



Supply Base Report:

Laskana SIA LSEZ Re-assessment

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1 Overview

Producer name:	Laskana SIA LSEZ
Producer address:	Brivostas str. 40, LV-3405 Liepāja, Latvia
SBP Certificate Code:	SBP-01-71
Geographic position:	56.529500, 20.999900
Primary contact:	Ojārs Zeme, +371 6342 3111, ojars.zeme@laskana.lv
Company website:	www.laskana.lv
Date report finalised:	15 Jan 2025
SBR reporting period from:	01 Jan 2024
SBR reporting period to:	31 Dec 2024
Name of the Certification Body:	Preferred by Nature OÜ
Certification Body Approval date:	
SBP Standard(s) used:	SBP Standard 1: Feedstock Compliance v2.0, 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 5E: Collection and Communication of Energy and Carbon Data v2.0
Feedstock origin (countries)	Latvia
Weblink to Standard(s) used:	https://sbp-cert.org/documents/standards-documents/standards

2 Description of the Biomass Producer and the Supply Base

2.1 Description of the company

The Latvia-Sweden joint venture “Laskana” was established in 1993 in the Liepaja Special Economic Zone, located in the western part of Latvia. At that time, the organisation’s main activity was timber export. Over the past 30 years, the organisation has grown significantly, investing in infrastructure development and improvement, acquiring various equipment and machinery, as well investing in personnel training and expanding its market reach and business directions.

The main lines of activity include:

- Transportation of timber
- Transportation of wood chips
- Ship agency services
- Stividor services
- Repair shop services.

LSEZ Ltd LASKANA materials are high-quality, sustainable and meet the requirements of various standards:

- Organization holds valid FSC chain of custody (SCS-COC-007770) and Controlled Wood (SCS COC-007770) certificates which covers procurement, storage and sales of fuelwood, round wood, bark, pulpwood, sawlogs and veneer wood.
- Organization also holds valid PEFC chain of custody (TT PEFC-COC161) certificate which covers procurement, storage and sales of fuelwood, round wood, bark, pulpwood, sawlogs and veneer wood.
- LSEZ Ltd LASKANA is also a wood pellet trader with EN PLUS certificate (LV 322).

Organisation is a wood chip producer and trader. The region of biomass origin is Latvia via direct purchase and supply.

The organisations primary feedstock of wood chip purchases are originating from Latvian forests.

Wood chips are also produced from different types of low quality wood and firewood delivered with FSC or PEFC claims and are verified according to the Sustainable Biomass Program (SBP).

The SBP certificate scope covers office in Liepāja harbour, wood chips production and storage facilities in the Liepaja harbour.

All feedstock is delivered to Liepaja port by trucks (Latvia), where the chips are stored and log chipping is taking place.

Export wood chips are transported with vessels from Liepāja port (FOB Liepāja). From Riga and Roja ports export is based on FOB Riga and FOB Roja Incoterms.

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

Number of employees: *81*

Annual maximum production capacity (metric tonnes): *200000*

Number of direct feedstock suppliers: 29

Approximate number of feedstock sub-suppliers: 20

Most of LSEZ Ltd LASKANA's biomass suppliers have long-term cooperation experience.

Biomass is delivered and purchased from ~29 suppliers.

LSEZ Ltd LASKANA suppliers supply primary biomass and post-processing biomass.

Biomass is obtained after logging and is produced from round timber and branch, a part of which is from our own FSC certified areas (total area 7823,35 ha).

Part of the supplied biomass is secondary material, which is defined as processing residues.

The company policy is directed at cooperation with certified supplier. In year 2019 company established differentiated prices for material purchase in Liepaja terminal, price is higher for FSC certified material. Volume of round timber chipping in port of Liepaja was very small during this reporting period, because more economically efficient was woodchip purchase. LSEZ Ltd LASKANA initiates and offers better supply conditions to SBP, FSC and PEFC certified suppliers and raises interest of non-certified round timber processors, as well as motivates forest owners to obtain certification.

Organization is buying wood chips from SBP, FSC and PEFC certified or FSC Controlled wood certified suppliers. Wood chips are also produced from different types of low quality round wood and firewood delivered as FSC or PEFC certified. All FSC and PEFC certified biomass from suppliers is verified against SBP standards and SBP-endorsed Regional Risk Assessment for Latvia. Very small amount of feedstock is verified through SBE, this system is maintained in case any significant increase of SBP compliant biomass demand.

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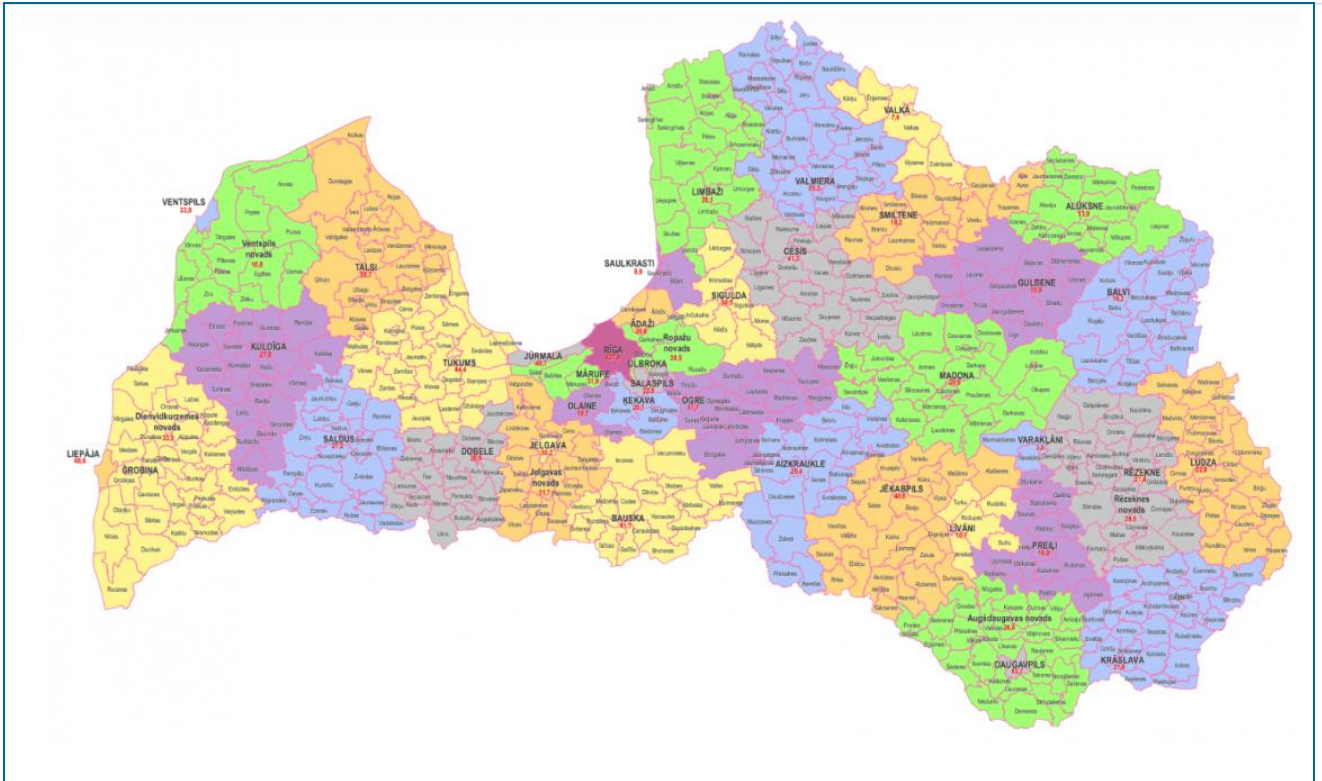
2.2 Detailed description of the Supply Base

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.

Country	Latvia
Area/Region	Latvia
Exclusions	No
Feedstock types	Primary, Processing residues
Feedstock Product Groups	Forest feedstock (1A), Processing residues feedstock (4A)
Feedstock inputs	SBP Compliant feedstock , SBP Controlled feedstock
Is the forest managed to supply energy and non-energy markets?	Yes - Majority
For the forests in the Supply Base, is there an intention to retain, restock or encourage natural regeneration within 5 years of felling?	Yes - Majority
Risk assessment(s)	Yes – Regional Risk Assessment (RRA) used, 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:	
Very small amount of feedstock is verified through SBE, this system is maintained in case any significant increase of SBP compliant biomass demand. Included only primary biomass material.	
Feedstock types included in SBE:	Primary
Includes RED II SBE:	Yes
Includes RED II TOF:	No
Size of Supply Base area (million ha):	3.4410
Map(s) of the Supply Base area:	



2.3 Feedstock information

a. Total volume of Feedstock: 1-200,000 m³

b. Volume of primary feedstock: 1-200,000 m³

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

Betula pendula	Birch
Betula pubescens	Birch
Populus tremula	Aspen
Picea abies	Spruce
Pinus sylvestris	Pine
Fraxinus excelsior	Ash
Alnus glutinosa	Black alder
Alnus incana	Grey alder
Tilia cordata	Linden
Quercus robur	Oak

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: N/A

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 issued by a body exercising functions of a public nature and issued for use by sawmills in the area in which the wood was grown.

i. Roundwood from fellings from forests with > 40 yr rotation times - Average % volume of fellings delivered to BP (%): 75.00

j. Select forest type(s) where the primary feedstock was sourced from: Mix of The Above

k. Select the main harvesting system(s) used for the sourced primary feedstock: Mix of the above

l. Volume of primary feedstock from primary forest: 0 m³

m. Volume of processing residues feedstock: 1-200,000 m³
Physical form of the feedstock: Chips

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

50 % FSC

50 % PEFC

o. Volume of post-consumer feedstock: 0
Physical form of the feedstock: Chips

p. Estimated amount of REDII-compliant sustainable feedstock that could be collected annually by the BP: 50000 m³

q. What is the estimated amount of REDII-compliant sustainable feedstock that could be harvested annually in a Supply Base (estimated): 50000.00 m³

Explanation: All biomass Volume meets RED2 biomass requirements, RED2 biomass assessment and approval system in place for secondary and primary biomass.

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

LSEZ Ltd LASKANA applied Sustainable Biomass Program (SBP) Revised Regional Risk Assessment for Latvia Version 2.0 Effective date: 12 July 2024.

3.2 Conflicts with applicable national and sub-national legislation

N/A

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.

Country: Latvia	
Area/sub-scope: All	
Risk Assessment used:	
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Indicator with specified risk:	
{{SBR_Scope_indicator}}	
Description of the specific risk:	
<p>This risk was classified as high in Latvia due to the lack of data on certain high-value forest areas. HCV monitoring has been conducted in Latvia, and HCV areas are displayed in the "OZOLS" data management system (a natural data management system containing data on specially protected nature areas, micro-reserves, conservation efforts for protected species and habitats, tourism infrastructure in protected areas, restrictions on economic activities in protected nature zones and micro-reserves, the State Register of</p>	

cartographic data, biodiversity monitoring data, and other relevant nature protection information). However, there is a risk that these areas may not yet be legally protected, which means that cutting licenses could still be granted for logging activities. Additionally, new nests of protected bird species may be found that are not recognized or registered in the "OZOLS" database. This poses a risk that the favorable conditions for protected bird species at these sites could be disturbed or destroyed by logging activities.

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Mitigation measure:

LSEZ Ltd LASKANA identifies the sites and locations of HCV category 1 areas and, if necessary, conducts a compliance assessment with or without expert consultation.

LSEZ Ltd LASKANA specialist checks the database "Ozols" when receiving the load along with the Felling Permit (without the Felling Permit organisation does not accept the load), checks the feedstock origin data. To obtain accurate and reliable origin data, the organization requires the Cadastre Number information for each sourced load or logging site and verifies it. Cadastre data (cadastral number, quarter number and site number of the unit of forest land) is obtained from Felling Permits and purchase agreements. This process ensures that the feedstock origin is accurately documented and verified.

The following information sources are used: the "Ozols" database, field inspections (which include assessing the presence of large bird nests, distances, characteristics of cultural and historical objects, and trees with a diameter greater than 80 cm at breast height, with observations marked in the ozols.gov.lv database printout), monitoring records, interviews with supplier staff, stakeholders, communication with experts, species protection plans/maps, regional and publicly available data from trusted third parties, environmental NGO reports/maps, relevant websites of the State Forest Service, the Nature Conservation Agency, and EU agencies, as well as relevant Latvian national and EU legislations, laws, and regulations. All data and information are documented.

If a habitat of a rare, threatened, or endangered species is identified in the feedstock origin data, an onsite inspection must be conducted to confirm that the habitat has been preserved in accordance with legal requirements, has not been damaged by forest management activities, and that the supplier has considered the specific needs of the species' habitat and adhered to responsible logging practices. If needed, an expert opinion will be sought. Feedstock will only be accepted as SBP-compliant if the HCV 1 risks have been mitigated.

As part of its risk mitigation process (as defined in the organization's procedures in accordance with SBP standard requirements), the organization includes the signing of a supplier self-declaration and the

completion of the “Data for Tree Origin, Legality, and Specimen” form. This approach ensures the timely identification and reduction of risks related to non-compliant SBP supplies and raw materials.

Trainings and seminars are provided for the company employees and biomass suppliers. The objective of the trainings is to teach involved parties to recognize the signs of potential possible biotopes, bird nesting sites, cultural and historical objects, and to fully guarantee work safety requirements at our own company and the companies of service providers.

Monitoring and outcomes:

LSEZ Ltd LASKANA has developed the following policies: The Organization's Corporate Social Responsibility Policy, Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy, and Energy Policy, as well as the general position, which are available on the organization's website: LSEZ SIA LASKANA SBP Policy.

In consultation with stakeholders and communication with forestry and wood processing companies regarding risk mitigation options, a specific risk mitigation procedure was developed for inclusion in the risk assessment. This demonstrates that the organization's verification process is effective and appropriate. LSEZ Ltd LASKANA has not received any complaints or objections regarding the risk verification process.

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To ensure that biomass is not sourced from potentially biologically valuable stands, species, ecosystems, or areas with significant biodiversity and high carbon stocks, 12 forest management units—forest properties

and estates—were inspected during the reporting period as part of the identification and risk mitigation program:

- 12 forest properties - visited prior or after logging;
- 0 non-forest land properties were visited prior and after logging;
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Audit results confirms that mitigations measures ensure that risk is low.

The following conclusions were made from the audits:

- During the audits, no instances were identified where biomass was sourced from potentially biologically valuable stands, species, ecosystems, or areas with significant biodiversity and high carbon stocks.
- It is concluded that the organization's suppliers understand the importance of preserving valuable stands, species, ecosystems, and areas with significant biodiversity.
- No large bird-nests (over 50 cm) and trees with diameter above 80 cm in chest height were found during audit of inspected felling areas. The suppliers are aware of the actions to be taken if large bird-nests (over 50 cm) are found. The logging companies are aware of the need to leave deadwood and ecological trees, as well as to comply with the other requirements of nature protection in forest management. It was found during audits that different logging restrictions set by administrative territories are observed.

Over the past year, we have not rejected any biomass deliveries due to the presence of HCVs at the raw material origin locations specified in the felling permits. The organization's suppliers are long-standing partners who are well-informed about LSEZ Ltd LASKANA's policies, work procedures, and quality requirements.

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Over the past year, we have not rejected any biomass deliveries due to the presence of HCVs at the raw material origin locations specified in the felling permits. The organization's suppliers are long-standing partners who are well-informed about LSEZ Ltd LASKANA's policies, work procedures, and quality requirements.

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Country: Latvia	
Area/sub-scope: All	
Risk Assessment used:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> British Columbia, Canada <input type="checkbox"/> Denmark <input type="checkbox"/> Estonia <input type="checkbox"/> Latvia <input type="checkbox"/> Lithuania <input type="checkbox"/> Quebec, Canada <input type="checkbox"/> Biomass Producer's own risk assessment
Indicator with specified risk:	
{{SBR_Scope_indicator}}	
Description of the specific risk:	
<p>The risk has been classified as high in Latvia due to insufficient data availability concerning specific High Conservation Value (HCV) forest areas. The possibility that these areas overlap with areas with high carbon stocks such as mature secondary forests, cannot be ruled out.</p>	

Primary feedstock shall not be sourced from forest areas within the Supply Base that are identified, based on local definitions or norms, as having both high carbon stock and high conservation value (HCV) characteristics.

While HCV monitoring has been conducted and the identified areas are recorded in the "OZOLS" data management system—an integrated natural data management tool containing information on specially protected nature territories, micro-reserves, conservation measures for protected species and habitats, tourism infrastructure in protected areas, restrictions on economic activities, cartographic data from the State Register, biodiversity monitoring, and other relevant conservation details—significant risks persist.

One of the primary risks stems from the fact that some HCV areas may lack formal legal protection. Consequently, logging permits may still be issued, resulting in potential damage to these ecologically valuable sites. Additionally, nests of protected bird species may be discovered in locations not currently identified or registered within the "OZOLS" database. This raises the concern that these habitats could be disturbed or destroyed before appropriate conservation measures are implemented.

In conclusion, forest conservation efforts in Latvia face notable challenges, including incomplete species data, inadequate legal protections for certain HCV areas, and conflicts between biodiversity preservation goals and commercial forestry activities.

LSEZ Ltd LASKANA applied Sustainable Biomass Program (SBP) Revised Regional Risk Assessment for Latvia Version 2.0 Effective date: 12 July 2024.

Mitigation measure:

The scope of the assessment includes identifying species, habitats, ecosystems, and HCV sites (refer to 2.1.1–2.1.3) that are relevant to biodiversity and possess high carbon stock characteristics.

In collaboration with stakeholders and through communication with logging and wood processing companies regarding risk mitigation options, risk mitigation procedure was created. This procedure outlines the methodology for field/on-site inspections and establishes documentation requirements.

LSEZ Ltd LASKANA has developed procedures in compliance with the requirements of SBP standards and the SBP Regional Risk Assessment, specifically outlining verification tools for managing these risks (refer to 2.1.1–2.1.3, 3.2.3).

LSEZ Ltd LASKANA specialist checks the database "Ozols" when receiving the load along with the Felling Permit (without the Felling Permit organisation does not accept the load), checks the feedstock origin data. To obtain accurate and reliable origin data, the organization requires the Cadastre Number information for each sourced load or logging site and verifies it. Cadastre data (cadastral number, quarter number and site number of the unit of forest land) is obtained from Felling Permits and purchase agreements. This process ensures that the feedstock origin is accurately documented and verified.

HCV area identification is performed following the procedure detailed in sections 2.1.1–2.1.3 (refer to above).

LSEZ Ltd LASKANA may perform onsite audits of suppliers and forest managers, as outlined in sections 2.1.1-2.1.3, by evaluating potential threats to HCV sites and HCS areas.

The company also forms a compliance opinion, with or without expert consultation, to ensure adherence to relevant standards.

In Latvia, there are no readily available data sources or lists to verify feedstock from high-carbon areas. To mitigate the risk, guidelines from the Renewable Energy Directive are used to define what constitutes a high carbon area. The corresponding national legislation is Cabinet of Ministers Regulation No. 686: "Noteikumi par ilgtspējas un siltumnīcefekta gāzu emisiju ietaupījuma kritērijiem, no biomasas kurināmā ražotās elektroenerģijas kritērijiem un kārtību, kādā pamatojama, apliecināma un uzraugāma atbilstība minētajiem kritērijiem" (02.11.2022).

The organization consults with local scientific and environmental organizations, as needed, to ensure compliance with national and regional guidelines and to obtain the necessary information about the value of the areas.

As a risk mitigation measure, the organization can use geographic information systems (GIS) data and its analysis.

LSEZ Ltd LASKANA defines a risk mitigation tool as the research study conducted in Latvia, titled "Development of a Decision Support Tool, Integrating Information from Older Semi-Natural Forest Stands for More Accurate Carbon Balance Assessment." The study started on April 1, 2020, and concluded on March 31, 2023. The study partners were LVMI "Silava" and the commercial company Latvijas mežu īpašumi (LMI). The objectives of the study were achieved through the following activities:

1. Characterization of carbon storage in tree biomass;
2. Characterization of carbon storage in soil, fine roots, vegetation, and litter;
3. Characterization of carbon storage in old forest stands and its changes during succession;
4. Development of a monitoring tool for climate change mitigation.

(<https://www.silava.lv/petnieciba/petijumu-arhivs/lemumu-pienemsanas-atbalsta-rika-izstrade-integrejt-informaciju-no-vecam-daleji-dabiskam-mezaudzem-precizakai-oglekla-bilances-novertesanai>)

As part of its risk mitigation process (as defined in the organization's procedures in accordance with SBP standard requirements), the organization includes the signing of a supplier self-declaration and the completion of the "Data for Tree Origin, Legality, and Specimen" form. This approach ensures the timely identification and reduction of risks related to non-compliant SBP supplies and raw materials.

Trainings and seminars are provided for the company employees and biomass suppliers. The objective of the training is to teach the relevant parties to recognize key species, habitats, ecosystems, and areas with high conservation value (HCV) related to biodiversity in the supply base, while also ensuring full compliance with occupational safety requirements within the organization and its service providers.

Organisation will not buy biomass if it is sourced as a result of deforestation, or drained wetlands.

LSEZ Ltd LASKANA conducts regular reviews of procedures and risk management actions, based on the latest guidelines and local changes outlined in the risk assessment requirements.

Monitoring and outcomes:

LSEZ Ltd LASKANA has developed the following policies: The Organization's Corporate Social Responsibility Policy, Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy, and Energy Policy, as well as the general position, which are available on the organization's website: LSEZ SIA LASKANA SBP Policy.

In consultation with stakeholders and communication with forestry and wood processing companies regarding risk mitigation options, a specific risk mitigation procedure was developed for inclusion in the risk assessment. This demonstrates that the organization's verification process is effective and appropriate. LSEZ Ltd LASKANA has not received any complaints or objections regarding the risk verification process.

LSEZ Ltd LASKANA does not accept biomass if the accompanying documentation contains an incorrect FSC or PEFC certification number.

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(<https://www.silava.lv/images/Petijumi/2020-ERAF-130/2021-01-18-ERAF-130-relize.pdf>).

During the reporting period, no biomass purchases were identified from areas with high carbon stocks.

LSEZ Ltd LASKANA has received signed supplier self-declarations and the "Data on Wood Origin, Legality, and Sampling" forms from all biomass suppliers. This approach ensures timely identification and mitigation of risks associated with non-compliant SBP supplies and raw materials.

1 supplier was included in SBE system, therefore a small number of risk mitigation measures were applied.

Before the material is included in the SBP material flow, its origin is assessed: the forest unit has been studied in the public database of the Nature Protection Board “Ozols”. Until 2020 year organisation applied the latbio.lv and ozols.gov.lv instruments. Since 2021 year to use only the natural data monitoring system ozols.gov.lv database. Suppliers are informed that Ltd LASKANA do not accept cargos, within timber from potentially high biologically valuable areas, if the risk is not reduced. Suppliers are signed self-declarations, which demonstrate understanding of the company's policies and procedures for high-value forests. As a priority, those properties and plots are visited that show signs of potential biologically valuable stands, species, ecosystems, and HCV sites that are relevant to biodiversity and possess high carbon stock characteristics.

To ensure that biomass is not sourced from potentially biologically valuable stands, species, ecosystems, or areas with significant biodiversity and high carbon stocks, 12 forest management units—forest properties and estates—were inspected during the reporting period as part of the identification and risk mitigation program:

- 12 forest properties - visited prior or after logging;
- 0 non-forest land properties were visited prior and after logging;
- 2 producers that supply chips after processing.

Audit results confirms that mitigations measures ensure that risk is low.

The following conclusions were made from the audits:

- During the audits, no instances were identified where biomass was sourced from potentially biologically valuable stands, species, ecosystems, or areas with significant biodiversity and high carbon stocks.
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4 Stakeholder engagement

4.1 General description

Biomass Producer's stakeholder engagement start date: 16 Jan 2025

Biomass Producer's stakeholder engagement end date: 17 Feb 2025

Total number of stakeholders contacted: 86

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

Organisation published SBP Supply Base Report - available on the organisation website:
<https://laskana.lv/iepirkumi/iepirkumi-ostas/>

An informative letter was sent electronically to the interested parties on the SBR developed according to SBP standard. The list of interested parties was created so that it includes the maximum number of recipients that represent economic, social and environmental interests of society, as well as local municipalities. The total number of recipients is 86 correspondents.

Stakeholders didn't really have any comments, complaints or suggestions.

4.2 Response to stakeholder comments

5 Report updates and approval

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

Summary of changes: N/A

Name	Krišjānis Vēsmiņš
Title	Management representative
Date of report approval	15 Jan 2025

Name	Ojārs Zeme
Title	Report author
Date of report approval	15 Jan 2025



Annex 1: Detailed findings for Supply Base Evaluation indicators

Annex 2: RED II Supply Base Evaluation

Please add all countries where RED II Supply Base Evaluation is used	
Country	Latvia
Area	Latvia
Sustainable harvesting criteria 29(6)	
(i) The legality of harvesting operations	
Type of Risk Assessment used	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level A – proof at national or sub-national level <input type="checkbox"/> Level B – management system at forest sourcing area level
Level A risk assessment description	Level A for Latvia by Climate and Energy Ministry Energy Sustainability Department
Level B management system at the level of the forest sourcing area	N/A
(ii) Forest regeneration of harvested areas	
Type of Risk Assessment used	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level A – proof at national or sub-national level <input type="checkbox"/> Level B – management system at forest sourcing area level
Level A risk assessment description	Level A for Latvia by Climate and Energy Ministry Energy Sustainability Department
Level B management system at the level of the forest sourcing area	N/A
(iii) That areas designated by international or national law or by the relevant competent authority for nature protection purposes, including in wetlands and peatlands, are protected unless evidence is provided that the harvesting of that raw material does not interfere with those nature protection purposes	
Type of Risk Assessment used	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level A – proof at national or sub-national level <input type="checkbox"/> Level B – management system at forest sourcing area level
Level A risk assessment description	Level A for Latvia by Climate and Energy Ministry Energy Sustainability Department
Level B management system at the level of the forest sourcing area	N/A
(iv) That harvesting is carried out considering the maintenance of soil quality and biodiversity with the aim of minimising negative impacts	
Type of Risk Assessment used	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level A – proof at national or sub-national level <input type="checkbox"/> Level B – management system at forest sourcing area level
Level A risk assessment description	Level A for Latvia by Climate and Energy Ministry Energy Sustainability Department
Level B management system at the level of the forest sourcing area	N/A

(v) That harvesting maintains or improves the long-term production capacity of the forest.	
Type of Risk Assessment used	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level A – proof at national or sub-national level <input type="checkbox"/> Level B – management system at forest sourcing area level
Level A risk assessment description	Level A for Latvia by Climate and Energy Ministry Energy Sustainability Department
Level B management system at the level of the forest sourcing area	N/A
LULUCF criteria 29(7)	
Type of Risk Assessment used	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level A – proof at national or sub-national level <input type="checkbox"/> Level B – management system at forest sourcing area level
Level A risk assessment description	Level A for Latvia: SBP Revised Regional Risk Assessment v2.0
Level B management system at the level of the forest sourcing area	N/A

Annex 3: SBP Processing residues and/or Post-consumer feedstock requirements

Not Applicable (Processing Residues and/or post-consumer feedstock not used)

Verification and monitoring of suppliers

The organization conducts verification and monitoring of suppliers of secondary biomass (processing residues from sawmills). A detailed verification and monitoring process is outlined in the procedure developed by LSEZ Ltd LASKANA.

The verification and monitoring process includes the following:

- Supplier audit;
- A self-declaration from the supplier, signed by them;
- A signed questionnaire submitted by the supplier, providing data on the origin, legality, and species of the tree.

The supplier must demonstrate that the material was not intentionally produced, and that the production process was not deliberately altered to generate additional secondary material. The supplier ensures compliance with national and regional legislation and can provide documentation for all deliveries.

LSEZ Ltd Laskana has 2 suppliers of processing residues. The processing residues are supplied with FSC Mix Credit claim. Organisation has signed the agreements with both suppliers. Name, address and supplier type is known. Self-declarations are available. All feedstock is visually inspected upon receipt.

Feedstock inspection and classification upon receipt

The organization ensures the monitoring and documentation of physical input quantities. LSEZ Ltd LASKANA maintains all procurement and other relevant documentation for biomass supplies. The volumes are compared with the actual biomass produced to verify that the biomass has undergone post-processing. The inspection and classification of raw materials according to procurement documentation are outlined in the procedure developed by LSEZ Ltd LASKANA.

Supplier audit for processing residues and post-consumer feedstock

The organization performs annual audits of SBP secondary biomass suppliers. It evaluates and tests all raw materials provided by the audited supplier. Documentation and other evidence related to the volume, quality, origin, and compliance of the raw materials with SBP RED II secondary biomass standards are verified. The process for auditing the biomass post-processing supplier is outlined in the company's procedure. Suppliers acknowledge that auditors from certification bodies, inspectors from authorities (to assess the auditor's performance), or SBP may verify compliance with SBP requirements within the company.

LSEZ Ltd LASKANA has audited both suppliers of processing residues on-site. Audit process is documented. The feedstock is visually inspected. Annual supplier audit is planned.

Annex 4: RED II detailed findings for Trees Outside Forest (TOF) feedstock

NOTE: For “Trees outside forests (TOF) – Urban and landscape feedstock“ no REDII sustainability requirements apply, only the GHG savings criteria apply (SBP REDII Bridging ID Section 4.2). The land use category in this case is neither forest land nor agricultural land. For “Trees outside forests (TOF) – Agricultural land feedstock“ the applicable criteria are Article 29 paragraphs (2)-(5).

Not Applicable (RED II TOF not included)