



# Supply Base Report:

## BIMATRA BV Main (Initial) Audit

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## 1 Overview

<b>Producer name:</b>	BIMATRA BV
<b>Producer address:</b>	Industrielaan 6, 8770, 8770 Ingelmunster, Belgium
<b>SBP Certificate Code:</b>	SBP-11-15
<b>Geographic position:</b>	50.930757, 3.247449
<b>Primary contact:</b>	Bart De Clerck, +32 511 230 10, bart@bimatra.be
<b>Company website:</b>	
<b>Date report finalised:</b>	07 Feb 2025
<b>SBR reporting period from:</b>	01 Jan 2024
<b>SBR reporting period to:</b>	31 Dec 2024
<b>Name of the Certification Body:</b>	Control Union Certifications BV
<b>Certification Body Approval date:</b>	19 Feb 2025
<b>SBP Standard(s) used:</b>	SBP Standard 2: Feedstock Verification v2.0, SBP Standard 4: Chain of Custody v2.0, SBP Standard 5: Collection and Communication of Data v2.0, Instruction Document 1A: SBP Requirements for Primary Feedstock from Trees Outside Forests (TOF) v1.0, Instruction Document 5E: Collection and Communication of Energy and Carbon Data v2.0
<b>Feedstock origin (countries)</b>	Belgium (Flanders), Netherlands, France, Belgium (Wallonia)
<b>Weblink to Standard(s) used:</b>	<a href="https://sbp-cert.org/documents/standards-documents/standards">https://sbp-cert.org/documents/standards-documents/standards</a>

## 2 Description of the Biomass Producer and the Supply Base

### 2.1 Description of the company

Bimatra is a forest contractor that produces and sells wood chip from primary feedstock, coming mainly forest sites (including woodlands near roads and river/channels), but also partially from urban plantations and landscape (Trees Outside the Forest).

It is a company specialized in forest management and exploitation, as they give wood the right destination for both wholesale and retail as well as for private individuals. They have an extensive fleet of machines to provide a good service to customers and suppliers, directly from forest sites or from the warehouse in Ingelmunster, where covered storage areas let wood chips dry sufficiently to be delivered to the biomass plants at appropriate times. In recent years, the emphasis in trade has been on woody biomass that serves as fuel for biomass power stations in Belgium, South of Netherlands and part of Northern France.

Bimatra's main supply base is Belgium, mainly in Flanders (including the Brussels Capital Region,) but also Wallonia (that has a REDII Level A riskassessment for Article 29 -forest-biomass- recognised by SBP). Some supply (less than 10% each year) comes from the South of the Netherlands, mainly Zeeland and then a part of France (nearby Belgium border).

**Products included in the scope of SBP Certification:** Chips

**Number of employees:** 2

**Annual maximum production capacity (metric tonnes):** 60000

**Number of direct feedstock suppliers:** 12

**Approximate number of feedstock sub-suppliers:** 10

#### Description of the chain-of-custody and upstream supply chain:

Suppliers and subcontractors carry on the works in the forest, then another company owned by Bimatra arrange transport of wood and biomass to the customers, using a fleet consisting of a range of tractor-trailer combinations (equipped with Walking Floor) and a number of truck-trailer combinations (equipped with container system). Bimatra organizes and supervises all steps and is responsible of the Chain of Custody, based on the physical separation approach. Documents of origin are collected at Bimatra's office and documents of selling are issued by a managing program.

### 2.2 Detailed description of the Supply Base

*Guidance: Tables below have been generated automatically for each sourcing country based on the selection of 'Feedstock origin (countries)' in section 1 above.*

*Annex 1 is generated by the system if the SBP SBE is used without Regional Risk Assessment(s) (RRAs). In case RRA(s) is used, further details shall be given only in section 3 below.*

*Annex 2 is generated if RED II SBE is in the scope for each country separately.*

<b>Country</b>	Belgium
<b>Area/Region</b>	Flanders
<b>Exclusions</b>	

<b>Feedstock types</b>	Primary
<b>Feedstock Product Groups</b>	Forest feedstock (1A)
<b>Feedstock inputs</b>	SBP Controlled feedstock
<b>Is the forest managed to supply energy and non-energy markets?</b>	Yes - Majority
<b>For the forests in the Supply Base, is there an intention to retain, restock or encourage natural regeneration within 5 years of felling?</b>	Yes - Majority
<b>Risk assessment(s)</b>	N/A – Primary and/or Processing residues certified to an SBP- recognised controlled scheme

**Provide a concise summary of why a SBE was determined to be required or not required here:**

Feedstock sourced as PEFC Controlled Sources.  
Flanders includes Brussels Capital Region.

<b>Feedstock types included in SBE:</b>	Primary
<b>Includes RED II SBE:</b>	Yes
<b>Includes RED II TOF:</b>	No
<b>Size of Supply Base area (million ha):</b>	0.1500

**Map(s) of the Supply Base area:**



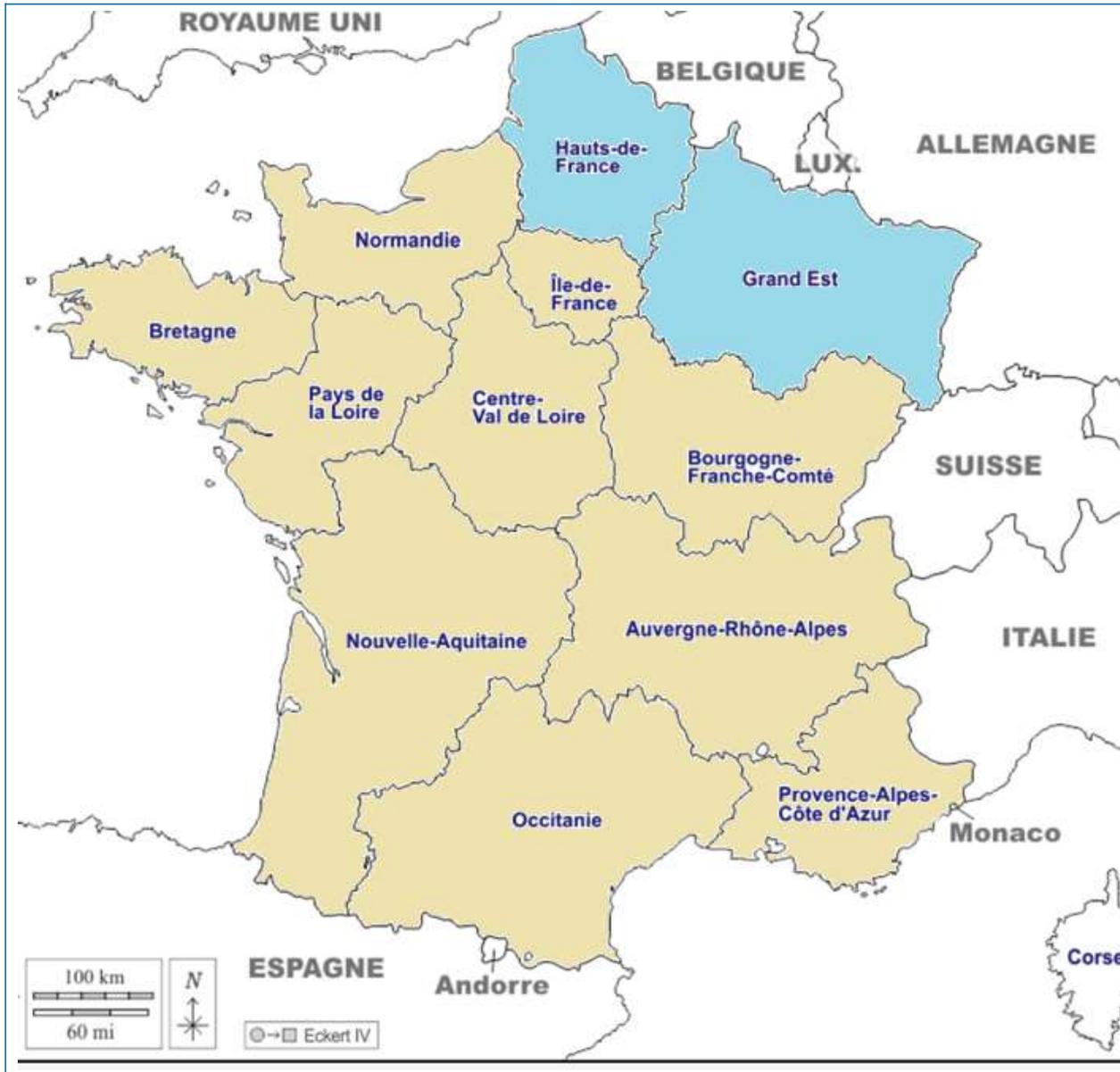
<b>Country</b>	Netherlands
<b>Area/Region</b>	

<b>Exclusions</b>	
<b>Feedstock types</b>	Primary
<b>Feedstock Product Groups</b>	Forest feedstock (1A)
<b>Feedstock inputs</b>	SBP Controlled feedstock
<b>Is the forest managed to supply energy and non-energy markets?</b>	Yes - Majority
<b>For the forests in the Supply Base, is there an intention to retain, restock or encourage natural regeneration within 5 years of felling?</b>	Yes - Majority
<b>Risk assessment(s)</b>	N/A – Primary and/or Processing residues certified to an SBP- recognised controlled scheme
<b>Provide a concise summary of why a SBE was determined to be required or not required here:</b>	
Feedstock sourced as PEFC Controlled Sources.	
<b>Feedstock types included in SBE:</b>	Primary
<b>Includes RED II SBE:</b>	Yes
<b>Includes RED II TOF:</b>	No
<b>Size of Supply Base area (million ha):</b>	0.3600
<b>Map(s) of the Supply Base area:</b>	



Country	France
Area/Region	

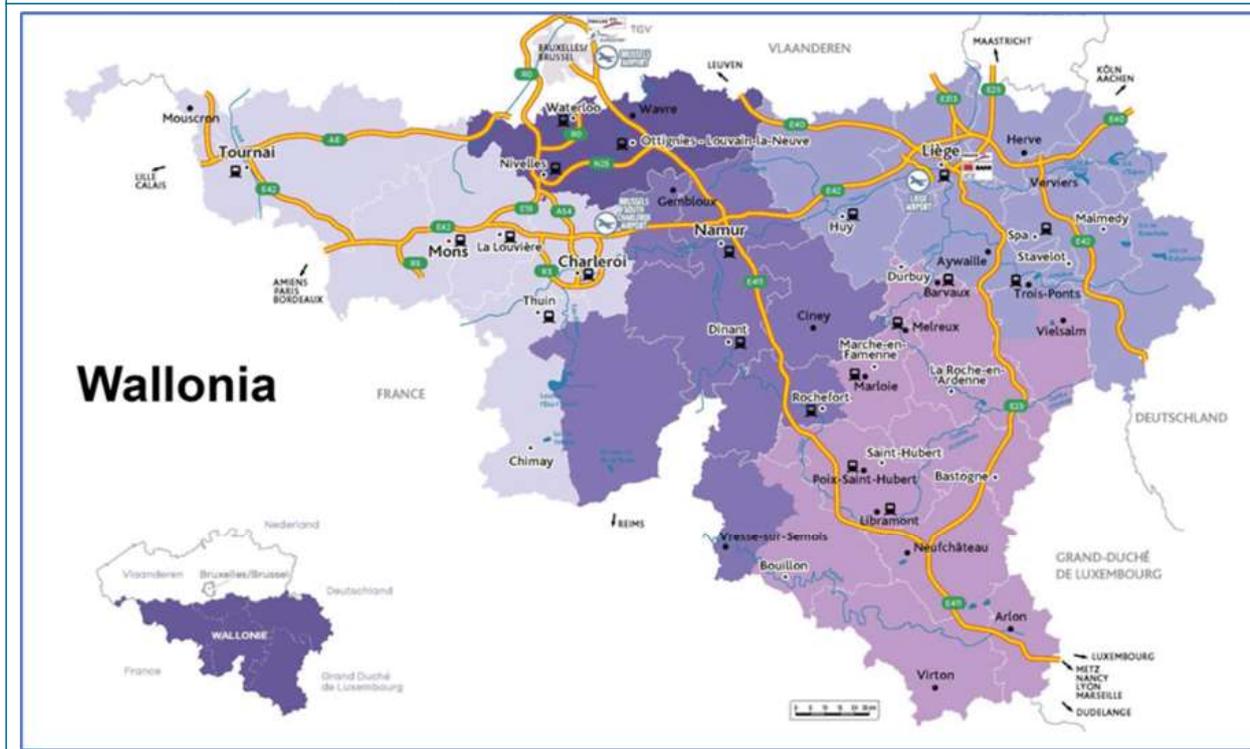
<b>Exclusions</b>	
<b>Feedstock types</b>	Primary
<b>Feedstock Product Groups</b>	Forest feedstock (1A)
<b>Feedstock inputs</b>	SBP Controlled feedstock
<b>Is the forest managed to supply energy and non-energy markets?</b>	Yes - Majority
<b>For the forests in the Supply Base, is there an intention to retain, restock or encourage natural regeneration within 5 years of felling?</b>	Yes - Majority
<b>Risk assessment(s)</b>	N/A – Primary and/or Processing residues certified to an SBP- recognised controlled scheme
<b>Provide a concise summary of why a SBE was determined to be required or not required here:</b>	
SBE is not required as there is an SBP-recognised REDII Level A risk assessments for Article 29(6-7) on forest biomass for France.	
<b>Feedstock types included in SBE:</b>	Primary
<b>Includes RED II SBE:</b>	Yes
<b>Includes RED II TOF:</b>	Yes
<b>Size of Supply Base area (million ha):</b>	16.9000
<b>Map(s) of the Supply Base area:</b>	



<b>Country</b>	Belgium
<b>Area/Region</b>	Wallonia
<b>Exclusions</b>	
<b>Feedstock types</b>	Primary
<b>Feedstock Product Groups</b>	Forest feedstock (1A), Trees outside forest (TOF) - Urban and landscape feedstock (2A), Trees outside forest (TOF) - Agricultural land feedstock (3A)
<b>Feedstock inputs</b>	SBP Controlled feedstock
<b>Is the forest managed to supply energy and non-energy markets?</b>	Yes - Majority

<b>For the forests in the Supply Base, is there an intention to retain, restock or encourage natural regeneration within 5 years of felling?</b>	Yes - Majority
<b>Risk assessment(s)</b>	N/A – Primary and/or Processing residues certified to an SBP- recognised controlled scheme
<b>Provide a concise summary of why a SBE was determined to be required or not required here:</b>	
SBE is not required as there is an SBP-recognised REDII Level A risk assessments for Article 29(6-7) on forest biomass for Wallonia.	
<b>Feedstock types included in SBE:</b>	Primary
<b>Includes RED II SBE:</b>	Yes
<b>Includes RED II TOF:</b>	Yes
<b>Size of Supply Base area (million ha):</b>	0.5400

**Map(s) of the Supply Base area:**



## 2.3 Feedstock information

**a. Total volume of Feedstock:** 1-200,000 tonnes

**b. Volume of primary feedstock:** 1-200,000 tonnes

**c. List of all the species in primary feedstock, including scientific name:**

Abies alba	Silver fir
Acer campestre	Field maple
Acer platanoides	Plane maple
Acer pseudoplatanus	Sycamore
Alnus glutinosa	Black Alder
Aesculus hippocastanum	Horse Chestnut
Betula pendula	Birch
Carpinus betulus	Hornbeam
Castanea sativa	Chestnut
Fraxinus excelsior	Ash
Picea abies	Norway Spruce
Pinus sylvestris	Scots Pine
Populus alba	White Poplar
Populus nigra	Black poplar
Populus x euramericana	Hybrid poplar
Prunus avium	Cherry
Prunus serotina	American black cherry
Pseudotsuga menziesii	Douglas fir
Quercus petraea	Sessile oak
Quercus robur	English oak
Quercus rubra	Red oak
Robinia pseudoacacia	Black Locust
Salix spp	Willow
Sorbus aucuparia	Rowan
Tilia cordata	Lime

Ulmus minor	Elm
Fagus sylvatica	Beech

**d. 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:**

**e. Hardwood (i.e. broadleaf trees): specify proportion of feedstock from (%):** 70.00

**f. Softwood (i.e. coniferous trees): specify proportion of feedstock from (%):** 30.00

**g. Proportion of feedstock composed of or derived from saw logs by weight (%):** 0.00

**h. Indicate how you determine the proportion of saw log:** Specification used by the sawmill closest to where the wood was grown.

**i. Roundwood from fellings from forests with > 40 yr rotation times - Average % volume of fellings delivered to BP (%):** 0.00

**j. Select forest type(s) where the primary feedstock was sourced from:** Other Naturally Regenerated Forest

**k. Select the main harvesting system(s) used for the sourced primary feedstock:** Thinning

**l. Volume of primary feedstock from primary forest:** 0

**m. Volume of processing residues feedstock:** 0

**Physical form of the feedstock:**

**n. Share of SBP-recognised system claim for processing residues:**

100 % PEFC

**o. Volume of post-consumer feedstock:** 0

**Physical form of the feedstock:**

**p. Estimated amount of REDII-compliant sustainable feedstock that could be collected annually by the BP:** 60000 tonnes

**q. What is the estimated amount of REDII-compliant sustainable feedstock that could be harvested annually in a Supply Base (estimated):** 60000.00 tonnes

**Explanation:** all feedstock could be REDII-compliant

### 3 Supply Base Risk Assessments and Risk Management Measures

*Guidance: Biomass Producers shall demonstrate that any specified risks of sourcing feedstock not in compliance with SBP Standard 1 have been adequately reduced to low risk, following Standard 2 requirements. Following section applies to Biomass Producer's implementing SBP Supply Base Evaluation (SBP RRA or company own risk assessment). RED II Supply Base Evaluation details are reported in Annex 2.*

**Not Applicable – Supply Base Evaluation not implemented**

#### 3.1 Summary of the Supply Base Evaluation

#### 3.2 Conflicts with applicable national and sub-national legislation

#### 3.3 Risk Management Measures

*Guidance: Please provide more details about specified risk indicators in each supply country and describe mitigation measures taken to address all specified risks associated with indicators.*

## 4 Stakeholder engagement

### 4.1 General description

**Biomass Producer's stakeholder engagement start date:** 21 Jan 2025

**Biomass Producer's stakeholder engagement end date:** 20 Feb 2025

**Total number of stakeholders contacted:** 15

**Give a general description of the process of Stakeholders Engagement, including stakeholders contacted, method of communication and a summary of the comments received:**

SBP commitment of the company was published on the website and also suppliers, clients, consultants, subcontractors and local authorities were informed as main stakeholders. Mails were also sent to other stakeholders.

INBO have replied explaining that they don't have any comments because it is a subject related to energy production.

### 4.2 Response to stakeholder comments

**Stakeholder description:** INBO -research institution of the Flemish Government

**Stakeholder comment:** According to the Ministerial Decree on the demonstration of biomass characteristics, a certification body is considered recognized if the body is accredited by BELAC in accordance with the NBN EN ISO/IEC 17065:2012 standard (for the certification of products, processes and services, or equivalent, with regard to the application domain of biomass certification in accordance with this decision). INBO is a research institution of the Flemish Government and our laboratory falls within that ISO/IEC standard. This concerns laboratory analyzes of soil and water. We see no link with certification of the production of wood chips. In Flanders, the Flemish Regulator of the Electricity and Gas Market (VREG) is responsible for issuing green energy certificates, including biomass certificates. You can also search for bodies accredited by BELAC. I found the attached address under IAF 6 - Wood and wood products.

**Response to the stakeholder:** Since the comment was not against the certification, the organization will use the information to future consultations.

## 5 Report updates and approval

**This document is:** New Supply Base Report (Assessments/reassessments)

**Summary of changes:** N/A

<b>Name</b>	Bart De Clerck
<b>Title</b>	Management representative
<b>Date of report approval</b>	07 Feb 2025