

## FSC-US Nat’l Risk Assessment Discussion Draft v.2 “Control Measures” side-by-side

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Requirements for Certified Companies

Responsibilities of FSC-US

Category 3: HCVs	Category 4: Conversion
<p>All three control measures are mandatory (CM 4.a, CM 4.b and CM 4.c).</p> <p>CM 3 &amp; 4.a: <b>The Organization shall provide</b> their procurement foresters and suppliers with educational information that includes the following required elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Information</b> about why specified risk has been designated</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A clear statement</b> that materials from land where HCVs are threatened by forest management activities are considered to be unacceptable materials by the Organization</li> <li>• <b>A clear statement</b> that when these areas are known by a supplier, the Organization expects the supplier to either 1) avoid sourcing from these areas; or 2) mitigate threats to the HCV(s) prior to sourcing from these areas</li> <li>• <b>Guidance and resources</b> for avoiding sourcing from areas where an HCV(s) with specified risk designated is threatened by forest management activities, that was developed using best available information. The guidance and resources <b>shall include</b>, but are not limited to, identification of the HCV(s) and forest management recommendations for avoiding harm to the HCV(s). NOTE: It is the <b>intention of FSC US to provide</b> certificate holders with educational materials that may be used by the Organization to implement this control measure. The FSC US educational <b>materials will be aligned</b> with the contents of the Controlled Wood Regional Reports as described below, and <b>will be updated</b> as new Reports are released. If these FSC US-supplied materials are not available, the Organization <b>shall develop</b> their own.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The following statement</b>: “Any conversion of forest to plantation or non-forest use may have negative impacts on social, economic and/or environmental values. However, the greatest risk of materials from conversions entering the supply chain is from larger conversions. Therefore, to minimize the risk of adverse impacts from conversion, and the risk of materials from conversions entering the FSC supply chain, we will not accept materials from converted forest areas that are greater than 100 acres (40.5 hectares).”</li> <li>• <b>Guidance for avoiding</b> sourcing from areas of conversion, that was developed using best available information NOTE: It is the <b>intention of FSC US to provide</b> certificate holders with educational materials that may be used by the Organization to implement this control measure. If these FSC US-supplied materials are not available, the Organization <b>shall develop</b> their own.</li> </ul>
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<p>CM 3 &amp; 4.b: The Organization <b>shall implement one of the two following options</b> for FSC US Regions relevant to the Organization’s supply area:</p> <p>CM 3 &amp; 4.b.i: <b>The Organization shall send</b> a representative to attend FSC US-coordinated Controlled Wood Regional Meetings when they occur. The <b>representative shall participate</b> in <b>all of the following elements</b> of the regional meetings:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Learning sessions</b> that provide information on: identification of the HCV(s) with specified risk designated in the region, threats to the HCV(s) and sources of those threats, and recommendations for avoiding harm to the HCV(s) when implementing forest management activities</li> <li>• <b>Collaborative dialogues</b> including the participation of both certificate holders and stakeholders that have <b>the following outcomes</b>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Certificate holders and stakeholders <b>have a better understanding</b> of how to foster implementation of the most effective measures for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) avoiding materials from land where the HCV(s) is being threatened by forest management activities; and/or</li> <li>2) mitigating the threat to the HCV(s) that is being caused by forest management activities</li> </ol> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Learning sessions</b> that provide information on: the level of conversion occurring within the region, drivers for the conversion that is occurring and recommendations for avoiding materials from conversions</li> <li>• <b>Collaborative dialogues</b> including the participation of both certificate holders and stakeholders that have the following outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Certificate holders and stakeholders <b>have a better understanding</b> of how to foster implementation of the most effective measures for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) avoiding materials from land where conversion is occurring; and/or</li> <li>2) mitigating the risk of sourcing from land where conversion is occurring by reducing the scale of conversion</li> </ol> </li> <li>o <b>Identification of a focused set of actions</b> that if implemented by certificate holders <b>will reduce the risk</b> of sourcing materials from lands where natural or semi-natural forests are being converted to non-forest or plantations and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p>o Identification of a focused set of actions that if implemented by certificate holders will reduce the risk of sourcing materials from lands where the HCV(s) is being threatened by forest management activities and that includes a range in the level of resource investment required for implementation</p> <p>• Sharing requested information that will augment effectiveness verification of actions implemented as part of CM 3.c.</p> <p>NOTE: It is recognized that depending on the information requested, it may not be possible to share it at the Controlled Wood Regional Meeting, and in this situation the Organization shall share it as soon as possible following the meeting.</p> <p>NOTE: It is the Intension of FSC US to strive for very diverse participation in the Controlled Wood Regional Meetings, including certificate holders, environmental organizations, social organizations, experts, academics, public agencies, and landowners who are not certificate holders.</p> <p>NOTE: Following each Controlled Wood Regional Meeting, FSC US will produce a Report that includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Information communicated in the learning sessions;</li> <li>2) The outcomes of the collaborative dialogues; and</li> <li>3) Details of information that has been requested of certificate holders to augment effectiveness verification.</li> </ol>	<p>that includes a range in the level of resource investment required for implementation</p> <p>• Sharing requested information that will augment effectiveness verification of actions implemented as part of CM 4.c.</p> <p>NOTE: It is recognized that depending on the information requested, it may not be possible to share it at the Controlled Wood Regional Meeting, and in this situation the Organization shall share it as soon as possible following the meeting.</p> <p>NOTE: It is the Intension of FSC US to strive for very diverse participation in the Controlled Wood Regional Meetings, including certificate holders, environmental organizations, social organizations, experts, academics, public agencies, and landowners who are not certificate holders.</p> <p>NOTE: Following each Controlled Wood Regional Meeting, FSC US will produce a Report that includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Information communicated in the learning sessions;</li> <li>2) The outcomes of the collaborative dialogues; and 3) Details of information that has been requested of certificate holders to augment effectiveness verification.</li> </ol>
<p>CM 3 &amp; 4.b.ii: The Organization shall thoroughly review Controlled Wood Regional Meeting Reports and associated information and shall provide the information requested in the Report.</p> <p>Compliance Verification: The Organization shall demonstrate to their certification body an understanding of all three elements of the Controlled Wood Regional Meeting Report and that the requested information was shared.</p>	