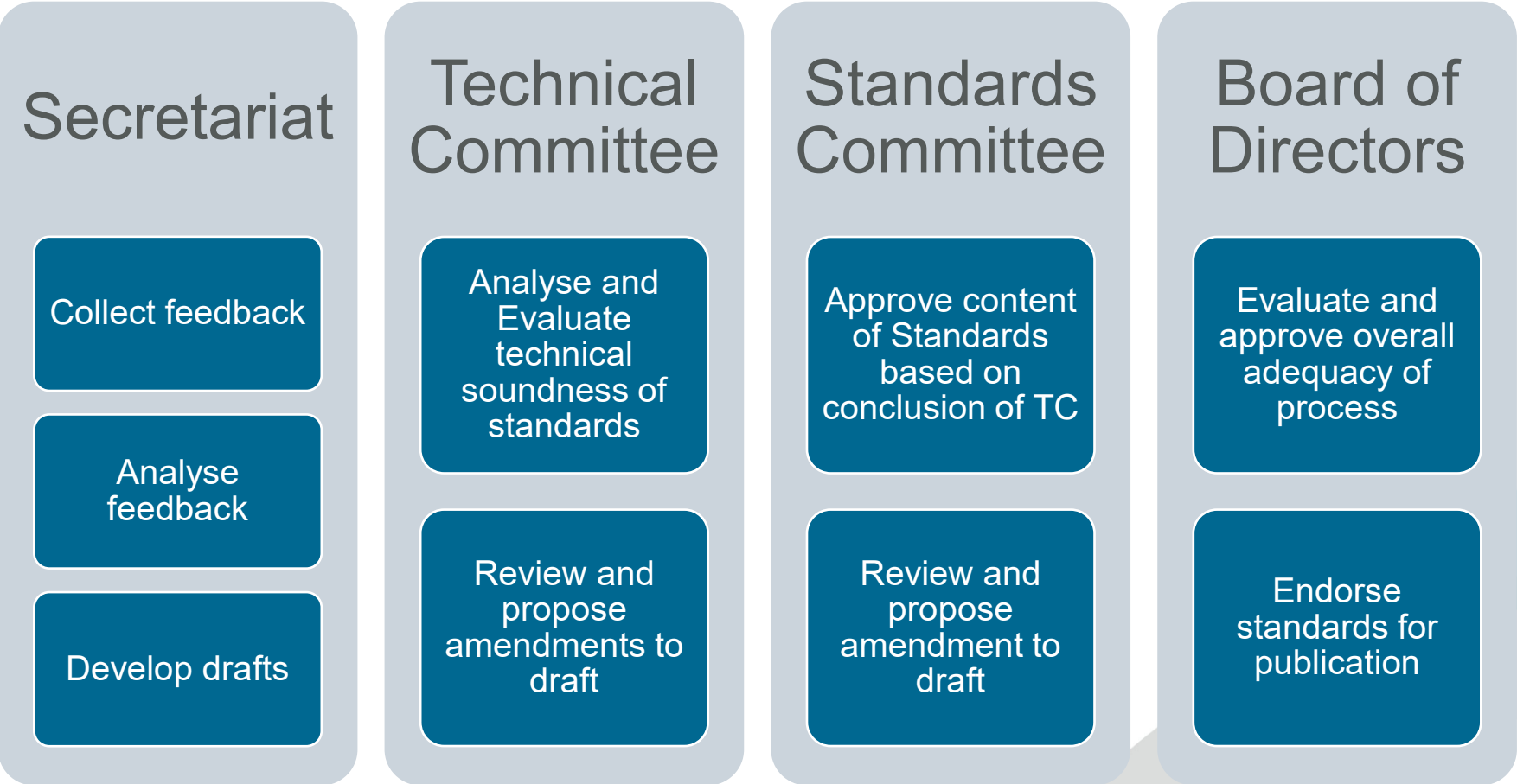
# Standard Development Process



- **Process of revision framed by SBP Document Development Procedure**
- **Ensure responsibilities and accountabilities**
- **Thoroughly followed and reported against to governance bodies**
- **Secretariat developed new tools to facilitate communication, transparency and management**
- **Input to revision included**
  - Feedback from users
  - Expertise from our governance bodies
  - Experience from the updates to and development of Regional Risk Assessments
  - Public Consultation to validate or amend proposed drafts based on user's feedback



# Roles and Responsibilities



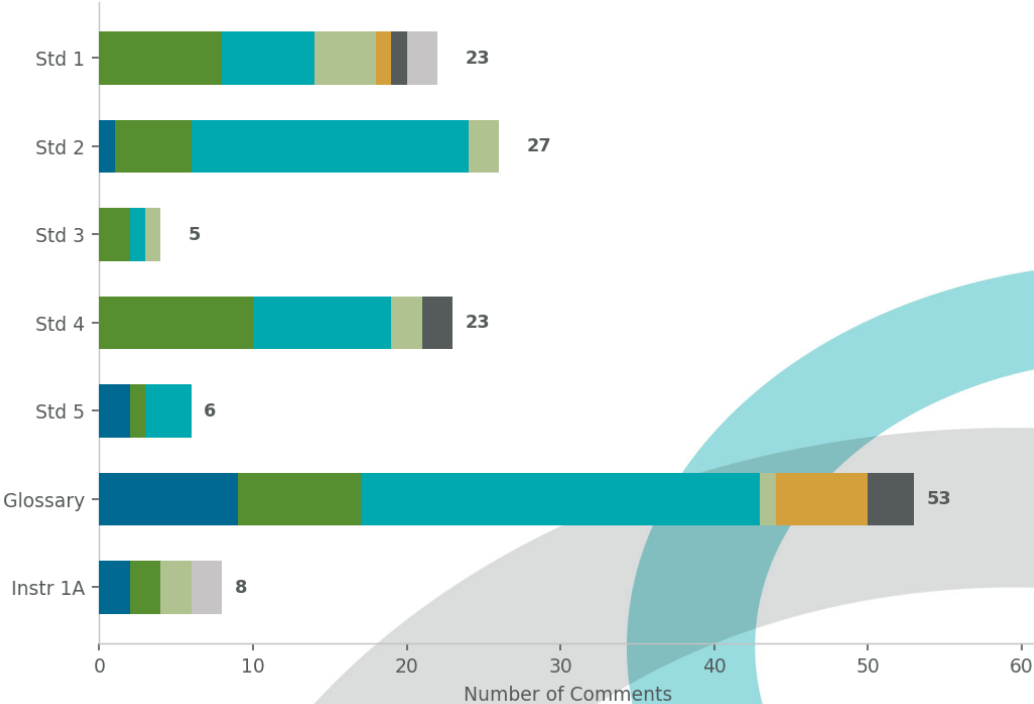
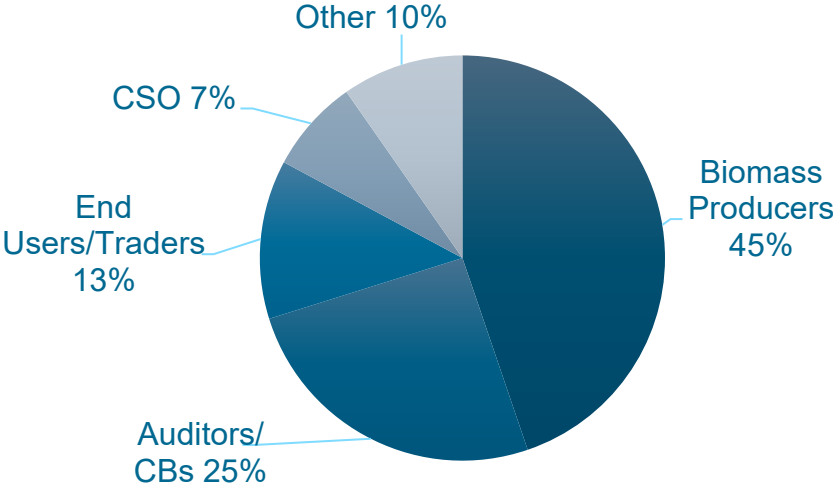
# Reach of the Public Consultation

Aligned with scope of revision



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Share of comments provided



# Summary of changes

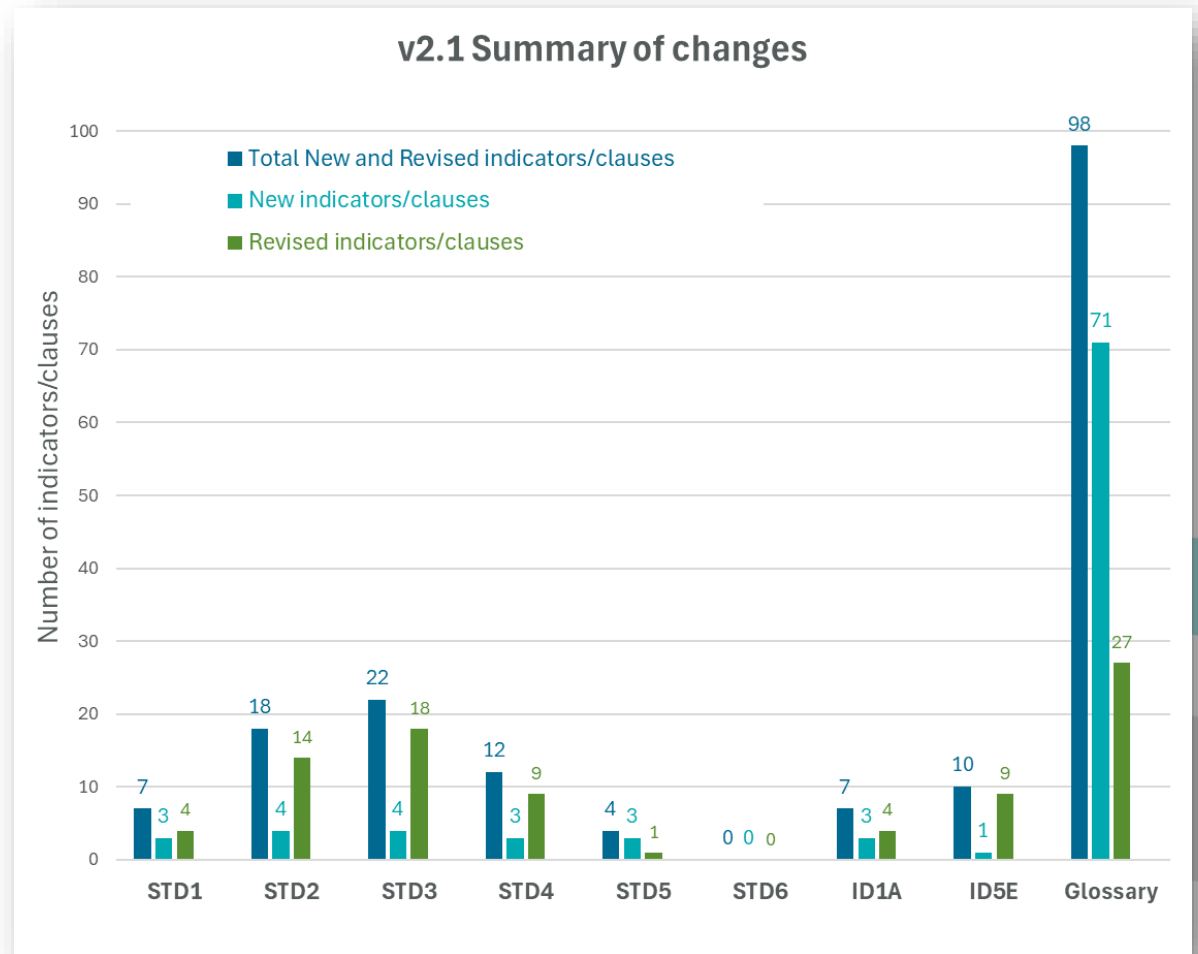


## SBP v2.1 In summary

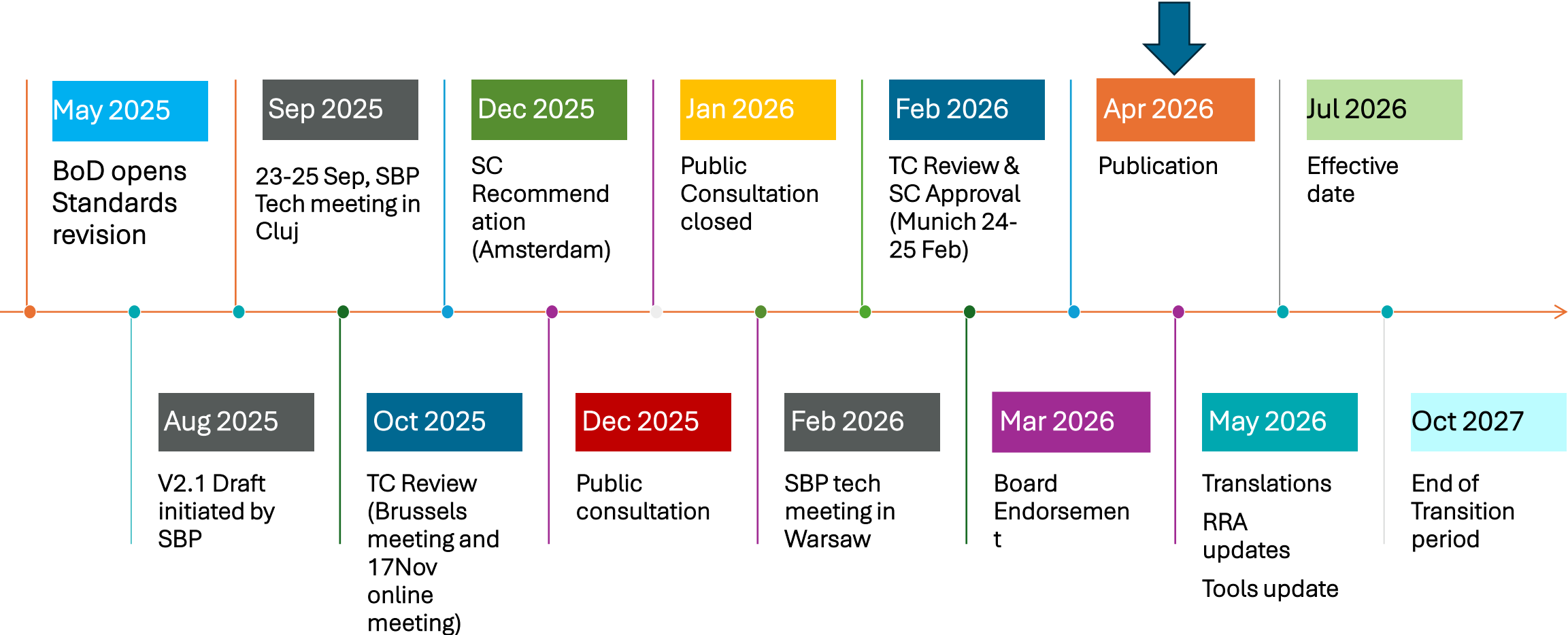
SBP v2.1 introduces targeted updates across all standards to improve alignment with EU REDIII, clarify compliance obligations, and strengthen audit and data integrity.

- Aligns SBP more clearly with EU REDIII
- Strengthens feedstock sustainability safeguards
- Introduces the concept of Company Risk Assessment (CRA)
- Improves audit consistency and data discipline

*The core SBP risk-based system remains unchanged, but certificate holders will see clearer and more explicit requirements in several key areas.*



# Process timeline and next steps



# Introduction to the changes



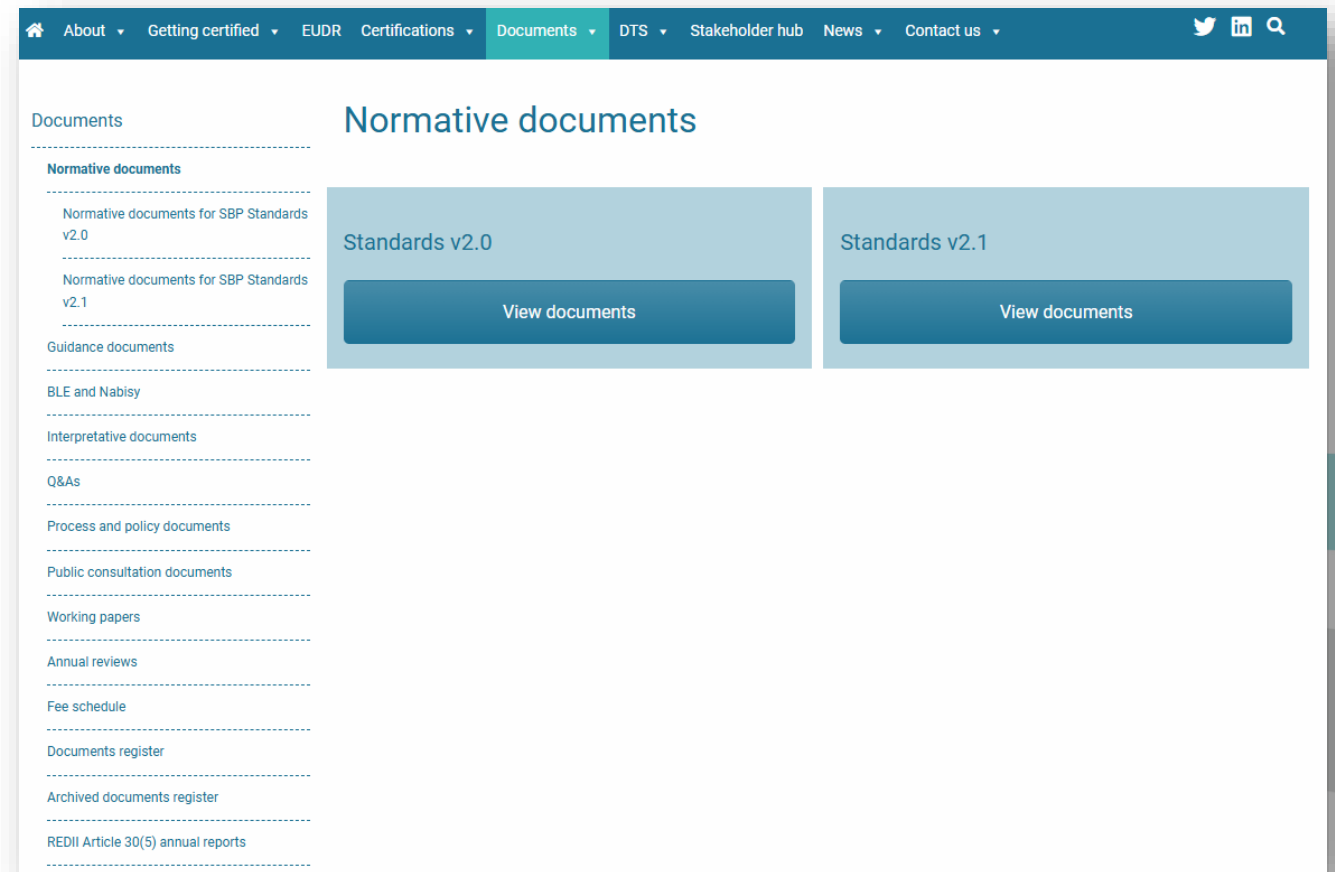
## What has changed in Documents

### Published

- SBP Standards 1–6
- Instruction Documents (ID1A, ID5E)
- Glossary of Terms and Definitions
- Normative Interpretations for Standards v2.1
- Q&A for Standards v2.1
- Overview of changes between v2.0 and v2.1
- SBP responses to stakeholder comments

### Under revision

- Regional Risk Assessments (14 RRAs)
- Guidance documents (Standards 1, 2, and 4)
- Benchmarking evaluations (FSC and PEFC)
- Training videos (for all Standards)



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# V2.1 Standards Documents



## How to identify the changes

Each document now includes a new **Section G**, which clearly shows what has changed from v2.0 to v2.1 and the reasons behind those changes.

**G** **Summary of changes**

SBP Standard 1 v2.0	SBP Standard 1 v2.1	Comments
<b>1.1.3</b> Feedstock shall be legally harvested, supplied and produced, including in compliance with CITES, EUTR and other applicable legal trade requirements.	<b>1.1.3</b> 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).
New	<b>2.2.13</b> 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.

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<b>2.2.4</b> Where the removal of harvest forest residues and/or stumps occurs, this shall not lead to irreversible negative impacts to the ecosystem.	<b>2.2.4</b> 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.
<b>2.2.6</b> Air emissions shall comply with national legislation or in the absence of national legislation with industry best practice.	<b>2.2.6</b> Emissions to air shall comply with national legislation, with industry best practice.	To refine the language.
New	<b>2.2.13</b> 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.
New	<b>2.2.14</b> Harvesting is carried out in compliance with locally and ecologically appropriate retention thresholds for deadwood extraction.	Alignment with REDIII sustainability criteria.
<b>3.2.3</b> 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).	<b>3.2.3</b> 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 sustainability criteria.
New	<b>3.2.4</b> 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 sustainability criteria.

SBP Standard 1  
Feedstock Compliance 4

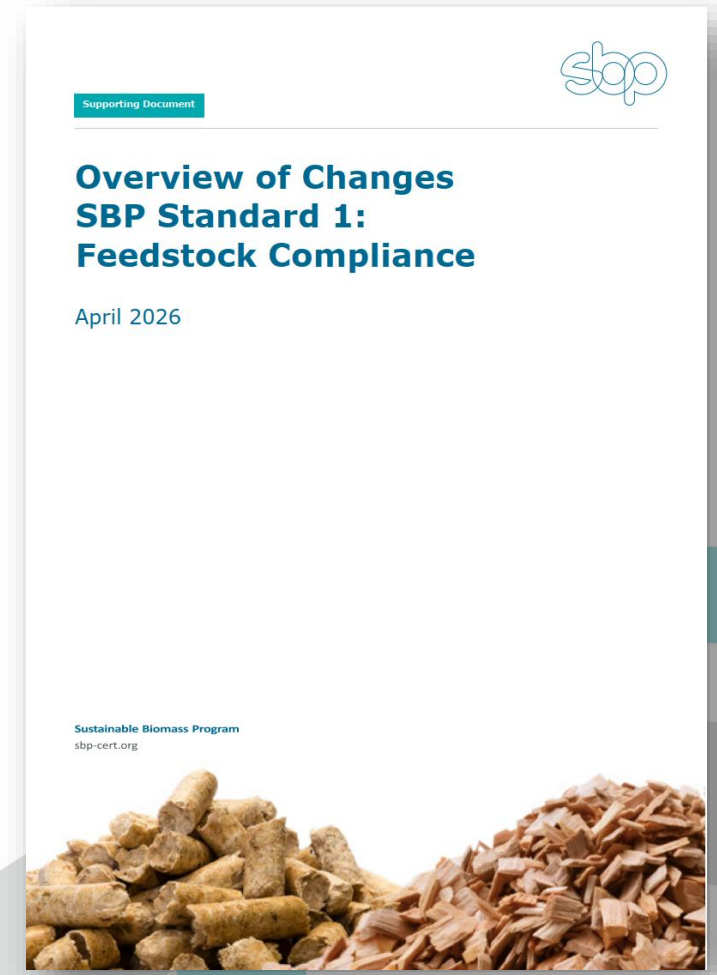
# V2.1 Supporting Documents



## Overview of changes between v2.0 and v2.1

The **Overview of Changes** is available as a non-normative document for each Standard, the Glossary, and the Instruction Document, using colour-coding to highlight new and revised indicators between v2.0 and v2.1.

No.	SBP Standard 1 v2.0	Revision	SBP Standard 1 v2.1	Rationale for change
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.



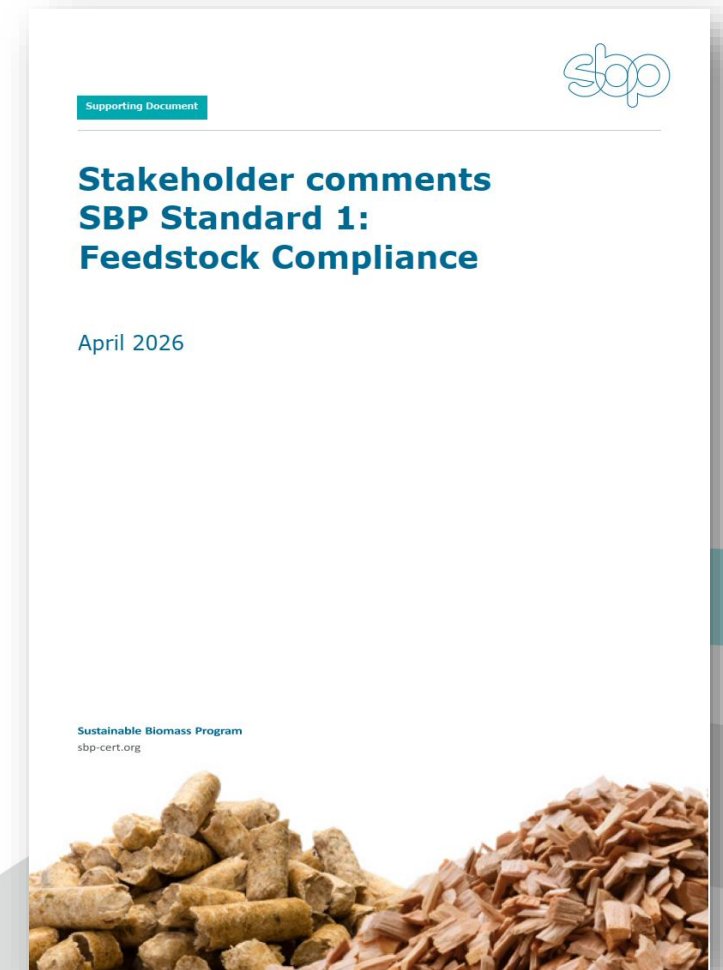
# V2.1 Supporting Documents



## SBP responses to stakeholder comments

To keep things transparent, we have published **Supporting Documents** that explain what has changed in v2.1 and how stakeholder feedback has been addressed by SBP.

No.	SBP Standard 2 v2.0	Revision	SBP Standard 2 v2.1	Rationale for change
7.4	N/A	New	The Organisation shall implement the RMP and establish a process to evaluate Operators' compliance with this.	Enforce the requirement to implement the RMP at the forest level, where applicable.
Feedback 25	Could you please clarify the intent behind Indicator 7.4? What is its primary objective? Additionally, how can a pellet producer effectively implement a RMP at the forest level when the producer does not own the land?		SBP: Thank you for the comment. The intent of Indicator 7.4 is to ensure that the Organisation does not only develop a Risk Mitigation Plan (RMP) but also has a functional system in place to verify that the Operators responsible for forest-level activities are actually implementing the required mitigation measures. It also recognises that pellet producers typically do not own forests or manage harvesting operations directly.	
Feedback 26	RMP not defined in glossary.		SBP: Thank you for your comment. The term RMP has been added to the Glossary to ensure clarity and consistency.	
7.5	The Organisation shall ensure that the RMP identifies: a. to whom in the Supply Base the RMMs applies, to address all specified risks; b. the timeframe by when the RMMs shall be implemented; and c. the Means of Verification of the effectiveness of the RMMs to reduce the risk rating to low risk.	No change	The Organisation shall ensure that the RMP identifies: a. to whom in the Supply Base the RMMs applies, to address all specified risks; b. the timeframe by when the RMMs shall be implemented; and c. the Means of Verification of the effectiveness of the RMMs to reduce the risk rating to low risk.	N/A



# SBP Standard 1 v2.1

Feedstock Compliance



## Standard 1 v2.1 – What changed (3 new and 4 revised indicators)

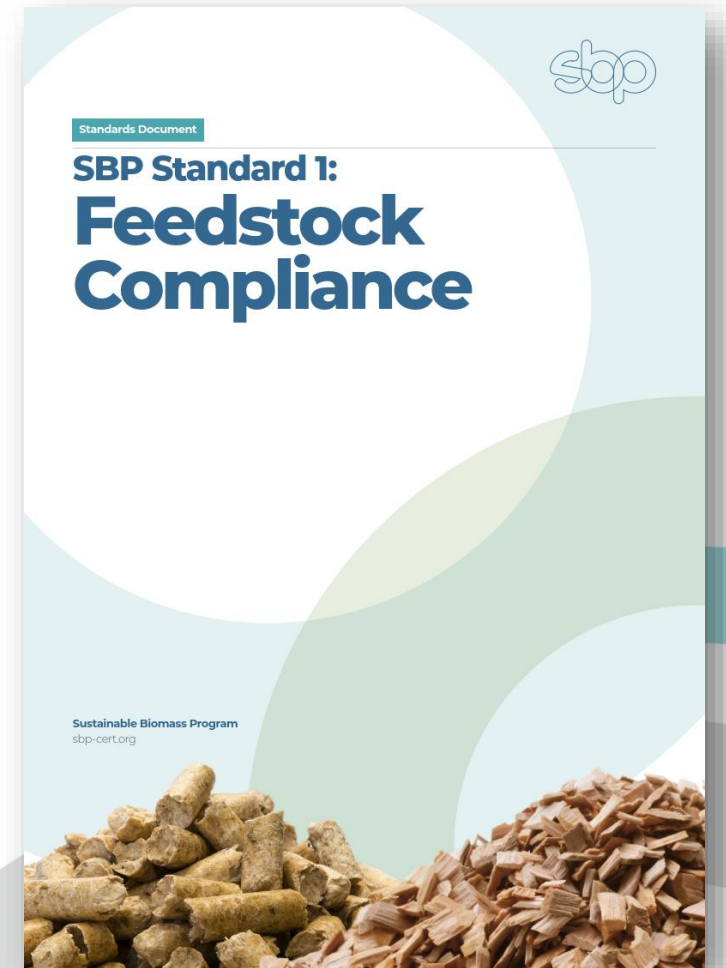
**Feedstock sourcing:** Sourcing rules are now better aligned with EU requirements.

**No-go areas:** Certain sensitive areas are now clearly defined as no-go for sourcing.

**Forestry practices:** Clear requirements now apply to key practices such as clear-cut size and deadwood retention.

### What you need to do

- Check your sourcing practices against the updated indicators.
- Make sure you have the right evidence where sourcing is allowed under specific conditions.
- EUDR is now explicitly referenced as a legal requirement, where biomass is supplied to Europe.



# SBP Standard 2 v2.1

## Feedstock Verification



### Standard 2 v2.1 – What changed (4 new and 14 revised clauses)

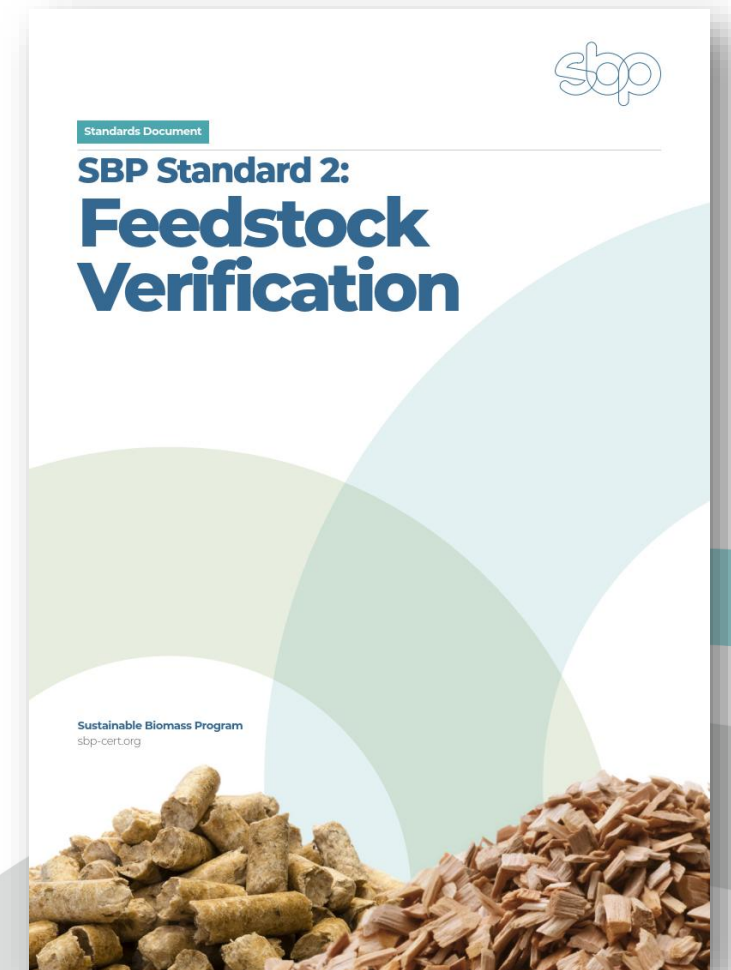
Risk management options: CRA (Company Risk Assessment) – introduced to clarify when risk assessment is prepared by the organisation

Clearer terminology & claims: Some terms have been aligned (like SBE vs CRA), and expectations are clearer when SBP-controlled claims are used (for controlled material input).

Using certification: For certified feedstock (FSC, PEFC/SFI), details such as certificate number and validity need to be recorded.

### What you need to do

- Confirm whether you rely on an RRA, CRA, or certification, and document this clearly.
- Keep supplier certification details up to date.
- As always, Act promptly if evidence of non-compliance is identified.



# SBP Standard 3 v2.1

Requirements for Certification Bodies



## Standard 3 v2.1 – What changed (4 new and 18 revised clauses)

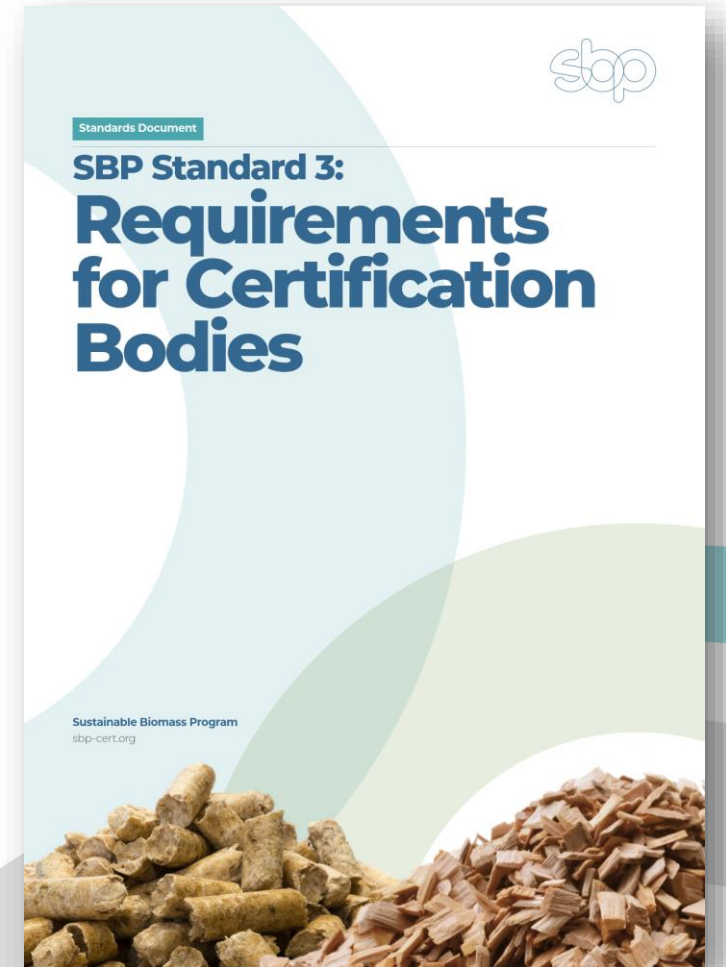
**Certification bodies & auditing:** CBs auditing GHG requirements now need ISO 14065 accreditation. More flexibility in auditor qualification for low-risk or residues-only cases.

**Reviews & oversight:** Sampling can be more flexible for very large supply chains where this is justified.

**Clearer processes:** Rules have been clarified for peer-review, major non-conformances, certification timelines, and how certificate validity is affected.

### What this means

- Audits should be more consistent and better aligned with the level of risk..



# SBP Standard 4 v2.1

Chain of Custody



## Standard 4 v2.1 – What changed (3 new and 9 revised clauses)

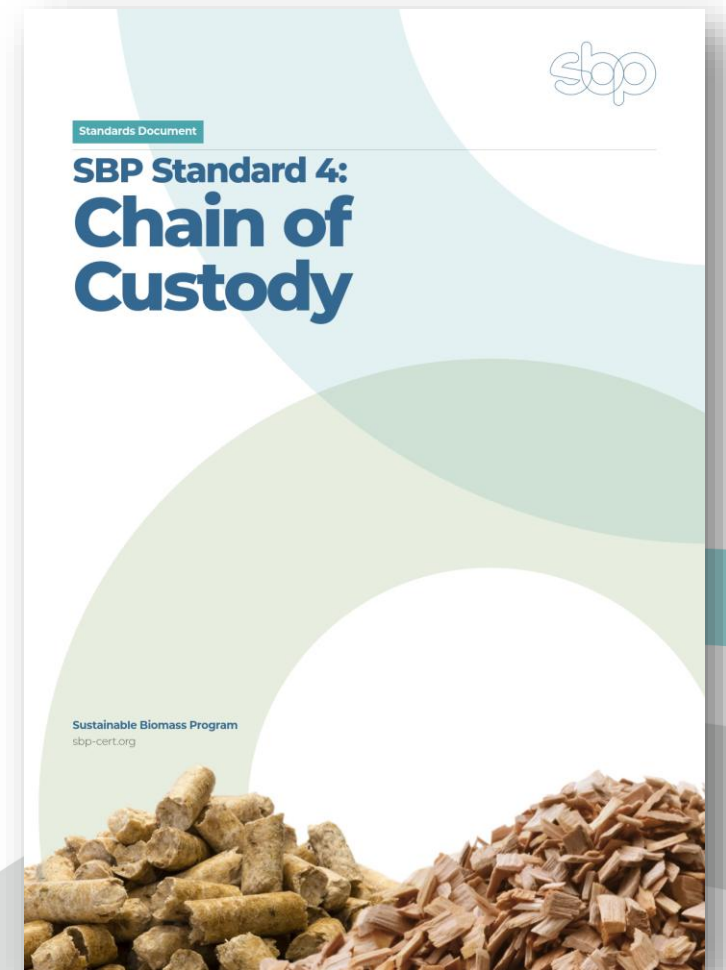
Mass balance rules are now aligned with RED III

Claims rules are clearer and more flexible, allowing downgrading to SBP-controlled and the use of small non-woody additives.

Mandatory requirements: **Key elements such as DTS rules, EU RED-compliant claims, and trademark use are** now mandatory and subject to audit.

### What you need to do

- Check mass balance periods and DTS practices.
- Ensure EU RED claims are applied correctly.
- Confirm trademark use complies with SBP requirements.



# SBP Standard 5 v2.1

Collection and Communication of Data



## Standard 5 v2.1 – What changed (3 new and 1 revised clauses)

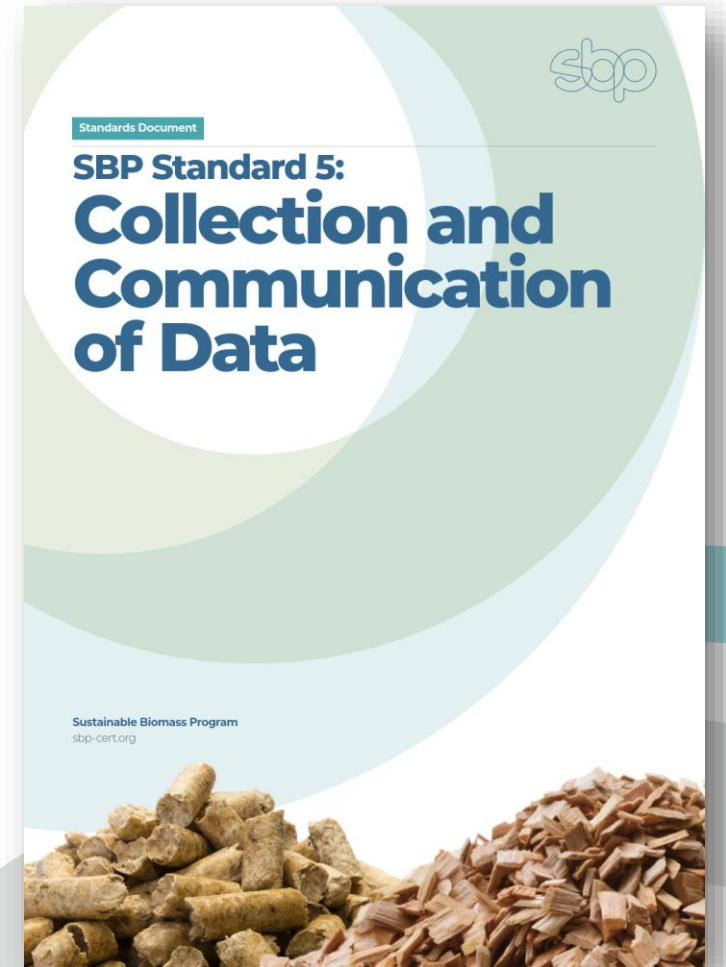
SAR & documentation: Specific SAR indicators have been moved to ID 5E.

DTS timelines: Transactions now need to be registered and accepted or rejected within 30 days.

Sales without claims: Any volumes sold without an SBP claim must be recorded as “sold as non-certified”.

### What you need to do

- Follow ID 5E for SAR reporting.
- Ensure DTS transactions are managed promptly without delay.



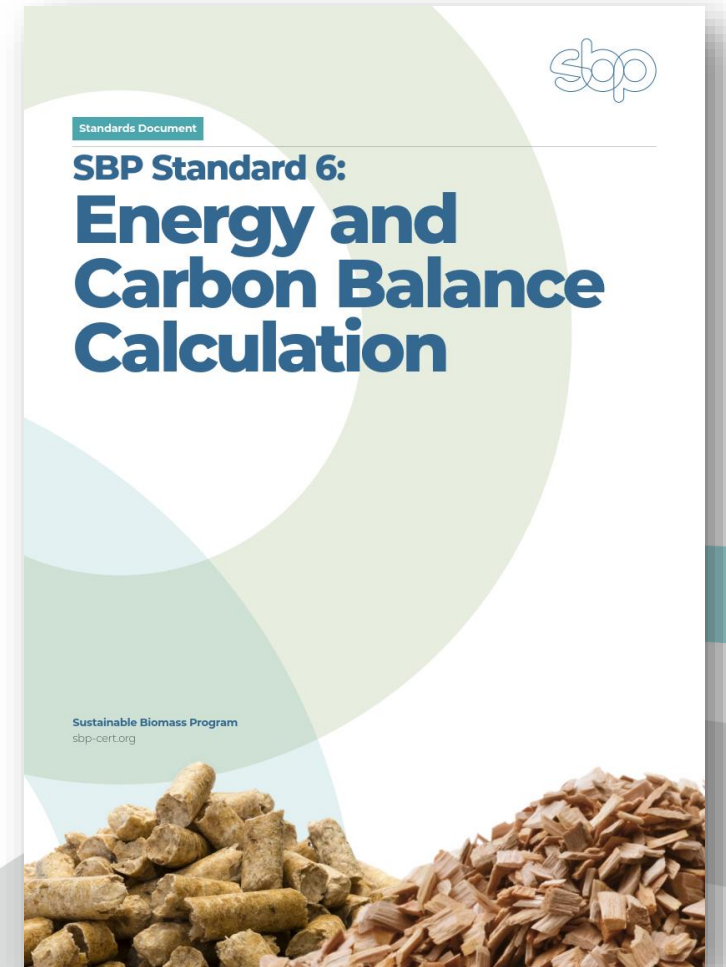
# SBP Standard 6 v2.1

Energy and Carbon Balance Calculation



## Standard 6 v2.1 – What changed (no revised clauses)

No requirement-level changes



# Standards Glossary v2.1

Glossary of Terms and Definitions



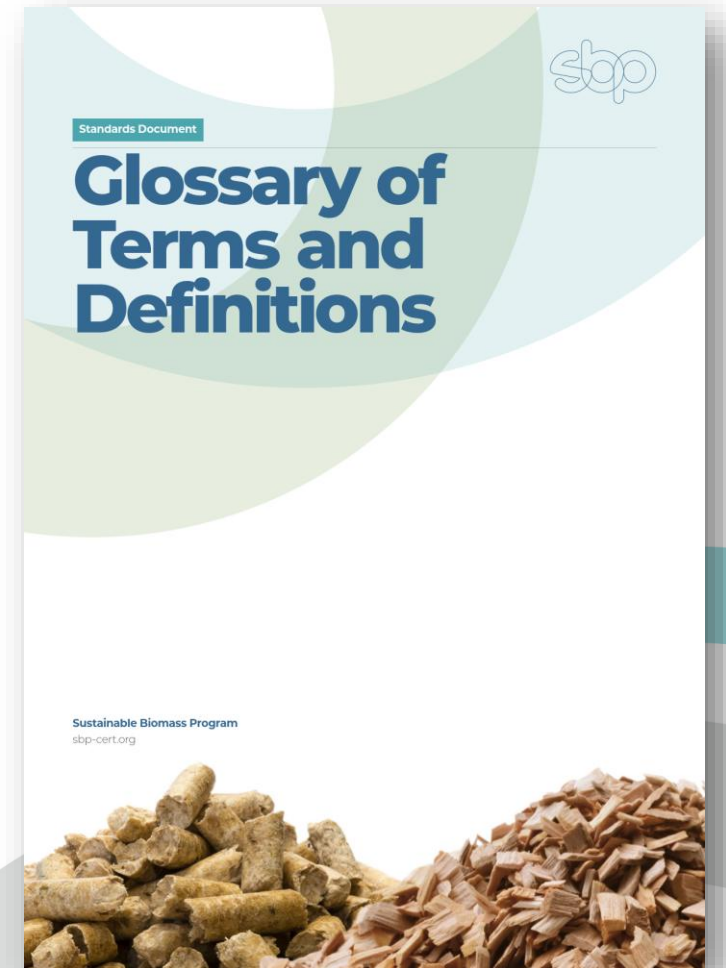
## Glossary v2.1 – What changed (71 new and 27 revised definitions)

**Definitions have been added and refined to avoid confusions and increase clarity of the requirements**

For example:

Land use & biodiversity: **Terminology aligned with RED III, making forest types easier to distinguish** (like primary forest, old-growth forest, naturally regenerated forest, semi-natural forest, plantation forest, planted forest).

Feedstock & data: **Terminology for sourcing descriptions and DTS reporting** (like sourcing area, supply base, product group, product type, material status, and origin).



# Instruction Document 1A v2.0

SBP Requirements for Primary Feedstock from Trees Outside Forests (TOF)

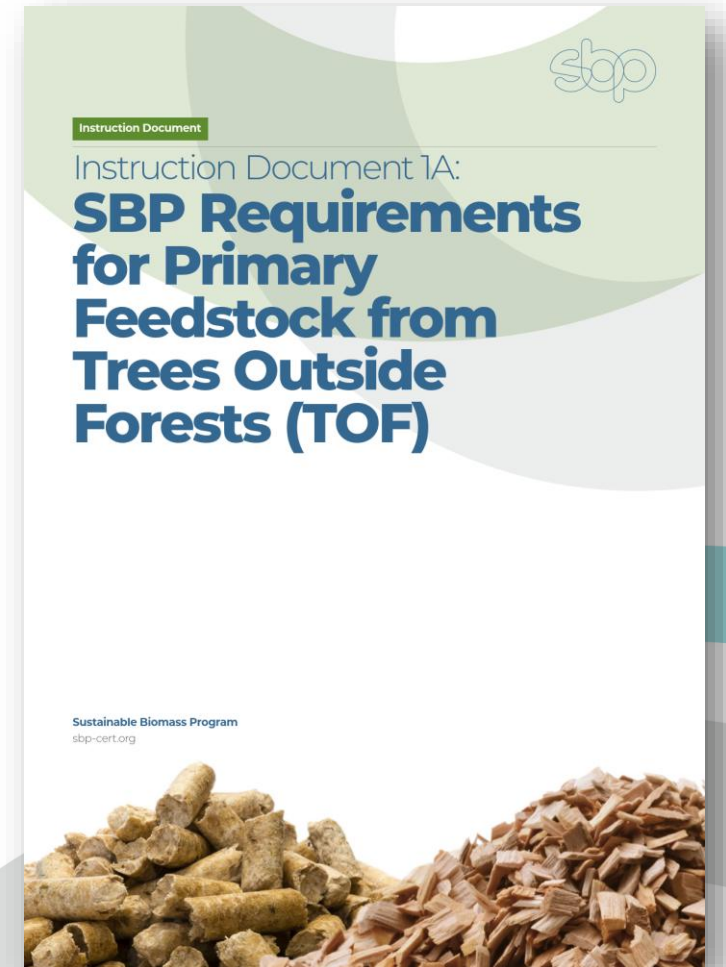


## ID1A v2.0 – What changed (3 new and 4 revised indicators)

Requirements: have been aligned with SBP Standard 1 v2.1.

### What you need to do

- Make sure TOF activities are checked against the updated indicators in SBP Standard 1 v2.1.
- Check applicability of the revised and new indicators.



# Instruction Document 5E v2.2

Collection and Communication of Energy and Carbon Data



## ID 5E v2.2 – What changed (1 new and 9 revised clauses)

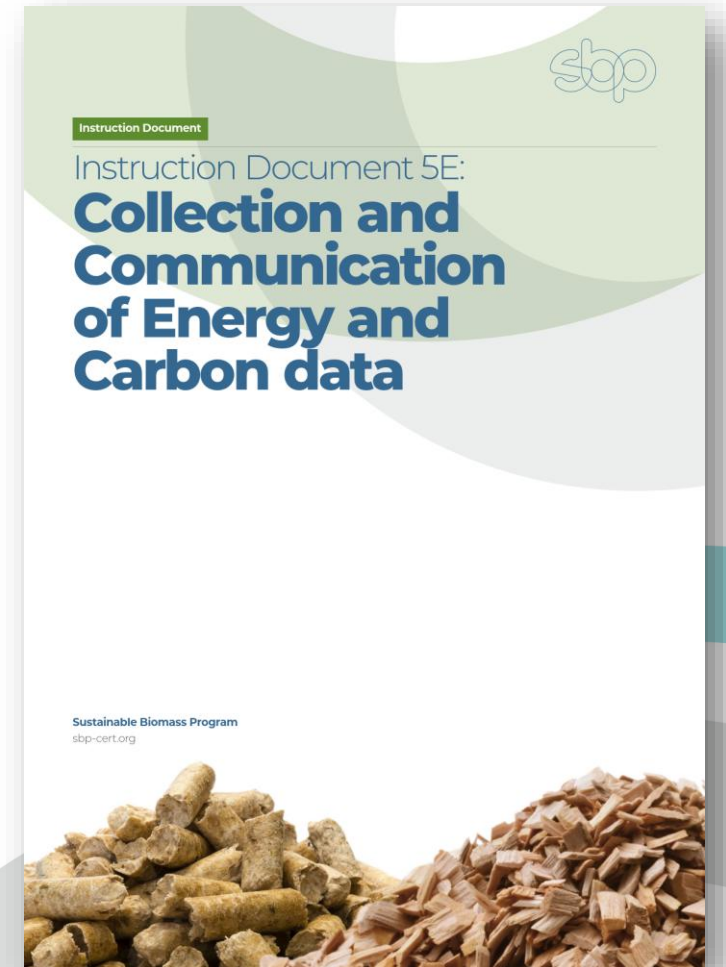
**What's been updated:** Most changes reflect previously issued Normative Interpretations.

**As example product types:** Product type naming is now clearer to help Certificate Holders classify SBP product types.

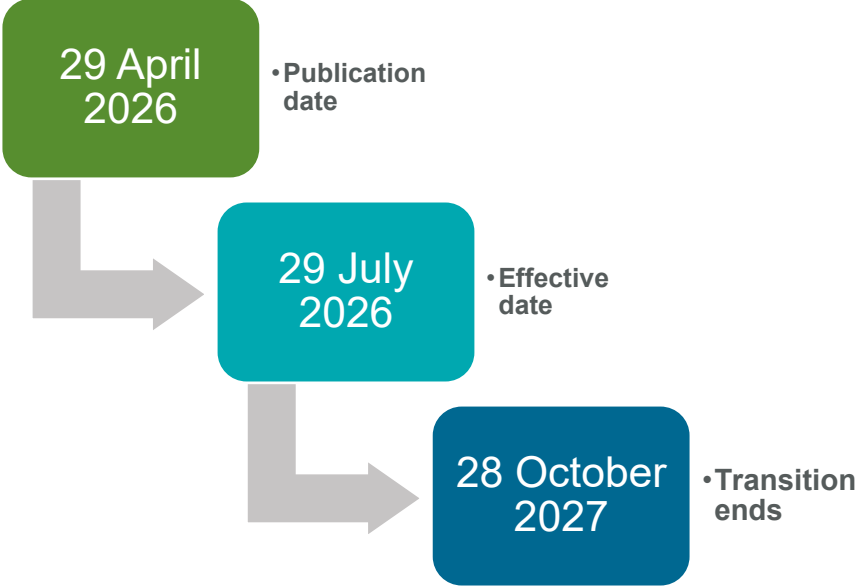
**Updated feedstock types:** Residues are now more clearly defined, distinguishing those with stumps and roots from those without.

### What you need to do

- Check that SBP product types are classified using the updated nomenclature.
- Review how feedstock is categorised and make sure residues with stumps and roots are clearly distinguished from those without.



# Looking ahead



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Q&A



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# Thank you

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