

September 30, 2015 - Santiago, Chile.

To:
Ben Gunneberg
PEFC General Secretary
Geneva, Switzerland

Attn: Request for assessment of the CERTFOR system and standards.

CERTFOR, the Chilean System for Sustainable Forest Management Certification, is pleased to request to PEFC Council the assessment of the CERTFOR system and standards as required for applying to PEFC re-endorsement and mutual recognition.

The decisions taken by CERTFOR's Superior Council regarding the review and/or revision of CERTFOR standards are given below:

Standard for Sustainable Forest Management of Plantations: A thorough revision process was carried-out by a Technical Committee, complemented by an open, transparent, consultative and consensus based public consultation process covering a broad range of stakeholders.

Standard for Group Certification: A review was carried-out for improving administrative topics and for incorporating updated PEFC requirements into the standard. A consultation was carried-out with those responsible for the single group certified by CERTFOR.

Standard for Chain of Custody of Forest Products: The adoption of PEFC International standard "PEFC ST 2002:2013, Chain of Custody of Forest Based Products - Requirements", with adaptations as needed for preserving a Chilean standard.

We submit the new CERTFOR standards and all the required documentation in electronic format to the PEFC General Secretariat, including the following documents:

1. Written request for assessment from CERTFOR.
2. System description:
 - DN-01-01 CERTFOR System Manual (September 2015).
3. Standard setting procedures and records on the standard setting process:
 - DN-01-02 Procedure for the Development and Revision of CERTFOR Standards (January 2014),
 - PS-02-13 Procedure for Addressing Complaints (January 2014),
 - PS-02-19 Procedure for Establishing a Technical Committee for CERTFOR Standards (January 2014),

- PS-02-20 Stakeholder Mapping Procedure (January 2014),
 - Development Report - Forest Management Standard Setting Process (September 2015)¹.
4. Certification criteria for forest certification:
 - DN-02-05 CERTFOR Standard for Sustainable Forest Management of Plantations (September 2015),
 - Public Consultation Report (September 2015).
 5. Group certification model description:
 - DN-02-08 CERTFOR Standard for Group Certification (September 2015).
 6. Requirements for chain of custody certification:
 - DN-02-07 CERTFOR Standard for Chain of Custody of Forest Products (September 2015),
 7. Administrative procedures concerning logo licence issuance and complaint procedures,
 - DN-01-01 CERTFOR System Manual (September 2015) - Chapters 8 and 9.
 - DN-02-04: PEFC Logo Usage Rules (September 2015),
 - PS-02-13 Procedure for Addressing Complaints (January 2014).
 8. Description of certification and accreditation procedures with relevant references to international standards defining the competence requirements for auditors and certification bodies:
 - DN-02-11 Certification and Accreditation Procedures (September 2015),
 - DN-02-14 Requirements for CB operating CERTFOR Chain of Custody (September 2015),
 - PS-02-21 Notification Procedure (September 2015).
 9. Completed PEFC Standard and System Requirements Check-list:
 - CERTFOR Standard and System Requirement Checklist (September 2015).

Please let me know if any additional information or clarifications are required.

Kind regards,



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National Secretary
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¹ The detailed records on the standard setting process can be downloaded at the following public access link: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/k8bzp01cwry5d77/AABHLzM_4rUf4_5fVe6NC3lBa