

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
<p>Changes triggered by EC regulation 765/2008:</p> <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. <p>See attached infographic to learn more about these changes.</p>	<p>FSC will be introducing the changes to the document of this joint revision as per infographic to comply with the EC regulation.</p>
<p>Changes proposed to certification bodies operations</p>	<p>Explore a certification body rotation model and use of technology to manage integrity risk.</p>
<p>Proposal to introduce risk-based approaches to auditing.</p>	<p>Explore an approach to conduct unannounced audits or to change the frequency of the audits in areas of 'specified risk'.</p>
<p>Changes to strengthen auditor competencies</p>	<p>To ensure the social issues are identified systematically</p>

Who are the key stakeholders?

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

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