Module 5.1: Chain of Custody Methods – Physical separation

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Material claims flow through the CoC process

Input identification
- PEFC claimed material
  - X% PEFC certified
  - 100% PEFC Origin
  - PEFC Controlled sources
  - PEFC SFM endorsed ST claim from forest owner (i.e. SFI)
- Recycled material
- Non-PEFC certified
- Non-forest and tree based material

Output declaration and sales
- PEFC claimed material
  - X% PEFC certified
  - 100% PEFC Origin
  - PEFC Controlled sources
  - PEFC SFM endorsed ST claim from forest owner (i.e. SFI)
- Non-PEFC certified
  - (Except Appendix I to III of CITIES)
- PEFC claimed material
  - X% PEFC certified
  - 100% PEFC Origin
  - PEFC Controlled sources
  - PEFC controlled sources
Chain of Custody Methods

3 Separate CoC methods

Physical separation

Percentage method

Volume credit

Which method to use? It will depend on material flows and processes
Physical separation method (6.2)

Chain of custody method of controlling a **PEFC claim** for a specified **PEFC product group** based on clear **identification** and/or **separation** of different material categories throughout all the activities performed by the organisation.
Physical separation method (6.2)

- Means of separation are:
  - separate storage,
  - marking, distinguishing product characteristics or
  - production time.

- Ensure separation at all stages of processing

- Previous suppliers could have used other methods

- Simplest method, applied by majority of organisations
Separation by identification
Physical Separation - Time

JANUARY

M  T  W  T  F

[Diagrams showing time separation for the week in January]
Separating PEFC Certified material

100% PEFC certified

100% PEFC Certified

No PEFC Claim

No PEFC Claim
Separating PEFC Certified material

100% PEFC certified

100% PEFC Certified

No PEFC Claim

PEFC Controlled Sources

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Separating different percentage claims

100% PEFC certified

80% PEFC certified

100% PEFC Certified

80% PEFC Certified
Physical separation method (6.2)

- Material with different certified content may be used as input in the same PEFC product group. Input lowest certified content = certified content of the output.

  **Inputs**
  1t 100% PEFC Certified
  1t 70% PEFC Certified

  **Output**
  2t 70% PEFC Certified

- PEFC certified material and PEFC controlled sources material may be combined in the same PEFC product group. Output claim is “PEFC controlled sources”.

  **Inputs**
  1t 100% PEFC Certified
  1t PEFC Controlled Sources

  **Output**
  2t PEFC Controlled Sources
Not separating different percentage claims

100% PEFC certified

80% PEFC certified

80% PEFC Certified
Not separating different percentage claims

100% PEFC certified

PEFC controlled sources

PEFC Controlled Sources
Organisations may use “100% PEFC Origin” instead of “100% PEFC certified” for:

- PEFC certified material delivered by a PEFC certified forest owner/manager:
  - with the claim “100% PEFC certified” or another PEFC endorsed system claim
  - and for PEFC certified material that was already delivered with the claim “100% PEFC Origin”

Organisations implementing percentage or credit method consider as “100% PEFC certified”
Q 5.1. A PEFC certified company receives Pulp with the claim 70% PEFC certified. The supplying saw mill used the percentage based method. Can the Pulp mills apply the physical separation method for this pulp?

Yes or No
Yes. They can use the physical separation method. The organization can choose the method that suits their sites. If all the material is 70%, they can sell it with the same claim 70% PEFC Certified, but if they mix with PEFC Controlled Sources, then the final product will have the PEFC Controlled sources claim [clause 6.2].