

DER-STD-50-001_01 Using old licence code by the certificate holders
DER-STD-20-011_04 changing their certificate type

Normative reference	Clause 1.2, FSC-STD-50-001 V2-1 Clause 2.6 j), FSC-STD-20-011 V4-2 Clause 6.1.j), FSC-STD-20-011 V4-3
Scope	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Generic (applicable by all certificate holders) <input type="checkbox"/> Specific (applicable only upon individual request and PSU confirmation)
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Period of validity	n.a
Rationale	<p>The consolidation and restructuring of businesses are common occurrences in the corporate landscape. Consequently, numerous certificate holders are required to transition their operation model from a single-site certificate to a multi-site certificate, and vice versa. In addition, certain organizations may choose to be part of a group certification as participating members.</p> <p>As a result of these changes, organizations are obliged to amend both their certificate code and corresponding licence code. Such modifications, however, may entail substantial costs for The Organization, as well as potential environmental impacts arising from the need to replace printing plates, remove existing product labels, and undertake related adjustments.</p>
FSC Conclusion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FSC grants the right to certificate holders to continue using their previous licence code for a period of 12 months following the termination of their earlier certification, when the certification type is changed without any interruption (i.e., from single to multisite/group), provided that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Organization holds a valid certification and a valid Licence Agreement for the FSC Certification Scheme applicable to the new operation model (single, multi-site or group); and b) the previous licence code is used exclusively for on-product labelling. For any other use, the new licence code shall be applied. 2. The certification body shall verify that, upon expiry of the 12-month period, the new licence code is applied.