

GABONESE ASSOCIATION OF THE PAN-AFRICAN FORESTRY CERTIFICATION SYSTEM

**PAFC GABON**



## **PAFC GABON FOREST CERTIFICATION SCHEME**

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### **Procedure for issuing a PEFC logo usage licence**

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**Approved by: PAFC Gabon General Assembly**

**Date: 12 July 2013**

**Issue date (Application):endorsement date by the PEFC Council**

**Transition date: no longer than one year after the endorsement date by the PEFC Council**

## **1. General remarks**

This document defines the rules for issue of a PEFC logo usage licence by PAFC in order to ensure legal use of the logo in accordance with the Logo Usage Rules – Requirements, PEFC ST 2001: 2008  
This document is based on procedures PEFC ST 2001:2008 and PEFC GD 1004:2009

## **2. Normative references**

PEFC ST 2001:2008, PEFC Logo usage rules – Requirements

PEFC GD 1004:2009, Administration of PEFC Scheme

## **3. Terms and definitions**

### **3.1. Accredited certificate**

A certificate issued by a certifying body must carry the accrediting body's symbol.

### **3.2. PAFC recognised certificates**

- a) A valid, accredited forest management certificate issued by an approved certifying body based on the PAFC Gabon standard recognised by the PEFC Council.
- b) A valid, accredited Chain of Control certificate issued by an approved certifying body based on the PEFC Council international standard.
- c) A valid, accredited Chain of Control certificate issued by an approved certifying body based on the PAFC Gabon standard recognised by the PEFC Council.

## **4. Licence issue conditions**

### **4.1. General conditions**

The entity requesting a licence must:

- a) Be a legal entity,
- b) Agree to allow PAFC Gabon to collect and make public the client organisation's identification details, together with any other information specified by PAFC Gabon.

### **4.2. Special conditions**

Group B users: Concession holders / managers must

- a) Hold a valid, recognised PAFC Gabon forest management certificate
- b) Have signed the PEFC logo usage contract with PAFC Gabon (Appendix 1)

Group C users: group certification (multi-sites) must

- a) Hold a valid, recognised PAFC Gabon Chain of Custody certificate
- b) Have signed the PEFC logo usage contract with PAFC Gabon (Appendix 1)

Group D users: other users, must

- a) Outline objectives for use of the logo, which must not conflict with the objectives and reputation of the PEFC Council and PAFC Gabon
- b) Have signed the PEFC logo usage contract with PAFC Gabon (Appendix 1)

## 5. Licence issue process

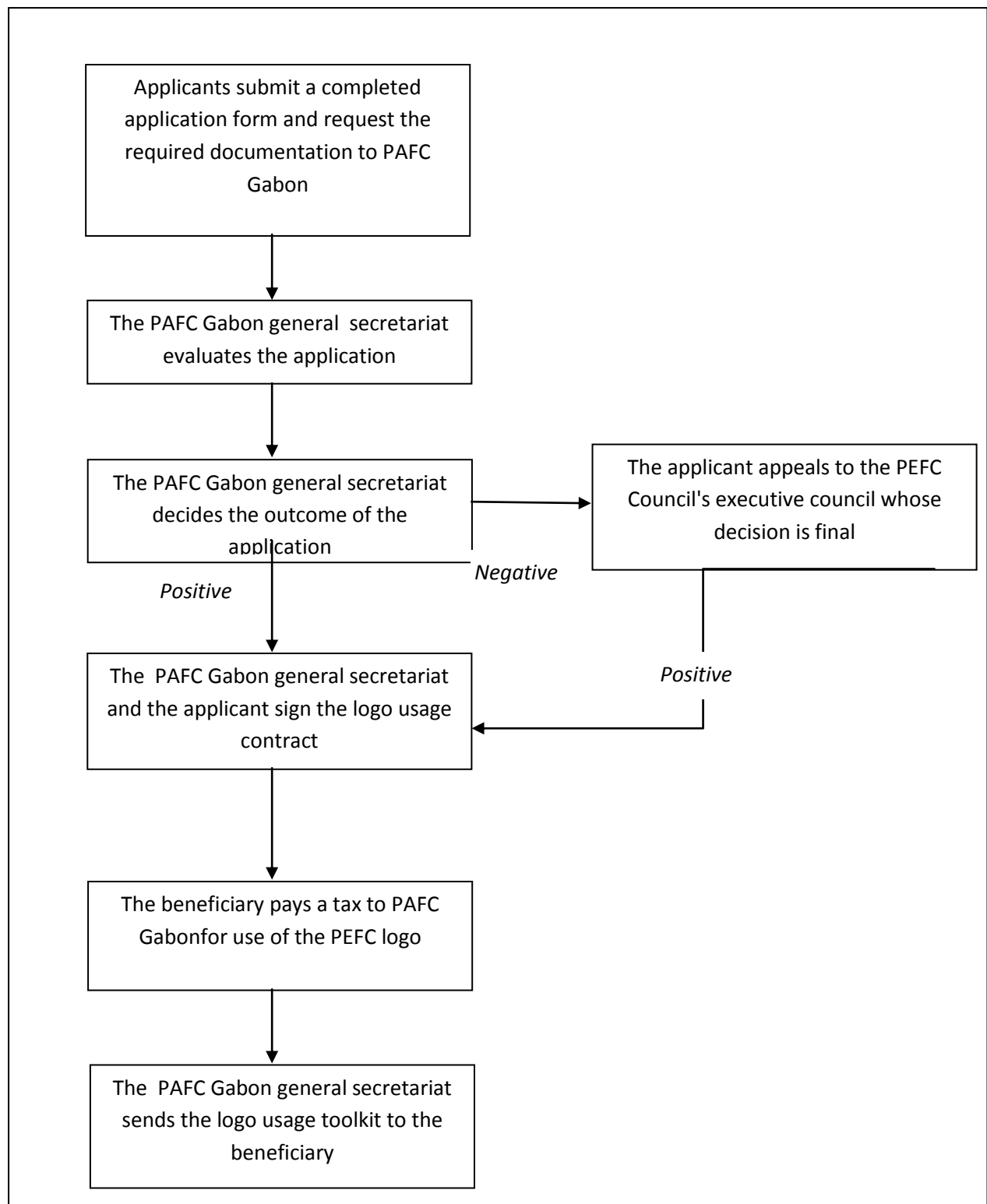


Figure 1: licence issue process

## **6. Logo usage fees**

The following licence fees are applied:

- a) Fees procedure

Licence issue fees cover administrative costs incurred in processing the application, along with reproduction and distribution of the PEFC logo usage toolkit. These fees must be paid before signing the logo usage contract.

- b) Periodic fees

An annual fee is payable for use of the PEFC logo. No refund shall be given if a licence has expired.

## **7. Validity of licences**

Licences are valid for the time frames outlined below

Group B users: validity of the PAFC Gabon forest management certificate

Group C users: validity of the international PEFC or PAFC Gabon Chain of Custody certificate

Group D users: validity of contract

The PEFC Logo usage licence can be terminated by the licensing body in the case of the PEFC Logo user's non adherence to the conditions of the PEFC logo usage rules (PEFC ST 2001:2008) or in the case of cancellation of the contract between the PEFC Council and the authorised body.

## **8. Single use of the logo**

PAFC Gabon may authorise a single use of the PEFC logo for users without licences (e.g.: newsletters, publications, reports etc.) subject to these conditions:

- a) Usage must not conflict with the objectives and reputation of PAFC Gabon or the PEFC Council,
- b) The logo must be used in conjunction with the registration number issued by PAFC Gabon (PAFC/01-00-01),
- c) The wording "reproduced with the permission of PAFC Gabon" must be specified.

## **9. Unauthorized use of the PEFC logo**

Where unauthorised use has taken place, the PEFC Logo usage licence provides for contractual penalty of one fifth of the market value of the products to which the unauthorised logo use relates, unless the PEFC Logo user proves that such unauthorised use was unintentional. In the latter case, the penalty will be limited to 15,000 CHF.

PAFC Gabon shall set up a mechanism to monitor and control the enforcement and the compliance with the PEFC Logo usage rules (PEFC ST 2001:2008). PAFC Gabon shall take actions, including legal if necessary, to protect the PEFC Logo trademark.

## **APPENDIX 1**

PAFC and PEFC logo usage contract



- Between: PAFC Gabon, approved for Gabon by the PEFC Council under number X,  
AND
- The client organisation.....whose registered office is located  
..... hereinafter referred to as the user

Details of the client organisation

The manager:

Surname: .....

Address: .....  
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Tel.: ..... Fax: .....

Email: .....

Client organisation’s VAT no.: .....

Client organisation: Forest operator – Sawmill – Secondary processing company – Paper company –  
Trader – Importer - other (please specify)  
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In the case of a Chain of Custody certification, the controlled products are:  
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For a PAFC Gabon forest management certificate: no. of hectares  
certified\*:.....

For a PAFC Gabon Chain of Custody certificate Turnover\*: Turnover in CHF.....

\*Needed to set PAFC Gabon's global licence fee

Documents and information required for the application to be processed:

Certificate issue date: .....

Name of certifying body: .....