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Normative reference	FSC-STD-60-004 V2-0 <i>International Generic Indicators</i> , Section C
Scope	This Advice Note applies to Standard Development Groups whose National Forest Stewardship Standards were approved or passed the stage of second public consultation before 1 st July 2018, when FSC-STD-60-004 V2-0 was published (see Annex 2).
Approval	FSC Director General, 20 August 2020
Effective date	As of the approval date
Background	<p>At their 68th meeting in March 2015, the FSC Board of Directors approved the first version of the FSC-STD-60-004 <i>International Generic Indicators</i> (IGI), as the starting point for developing National Standards.</p> <p>In June 2018, the Board approved a second version of this document introducing the changes described in FSC-STD-60-004 V2-0 <i>International Generic Indicators</i>, Section E Preamble.</p> <p>The FSC Board of Directors decided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Standard Development Groups shall incorporate all new or revised IGI from this version (V2-0) (see Annex 1) into their National Standards under development, in cases where the second consultation has not yet started.• Standard Development Groups, whose National Standards have passed the stage of second consultation, or have already been approved (see Annex 2), shall incorporate all new or revised IGI from this version (V2-0)

	<p>into their National Standards within 24 months of the effective date of V2-0 (being this deadline 30 June 2020).</p> <p>Since then, different groups of stakeholders have raised concerns regarding the additional work outside the normal cycle of review and revision of the standards, stakeholder fatigue, the challenge to reunite Standard Development Groups (often dissolved once the standard development is completed), cost implications, creation of bottlenecks in the standard assessment and decision making process, etc.</p> <p>This Advice Note formally implements the decision made by the FSC Board in January 2020 to address these concerns and to streamline and facilitate the transfer of IGIs V2-0 to National Forest Stewardship Standards.</p>
<p>Advice</p>	<p>Standard Development Groups, whose National Forest Stewardship Standards passed the stage of second public consultation or were approved before 01 July 2018 shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. incorporate the new and revised indicators introduced with FSC-STD-60-004 <i>International Generic Indicators V2-0</i> the latest at the next scheduled revision of their National Forest Stewardship Standard, and 2. submit a final draft for decision making to the FSC secretariat within five (5) years of the effective date of their national standard developed according to IGI V1-0.
<p>Annexes</p>	<p>Annex 1. Changes to the IGI from V1-0 to V2-0</p> <p>New and revised IGIs incorporated to IGI V2-0 were result of the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Incorporation of content from the 'FSC Report on generic criteria and indicators based on ILO Core Conventions principles', approved by the FSC Board of Directors in August 2017. 2. Incorporation of the IFL IGI, developed by the High Conservation Values Technical Working Group, approved by the FSC Board of Directors in October 2017. 3. Incorporation of Motion 40:2017 on FPIC, approved by the FSC General Assembly in October 2017. 4. Alignment of Transaction Verification requirements with FSC-STD-40-004 V3-0, Clause 1.7 and Advice 40-004-14. <p>Further references, terms and definitions were incorporated in relation to the changes listed above.</p>

Annex 2. Countries to which this Advice Note applies		
	Completed second consultation before 01 July 2018	Approved before 01 July 2018
Africa		South Africa Tanzania Uganda
Asia Pacific	Malaysia New Zealand Taiwan Vietnam	Australia China Nepal Papua New Guinea
Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)	Russia Ukraine	
Europe	Bosnia and Herzegovina Luxembourg The Netherlands Spain Switzerland	Bulgaria Denmark France Germany Italy Portugal Romania United Kingdom
South and Central America	Uruguay	
North America	Canada	