

What is this revision process?

FSC is revising the general accreditation standard [FSC-STD-20-001 V4-0](#) *General Requirements for FSC Accredited Certification Bodies*. The standard ensures that FSC certifications are managed in a competent, consistent, impartial, transparent, rigorous, reliable and credible manner. The standard is revised together with two related procedures [FSC-PRO-20-003](#) *Transfer of FSC Certificates and License Agreements* and [FSC-PRO-20-004](#) *General Requirements for FSC Training Programme*.

As part of the conceptual phase, FSC is now conducting a focused consultation for this joint revision.

Consultation period: 17 July 2023 to 31 August 2023

What are the key changes?

Key changes	Why it matters
Changes triggered by EC regulation 765/2008: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction of National Accreditation Body per member state in EU. - Changes in ASI role. - ISO 17065 as basis for accreditation. 	FSC will be introducing the changes to the document of this joint revision to comply with the EC regulation.
Changes proposed to certification bodies operations	Explore a certification body rotation model and use of technology to manage integrity risk.
Proposal to introduce risk-based approaches to auditing.	Explore an approach to conduct unannounced audits or to change the frequency of the audits in areas of 'specified risk'.
Changes to strengthen auditor competencies	To ensure the social issues are identified systematically

Who are the key stakeholders?

- Certification Bodies
- FSC Members
- FSC Network Partners/Regional Offices

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