



Standard addendum

# FSC REGULATORY MODULE – TRADEMARK

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# INTRODUCTION

The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) has developed the FSC Regulatory Module to assist FSC certificate holders in aligning their practices with the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 (EUDR). The FSC Regulatory Module empowers users to navigate the regulatory landscape effectively, supporting both legal compliance and sustainability best practices. The FSC Regulatory Module sets the framework and requirements to:

- introduce a due diligence system to support EUDR compliance, including information collection, risk assessment and risk mitigation,
- gather and transmit precise information on the origin of products, including geolocation and time of production, and
- ensure that only deforestation-free material enters the FSC chain of custody.

## **Voluntary add-on module**

The FSC Regulatory Module is a set of complementary requirements to add on to existing FSC certification requirements for forest management, chain of custody, project certification and controlled wood. The FSC Regulatory Module can also be used by suppliers who would like to ensure their products can be easily placed on the EU markets by operators.

## **Relevant claims**

Organizations adopting the FSC Regulatory Module can make use of a Regulatory Claim on sales documents for certified products signifying adherence to rigorous standards. When the organization is certified against the FSC Regulatory Module, it can make promotional statements about use of FSC system to ensure deforestation free products.

## **Streamlining your EUDR compliance journey with FSC**

As FSC certificate holders embark on the journey of harmonizing their practices with the demands of the EUDR, the FSC Regulatory Module stands as a bridge, connecting rigorous responsible forestry practices with regulatory expectations. By embracing the module, users not only reaffirm their commitment to environmental and social responsibility but also contribute to the overarching goal of eradicating illegal timber trade within the European Union and beyond. FSC provides also other tools that can be used in conjunction with the FSC Regulatory Module, such as FSC Trace. See FSC website [connect.fsc.org](https://connect.fsc.org) for more information.

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## A. SCOPE

This standard addendum is for voluntary use by organizations applying for or holding FSC certification to promote FSC-certified products or projects in the scope of the FSC Regulatory Module . All clauses apply to all organizations.

For the organization seeking conformity with the FSC Regulatory Module, the conformity with <FSC-STD-50-001 Requirements For Use of The FSC Trademarks By Certificate Holders>, and this standard addendum is mandatory.

All aspects of this standard addendum are considered normative, including the scope, effective and validity dates, references, terms and definitions unless otherwise stated. Notes, information boxes and examples are not considered normative.

## B. REFERENCES

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document.

For references without a version number, the latest version of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies:

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**FSC-STD-50-001 V2-1** Requirements for use of the FSC trademarks by certificate holders

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**FSC-ADV-50-006 V1-0** Requirements for use of the FSC trademarks by project certificate holders

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## C. TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions included in <[FSC-STD-01-002 FSC Glossary of Terms](#)>, and the following apply:

**Fully verified supply chain:** Supply chain where every certificate holder has applied the [Regulatory Module](#) and establishes a product group for the purpose of controlling the Regulatory+ output claim.

**Regulatory Claim:** A claim made on sales and delivery documents based on inputs that meet the requirements of [FSC Regulatory Module](#). It can only be used in combination with the FSC claims (except FSC Recycled), e.g., FSC 100% / Regulatory.

**Regulatory+ Claim:** A claim made on sales and delivery documents based on inputs exclusively with an FSC 100% / Regulatory+ claim and where every upstream certificate holder within a fully verified supply chain has applied the [FSC Regulatory Module](#). It can only be used in combination with the FSC 100% or FSC CFM claim.

## **Verbal forms for the expression of provisions:**

[Adapted from *ISO/IEC Directives Part 2: Rules for the structure and drafting of International Standards*]

- “shall”: indicates requirements strictly to be followed in order to conform with the standard.
- “should”: indicates that among several possibilities one is recommended as particularly suitable, without mentioning or excluding others, or that a certain course of action is preferred but not necessarily required. A ‘should requirement’ can be met in an equivalent way provided this can be demonstrated and justified.
- “may”: indicates a course of action permissible within the limits of the document.
- “can”: is used for statements of possibility and capability, whether material, physical or causal.

## **D. ABBREVIATIONS**

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| <b>EC</b>   | European Commission  |
| <b>EU</b>   | European Union   |
| <b>EUDR</b> | Regulation (European Union) 2023/1115 on Deforestation-free Products |
| <b>EUR</b>  | Euro   |
| <b>FSC</b>  | Forest Stewardship Council   |
| <b>ISO</b>  | International Organization for Standardization                       |
| <b>REG</b>  | Regulatory Claim   |
| <b>REG+</b> | Regulatory+ Claim  |
| <b>SME</b>  | Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises                            |
| <b>UN</b>   | United Nations   |



# ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FSC-STD-50-001 FSC TRADEMARK REQUIREMENTS

## 1 PROMOTIONAL USE OF THE FSC TRADEMARKS

1.1 The organization may use the FSC trademarks to promote FSC-certified products or projects in the scope of the FSC Regulatory Module in promotional materials such as reports, websites etc. [Clause 5.1 FSC-STD-50-001, Clause 1.1 FSC-ADV-50-006]

1.2 The organization may describe products or projects in the scope of the FSC Regulatory Module with the following promotional statement:

*'We conduct the EUDR-required due diligence for our [products/projects], with support from FSC®'s robust system (fsc.org/reg).'* [Annex C FSC-STD-50-001, Clause 2.1 FSC-ADV-50-006]

NOTE: Other alternatives are acceptable as long as they accurately convey the above meaning.

1.3 The organization with a fully verified supply chain may describe products or projects in the scope of the FSC Regulatory Module with the following promotional statement:

*'We use FSC® to trace the [forest-based material] back to the forest, to ensure that our [products/projects] are deforestation-free (fsc.org/reg).'* [Annex C FSC-STD-50-001, Clause 2.1 FSC-ADV-50-006]

NOTE: Other alternatives are acceptable as long as they accurately convey the above meaning.



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