

Overview of the FSC Certification Requirements

This document provides an overview of normative documents that are applicable to the different types of FSC certification (FM, CoC, CW /FM or CFM) and scope (reclaimed or controlled materials). The document helps certificate holders understand the requirements they have to comply with*.

THE DOCUMENT IS SEPARATED INTO THE FOLLOWING FOUR SECTIONS:

If you are FM or FM/CoC certified, please refer to the following section:

If you are CW-FM certified (now referred to as Controlled Forest Management (CFM)) certified,

please refer to the following section:

If you are CoC certified, please refer to the following section:

If you hold a Project certification, please refer to the following section:

FM:	Forest Management
CFM:	Controlled Forest Management
CoC:	Chain of Custody
Project - CoC:	Project certification

STRUCTURE OF INDIVIDUAL SECTIONS

Each section refers to a set of normative documents that are grouped thematically.

Each section also differentiates between normative documents that are applicable to all organizations (marked in the color of the section, e.g. FSC-STD-40-004 for CoC) and those that are 'optional' (marked in grey, e.g. additional requirements when certified as a group member for FM), depending on your scope of certification.

HOW YOU CAN ACCESS NORMATIVE DOCUMENTS

When you click on the link of the document title you will in most cases directly access the most recent current version of the document in the FSC [Document Centre](#). Where both the most recent version of a normative document and the older version are still valid for certification during the transition period a notification will appear. You should contact your certification body to clarify which version of the document is applicable in this case.

In the case of Forest Stewardship Standards or Controlled Wood Risk Assessments you will need to search for the respective country to find the applicable standard.

**This document is an annex 2 to the License Agreement for the FSC Certification Scheme.*

ANNEX 2 / A: FOREST MANAGEMENT

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Cluster	Code	Title	ALWAYS APPLICABLE	FM	
				OPTIONAL: Additional requirements when certified as a group member	OPTIONAL: Additional requirements when certified for Ecosystem Services impact claims
MAIN STANDARD					
Forest Management	Various	<u>Forest Stewardship Standard</u>	X		
GENERAL (NOT FM RELATED)					
Disputes Management	FSC-POL-01-004	<u>Policy for Association</u>	X		
Normative Framework & Processes	FSC-POL-01-007	<u>Policy to Address Conversion</u>	X		
Normative Framework & Processes	FSC-POL-20-005	<u>Annual Administration Fee (AAF)</u>	X		
Normative Framework & Processes	FSC-PRO-01-004	<u>FSC Remedy Framework</u>	X		
Normative Framework & Processes	FSC-PRO-01-007	<u>FSC Remedy Framework</u>	X		
Normative Framework & Processes	FSC-PRO-01-017	<u>Participation of external observers in on-site FSC certification audits and / or ASI accreditation assessments</u>	X		
Disputes Management	FSC-PRO-10-004	<u>Disclosure Requirements for Association with FSC</u>	X		
Normative Framework & Processes	FSC-PRO-20-003	<u>Transfer of FSC Certificates and License Agreements</u>	X		
SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION					
Forest Management	FSC-POL-20-003	<u>FSC Policy on the excision of areas from the scope of certification</u>	X		
PESTICIDES USE					
Forest Management	FSC-POL-30-001	<u>FSC Pesticides Policy</u>	X		
Forest Management	FSC-POL-30-001a	<u>FSC Lists of highly hazardous pesticides</u>	X		
Forest Management	FSC-PRO-30-001a	<u>List of approved derogations for use of 'highly hazardous'</u>	X		

		<u>pesticides</u>			
TRANSACTION VERIFICATION & FALSE CLAIMS					
Markets & Supply Chains	FSC-PRO-10-201	<u>Transaction Verification Procedure</u>	X		
Forest Management	FSC-ADV-60-004	<u>Advice note on Transaction Verification for FM/CoC certificate holders</u>	X		
Markets & Supply Chains	FSC-PRO-10-003	<u>Calculating financial penalty/compensation fee and processing evidence for blocked organizations</u>	X		
TRADEMARK USE					
Markets & Supply Chains	FSC-STD-50-001	<u>Requirements for use of the FSC® trademarks by certificate holders</u>	X	X	
DIRECTIVES					
Forest Management	FSC-DIR-20-007	<u>FSC Directive on Forest Management Evaluations</u>	X		
Forest Management	FSC-DIR-60-006	<u>Extension of the Validity of Forest Stewardship Standards</u>	X		
OPTIONAL					
Regulatory Framework	n.a.	<u>FSC Regulatory Module</u>	X		
Social Stakeholders	FSC-STD-01-003	<u>SLIMF and Community Forest eligibility Criteria</u>	X		
Social Stakeholders	FSC-ADV-STD-01-003-01	<u>Alignment of Forest Stewardship Standards with international SLIMF eligibility Criteria for MU with non-timber forest products (NTFP) plantations</u>	X		
Social Stakeholders	FSC-STD-30-005	<u>Forest Management Groups</u>		X	
Forest Management	FSC-PRO-30-006	<u>Ecosystem Services Procedure: Impact Demonstration and Market Tools</u>			X
Social Stakeholders	FSC-PRO-30-011	<u>Continuous Improvement Procedure</u>		X	

ANNEX 2 / B: CONTROLLED FOREST MANAGEMENT

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Document identification				CFM / CW-FM	OPTIONAL: Additional requirements when certified as a group member
Cluster	Code	Title		ALWAYS APPLICABLE	
MAIN STANDARD					
Controlled Forest Management	FSC-STD-30-010	<u>Controlled Forest Management</u>		X	
GENERAL (NOT CFM /CW-FM RELATED)					
Disputes Management	FSC-POL-01-004	<u>Policy for Association</u>		X	
Normative Framework & Processes	FSC-POL-01-007	<u>Policy to Address Conversion</u>		X	
Normative Framework & Processes	FSC-POL-20-005	<u>Annual Administration Fee (AAF)</u>		X	
Normative Framework & Processes	FSC-PRO-01-004	<u>FSC Remedy Framework</u>		X	
Normative Framework & Processes	FSC-PRO-01-007	<u>FSC Remedy Framework</u>		X	
Normative Framework & Processes	FSC-PRO-01-017	<u>Participation of external observers in on-site FSC certification audits and / or ASI accreditation assessments</u>		X	
Disputes Management	FSC-PRO-10-004	<u>Disclosure Requirements for Association with FSC</u>		X	
Normative Framework & Processes	FSC-PRO-20-003	<u>Transfer of FSC Certificates and License Agreements</u>		X	
TRANSACTION VERIFICATION & FALSE CLAIMS					
Markets & Supply Chains	FSC-PRO-10-201	<u>Transaction Verification Procedure</u>		X	
Markets & Supply Chains	FSC-PRO-10-003	<u>Calculating financial penalty/compensation fee and processing evidence for blocked organizations</u>		X	
TRADEMARK USE					
Markets & Supply Chains	FSC-STD-50-001	<u>Requirements for use of the FSC® trademarks by certificate holders</u>		X	X
WINDTHROW					
Controlled Forest Management	FSC-ADV-20-008	<u>Controlled wood and windthrow</u>		X	

LEGAL COMPLIANCE				
Forest Management	FSC-ADV-30-010-01	<u>Applicable National and Local Laws and Regulations for Controlled Wood for Forest Management Enterprises</u>	X	
DIRECTIVES				
Forest Management	FSC-DIR-20-007	<u>FSC Directive on Forest Management Evaluations</u>	X	
OPTIONAL				
Regulatory Framework	n.a.	<u>FSC Regulatory Module</u>	X	
Social Stakeholders	FSC-STD-30-005	<u>Forest Management Groups</u>		X

ANNEX 2 / C: CHAIN OF CUSTODY

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		Document identification	CoC			
Cluster	Code	Title	ALWAYS APPLICABLE	OPTIONAL: Additional requirements when certified as a group member/ multisite CH	OPTIONAL: Additional requirements when sourcing FSC CW	OPTIONAL: Additional requirements when sourcing reclaimed material
MAIN STANDARD						
Markets & Supply Chains	FSC-STD-40-004	<u>Chain of Custody certification</u>	X			
GENERAL (NOT COC RELATED)						
Disputes Management	FSC-POL-01-004	<u>Policy for Association</u>	X			
Normative Framework & Processes	FSC-POL-01-007	<u>Policy to Address Conversion</u>	X			
Normative Framework & Processes	FSC-POL-20-005	<u>Annual Administration Fee (AAF)</u>	X			
Normative Framework & Processes	FSC-PRO-01-004	<u>FSC Remedy Framework</u>	X			
Normative Framework & Processes	FSC-PRO-01-007	<u>FSC Remedy Framework</u>	X			
Normative Framework & Processes	FSC-PRO-01-017	<u>Participation of external observers in on-site FSC certification audits and / or ASI accreditation assessments</u>	X			
Disputes Management	FSC-PRO-10-004	<u>Disclosure Requirements for Association with FSC</u>	X			
Normative Framework & Processes	FSC-PRO-20-003	<u>Transfer of FSC Certificates and License Agreements</u>	X			
PRODUCT CLASSIFICATION						
Markets & Supply Chains	FSC-STD-40-004a	<u>FSC Product Classification</u>	X			

TRANSACTION VERIFICATION & FALSE CLAIMS						
Markets & Supply Chains	FSC-PRO-10-201	<u>Transaction Verification Procedure</u>	X			
Markets & Supply Chains	FSC-PRO-10-003	<u>Calculating financial penalty/compensation fee and processing evidence for blocked organizations</u>	X			
TRADEMARK USE						
Markets & Supply Chains	FSC-STD-50-001	<u>Requirements for use of the FSC® trademarks by certificate holders</u>	X	X		
WINDTHROW						
Controlled Wood	FSC-ADV-20-008	<u>Controlled wood and windthrow</u>			X	
DIRECTIVES						
Markets & Supply Chains	FSC-DIR-40-004	<u>FSC Directive on Chain of Custody Certification</u>	X			
Controlled Wood	FSC-DIR-40-005	<u>FSC Directive on FSC Controlled Wood</u>			X	
OPTIONAL						
Regulatory Framework	n.a.	<u>FSC Regulatory Module</u>	X			
Markets & Supply Chains	FSC-STD-40-003	<u>Chain of Custody Certification of Multiple Sites</u>		X		
Markets & Supply Chains	FSC-PRO-40-003a	<u>List of approved National Group Chain of Custody Eligibility Criteria</u>		X		
Controlled Wood	FSC-STD-40-005	<u>Requirements for Sourcing FSC Controlled Wood</u>			X	
Controlled Wood	Various	<u>Controlled Wood (Centralized) National Risk Assessment</u>			X	
Markets & Supply Chains	FSC-STD-40-007	<u>Sourcing reclaimed material for use in FSC Product Groups or FSC Certified Projects</u>				X
Controlled Wood / Regulatory Framework	FSC-PRO-60-006b	<u>FSC Risk Assessment Framework</u>			X	
Controlled Wood / Regulatory Framework	FSC-ADV-STD-60-006b-01	<u>Assessment of conversion of natural forest and transformation of plantations to agricultural use</u>			X	

ANNEX 2 / D: PROJECT CERTIFICATION

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Document identification			Project			
Cluster	Code	Title	ALWAYS APPLICABLE	OPTIONAL: Additional requirements when certified as a group member/ multisite CH	OPTIONAL: Additional requirements when sourcing FSC CW	OPTIONAL: Additional requirements when sourcing reclaimed material
MAIN STANDARD						
Markets & Supply Chains	FSC-STD-40- 006	<u>FSC Standard for Project Certification</u>	X			
GENERAL (NOT PROJECT-COC RELATED)						
Disputes Management	FSC-POL-01-004	<u>Policy for Association</u>	X			
Normative Framework & Processes	FSC-POL-01-007	<u>Policy to Address Conversion</u>	X			
Normative Framework & Processes	FSC-POL-20-005	<u>Annual Administration Fee (AAF)</u>	X			
Normative Framework & Processes	FSC-PRO-01-004	<u>FSC Remedy Framework</u>	X			
Normative Framework & Processes	FSC-PRO-01-007	<u>FSC Remedy Framework</u>	X			
Normative Framework & Processes	FSC-PRO-01-017	<u>Participation of external observers in on-site FSC certification audits and / or ASI accreditation assessments</u>	X			
Disputes Management	FSC-PRO-10-004	<u>Disclosure Requirements for Association with FSC</u>	X			
Normative Framework & Processes	FSC-PRO-20-003	<u>Transfer of FSC Certificates and License Agreements</u>	X			
PRODUCT CLASSIFICATION						
Markets & Supply Chains		<u>FSC Product Classification</u>	X			
TRANSACTION VERIFICATION & FALSE CLAIMS						

Markets & Supply Chains	FSC-PRO-10-201	<u>Transaction Verification Procedure</u>	X			
Markets & Supply Chains	FSC-PRO-10-003	<u>Calculating financial penalty/compensation fee and processing evidence for blocked organizations</u>	X			
TRADEMARK USE						
Markets & Supply Chains	FSC-STD-50-001	<u>Requirements for use of the FSC® trademarks by certificate holders</u>	X	X		
Markets & Supply Chains	FSC-ADV-50-006	<u>Requirements for use of the FSC trademarks by project certificate holders</u>	X			
WINDTHROW						
Controlled Wood	FSC-ADV-20-008	<u>Controlled wood and windthrow</u>			X	
DIRECTIVES						
Controlled Wood	FSC-DIR-40-005	<u>FSC Directive on FSC Controlled Wood</u>			X	
Markets & Supply Chains	FSC-DIR-40-006	<u>FSC Directive on Project Certification</u>				
OPTIONAL						
Regulatory Framework	n.a.	<u>FSC Regulatory Module</u>	X			
Markets & Supply Chains	FSC-STD-40-003	<u>Chain of Custody Certification of Multiple Sites</u>		X		
Markets & Supply Chains	FSC-PRO-40-003a	<u>List of approved National Group Chain of Custody Eligibility Criteria</u>		X		
Controlled Wood	FSC-STD-40-005	<u>Requirements for Sourcing FSC Controlled Wood</u>			X	
Controlled Wood	Various	<u>Controlled Wood (Centralized) National Risk Assessment</u>			X	
Markets & Supply Chains	FSC-STD-40-007	<u>Sourcing reclaimed material for use in FSC Product Groups or FSC Certified Projects</u>				X
Controlled Wood / Regulatory Framework	FSC-PRO-60-006b	<u>FSC Risk Assessment Framework</u>			X	
Controlled Wood / Regulatory Framework	FSC-ADV-STD-60-006b-01	<u>Assessment of conversion of natural forest and transformation of plantations to agricultural use</u>	X		X	