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ADVICE-60-006-04	Advice Note on the use of FSC-PRO-60-006 V2-0 for the revision of an existing P&C V5-X NFSS.
Normative reference	FSC-PRO-60-006 V2-0 <i>Development and Transfer of National Forest Stewardship Standards to the FSC principles and criteria version 5-1</i> , E. Terms and Definitions 1. General requirements, 2. Using the IGIs and 5. Addressing Scale, Intensity and Risk (SIR).
Scope	Countries where P&C V5-x based National Forest Stewardship Standard is due for revision.
Approval	FSC Director General, 16 December 2021.
Effective date	As of the approval date.
Period of validity	Until withdrawn or replaced by other normative documents.
Background	<p>Some 40 Forest Stewardship Standards (FSS) have been launched since the International Generic Indicators (IGI) were published in 2015. These standards have been developed and transferred according to the procedure FSC-PRO-60-006, aimed for <i>"the development of new NFSS and for transferring existing NFSS to the P&C V5-1"</i>.</p> <p>Earliest of these FSS have become due for the scheduled 5-year revision cycle. At the same time, the procedure FSC-PRO-60-006 is getting outdated, as it does not address the revision of the FSS which are already based on the P&C V5-x. It is also lacking the rules for bringing in new or revised IGIs to FSS.</p>

	<p>Consequently, a need has arisen to expand the scope of FSC-PRO-60-006 to meet these current needs and clarify which elements in the procedure are still relevant and applicable for FSS revision processes.</p> <p>At the same time, the review and revision for <i>60-series normative documents</i>¹ is going on. It is envisaged that this Advice Note will be withdrawn once the revision of the 60-series normative documents is completed.</p>
<p>Advice</p>	<p>For the revision of Forest Stewardship Standards (FSS) which are already based on V5-x of the P&C FSC-PRO-60-006 V2-0 shall be applied as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The following sections of FSC-PRO-60-006 V2-0 shall be applied, while the ones not listed can be ignored: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) E. Terms and Definitions b) 1. General requirements c) 2. Using the IGLs d) 5. Addressing Scale, Intensity and Risk (SIR) 2. SDGs shall use as a starting point: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) All indicators in their valid FSS, and b) All new and revised International Generic Indicators which were not addressed in their valid FSS. 3. SDGs shall use the indicators of their approved FSS as the starting point of the revision as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Adopting an existing indicator from the FSS; does not require justification b) Adapting or dropping an existing indicator from the FSS; requires justification c) Adding new indicators; requires justification. 4. SDGs shall use the new and revised International Generic Indicators as the starting point of the revision as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Adopting an IGI; does not require justification b) Adapting or dropping an IGI; requires justification. 5. SDGs shall use the transfer matrix and submit it together with the respective drafts to PSU.

¹ 60-series normative documents mentioned above and under revision process are –
 FSC-STD-60-006 V1-2 Process requirements for the development and maintenance of National Forest Stewardship Standards,
 FSC-STD-60-002 V1-0 Structure and Content of National Forest Stewardship Standards,
 FSC-PRO-60-006 V2-0 Development and Transfer of National Forest Stewardship Standards to the FSC Principles and Criteria Version 5-1
 FSC-PRO-60-007 V1-2 Structure, Content and Development of Interim National Standards