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[fscbforum] Revised CoC requirements, and controlled wood implementation tools

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Dear Certification Bodies,

Today PSU published updated versions of the FSC Chain of Custody standards to include the FSC Core Labour Requirements and other additions.

FSC-STD-40-004 V3-1 Chain of Custody Certification now includes:

- abolition of child labour, elimination of all forms of forced or compulsory labour, elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation, respect of freedom of association, and effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;
- adopting and implementing policy statement(s) that encompass the FSC Core Labour Requirements;
- demonstrating compliance through certification with other social certifications;
- an option for other organizations such as certification bodies to submit certification schemes which comply to the FSC Core Labour Requirements, and;
- incorporating a risk-based approach via self-assessments in which organizations describe how they apply the requirements to their operations.

FSC-STD-20-011 V4-2 Chain of Custody Evaluations now includes:

- additional interview requirements for certification bodies/auditors to conduct interviews with representatives;
- a requirement for certification bodies/auditors to verify that the certificate holder has adopted and implemented the policy statement(s), and;
- a requirement for certification bodies to design and implement a system for auditors to evaluate the organization's self-assessment and their conformity to the FSC Core Labour Requirements.

PSU has also recently released the following (non-normative) tools to facilitate your work with controlled wood:

- [The FSC Risk Assessment Centre:](#)

<https://fsc.org/en/fsc-risk-assessment-platform>

This platform provides a simplified, easy-to-use overview of the contents of all 60 FSC risk assessments for use when applying FSC-STD-40-005 *Requirements for Sourcing FSC Controlled Wood*. On this platform you can find summaries of the risk descriptions and the precise control measures that are contained in the original risk assessments. This information is provided with the intent of making it more accessible to certificate holders and certification bodies. The definitive information is found in the FSC risk assessments on the [FSC document centre](#).

- [Updated Controlled Wood Implementation Packet:](#)

<https://fsc.org/en/chain-of-custody-certification#documents>

The controlled wood public summary report template now includes a section for the organisations own risk assessment for mixing in the supply chain (Section 2).

Sincerely, saludos cordiales, mit freundlichen Grüßen,

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