



Sustainable Biomass Program

Certification for Biomass Producers and Traders

What is SBP?

SBP certification enables woody biomass producers to demonstrate compliance with European legal, regulatory and sustainability requirements for biomass used to generate heat and power. Additionally, the SBP system helps guarantee accurate transmission of carbon and energy data to the end user, supporting national efforts to track reductions in greenhouse gases.

Benefits of Certification

- Demonstrate that your woody biomass feedstock is responsibly sourced and traced through the supply chain
- Get recognized for facilitating responsible biomass power generation
- Generate third-party verified carbon and energy data profiles that can be communicated to customers
- Combine with existing Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®), Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®), and Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) certifications

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Who Should Apply?

Certification is applicable to pellet mills, brokers, traders of wood pellets and woodchips, and others involved in the production of woody biomass.





Certification Process



1. Scoping and Project Initiation

- Client submits application
- Client and SCS confirm project scope
- Client signs work order to initiate project

2. Pre-Audit Assessment

- Client writes operational procedures demonstrating how certified woody biomass will be tracked
- SCS reviews procedures for conformance and schedules on-site audit
- SCS performs stakeholder consultation as needed

3. Audit and Assessment Report

- SCS Auditor conducts an on-site audit of client operations (or a desk audit if operations do not take physical possession of SBP certified products)
- SCS writes assessment report of audit findings that gets reviewed by another SCS Technical Associate and SBP
- Client responds to any necessary corrective actions

4. Certification Decision

- A certification decision is made based on audit findings and independent technical review
- Five-year certificate issued (upon positive certification decision) and [SBP website](#) updated with certificate information and public summary report
- Annual surveillance audits required to maintain certification

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