

PEFC Standard and System Requirement Checklist PEFC Standard and System Requirement Checklist

Argentine Forest Certification System

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PART I: PEFC Standard Requirements Checklist for standard setting (PEFC ST 1001:2010)

1. Scope

Part I covers the requirements for standard setting defined in PEFC ST 1001:2010, *Standard Setting – Requirements*.

Any inconsistencies between this text and the original referred to document will be overruled by the content and wording of the technical document.

2. Checklist

Question	Assess. basis*	YES/NO*	Reference to application documents
Standardising Body			
4.1 The standardising body shall have written procedures for standard-setting activities describing:			
a) its status and structure, including a body responsible for consensus building (see 4.4) and for formal adoption of the standard (see 5.11),	Procedures	yes	- REN - <i>Rules of study of standards and of the functioning of their technical forums</i> : 1. Purpose, scope and amendments. 2. Forums of study. 2.8 Resolutions. 2.8.1 Consensus. 5. Preparation and study of standards.
b) the record-keeping procedures,	Procedures	yes	- REN: 5. Preparation and study of standards. 5.3 Study of the standard. 5.4 Authentication of documents. 7 Registration of the studies.
c) the procedures for balanced representation of stakeholders,	Procedures	yes	- Presidential Decree 1474/94. National System for Standards, Quality and Certification, Articles 9 and 10. - REN: 2. Forums of study.
d) the standard-setting process,	Procedures	yes	- REN: 5. Preparation and study of standards.
e) the mechanism for reaching consensus, and	Procedures	yes	- REN: 2. Forums of study. 2.8 Resolutions. 2.8.1 Consensus.

f) revision of standards/normative documents.	Procedures	yes	- REN: 8.4 Re-approval of standards.
4.2 The standardising body shall make its standard-setting procedures publicly available and shall regularly review its standard-setting procedures including consideration of comments from stakeholders.	Procedures	yes	- Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction (IRAM intranet) ¹ (IRAM Intranet): DN FG – Control of documents of the Standardization Direction quality management system.
	Process	yes	- Through its Documentation Centre , IRAM grants public access to the issued national, regional and international standards, including the Rules of Study of Standards and of the Functioning of their Technical Forums (REN). - IRAM website: Standardization documents .
4.3 The standardising body shall keep records relating to the standard-setting process providing evidence of compliance with the requirements of this document and the standardising body's own procedures. The records shall be kept for a minimum of five years and shall be available to interested parties upon request.	Procedures	yes	- REN: 7 Registration of the studies.
	Process	yes	- Standardization process records, Standardization Secretariat of the IRAM Standardization Direction. - SIGN - Standards Integrated Management System ² :
4.4 The standardising body shall establish a permanent or temporary working group/committee responsible for standard-setting activities.	Procedures	yes	- REN: 2. Forums of study.
	Process	yes	- Standardization process records, Standardization Secretariat of the IRAM Standardization Direction. - SIGN.
4.4 The working group/committee shall:			
a) be accessible to materially and directly affected stakeholders,	Procedures	yes	- Presidential Decree 1474/94. National System for Standards, Quality and Certification, Articles 9 and 10. - REN: 2. Forums of study.
	Process	yes	- Standardization process records, Standardization Secretariat of the IRAM Standardization Direction. - SIGN. - Minutes of the IRAM Standardisation Forum: Forest Management WG2. - Información on www.iram.org.ar . - IRAM's Newsletter.

¹ The Argentine Institute of Standardization - IRAM has implemented and certified a quality management system conforming to ISO / IEC 9001:2008. The scope of the IRAM quality management system includes: Study and development of iram standards, participation in the development and adoption of hemispheric (COPANT), regional (Asociación Mercosur de Normalización - ANM) and international (ISO, IEC), standards, and documentation services, including information services and sale of standards. Service design and delivery of training, training of people and knowledge transfer activities through attendance at seminars and IRAM headquarters and enterprise customers who require their services. Contact and registration of new members, management of services and benefits for members of IRAM and retention management and low membership.

² SIGN: IRAM standardization process management and registration software (register and invitations sending to standardization meetings, record of standardization meeting minutes, management of under study standards public consultation process, registration of documents generated during the normalization process, record of observations and comments from interested parties, etc.)

b) have balanced representation and decision-making by stakeholder categories relevant to the subject matter and geographical scope of the standard where single concerned interests shall not dominate nor be dominated in the process, and	Procedures	yes	- Presidential Decree 1474/94. National System for Standards, Quality and Certification, Articles 9 and 10. - REN: 2. Forums of study.
	Process	yes	- Standardization process records, Standardization Secretariat of the IRAM Standardization Direction. - SIGN.
c) include stakeholders with expertise relevant to the subject matter of the standard, those that are materially affected by the standard, and those that can influence the implementation of the standard. The materially affected stakeholders shall represent a meaningful segment of the participants.	Procedures	yes	- Presidential Decree 1474/94. National System for Standards, Quality and Certification, Articles 10. - REN: 2. Forums of study. 2.3 Structure of the forums, 2.3.4, 2.3.5
	Process	yes	- Standardization process records, Standardization Secretariat of the IRAM Standardization Direction. - SIGN - Minutes of the IRAM Standardisation Forum: Forest Management WG2.
4.5 The standardising body shall establish procedures for dealing with any substantive and procedural complaints relating to the standardising activities which are accessible to stakeholders.	Procedures	yes	- Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PG 009 Nonconforming products; DN-PG 011 Internal and external complains; Customer Satisfaction Survey (sent by the Standardization Secretariat at the end of every year): DN-FN 007 Customer Satisfaction Survey Form. Operation of Standardisation Forums.
	Process	yes	- Standardization process records, Standardization Secretariat of the IRAM Standardization Direction. - SIGN - IRAM web: Contact
4.5 Upon receipt of the complaint, the standard-setting body shall:			
a) acknowledge receipt of the complaint to the complainant,	Procedures	yes	- Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PG 009 Nonconforming products; DN-PG 011 Internal and external complains.(Revision 08)
	Process	-	-
b) gather and verify all necessary information to validate the complaint, impartially and objectively evaluate the subject matter of the complaint, and make a decision upon the complaint, and	Procedures	yes	- Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PG 011 Internal and external complains.
	Process	-	-
c) formally communicate the decision on the complaint and of the complaint handling process to the complainant.	Procedures	yes	- Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PG 011 Internal and external complains.
	Process	-	-

4.6 The standardising body shall establish at least one contact point for enquiries and complaints relating to its standard-setting activities. The contact point shall be made easily available.	Procedures	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PG 011 Internal and external complains, 4.1. - IRAM website: Contact
Standard-setting process			
5.1 The standardising body shall identify stakeholders relevant to the objectives and scope of the standard-setting work.	Procedures	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presidential Decree 1474/94. National System for Standards, Quality and Certification, Articles 10. - REN: 2. Forums of study. 2.3 Structure of the forums, 2.3.4, 2.3.5.
	Process	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standardization process records, Standardization Secretariat of the IRAM Standardization Direction. - SIGN. - Communication records of Standardization Forum Coordinator. - Minutes of the IRAM Standardisation Forum: Forest Management WG2. - IRAM Standardisation Forum: Forest Management WG2, members list. - IRAM's Newsletter.
5.2 The standardising body shall identify disadvantaged and key stakeholders. The standardising body shall address the constraints of their participation and proactively seek their participation and contribution in the standard-setting activities.	Procedures	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presidential Decree 1474/94. National System for Standards, Quality and Certification, Articles 10. - REN: 2. Forums of study. 2.3 Structure of the forums, 2.3.4, 2.3.5.
	Process	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standardization process records, Standardization Secretariat of the IRAM Standardization Direction. - SIGN. - Communication records of Standardization Forum Coordinator. - Minutes of the IRAM Standardisation Forum: Forest Management WG2.

5.3 The standardising body shall make a public announcement of the start of the standard-setting process and include an invitation for participation in a timely manner on its website and in suitable media as appropriate to afford stakeholders an opportunity for meaningful contributions.	Procedures	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PG 010 Plan of Study of Standards, 4.1.3 Promotion. - REN: 2. Forums of study. 2.3 Structure of the forums, 2.3.4, 2.3.5.
	Process	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standardization process records, Standardization Secretariat of the IRAM Standardization Direction. - SIGN. - Communication records of Standardization Forum Coordinator. - Minutes of the IRAM Standardisation Forum: Forest Management WG2. - Issuing of the Plan of Study of Standards - PEN: The PEN is printed and distributed to all of IRAM associates, to the General Committee of Standards CGN, to the Standardization Forum coordinators, and the Standardization Direction Managers, which also distribute the plan to the Standardization Forums. Beside, it is promoted through the IRAM website. - Public announcement: IRAM's Newsletter supplement. IRAM website: Plan of Study of Standards.
5.3 The announcement and invitation shall include:			
a) information about the objectives, scope and the steps of the standard-setting process and its timetable,	Procedures	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PN 002 Set up of Standardization Forums (Subcommittees, Committees and Working Groups). - REN: 2. Forums of study. 2.3 Structure of the forums. 5 Preparation and study of standards. 5.1 Background.
	Process	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standardization process records, Standardization Secretariat of the IRAM Standardization Direction. - SIGN. - Communication records of Standardization Forum Coordinator. - Minutes of the IRAM Standardisation Forum: Forest Management WG2. - Public announcement: IRAM website: Standardization Forums opening.

b) information about opportunities for stakeholders to participate in the process,	Procedures	yes	- Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PN 002 Set up of Standardization Forums (Subcommittees, Committees and Working Groups). - REN: 2. Forums of study. 2.3 Structure of the forums.
	Process	yes	- Standardization process records, Standardization Secretariat of the IRAM Standardization Direction. - SIGN. - Communication records of Standardization Forum Coordinator.
c) an invitation to stakeholders to nominate their representative(s) to the working group/committee. The invitation to disadvantaged and key stakeholders shall be made in a manner that ensures that the information reaches intended recipients and in a format that is understandable,	Procedures	yes	- Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PN 002 Set up of Standardization Forums (Subcommittees, Committees and Working Groups). - REN: 2. Forums of study. 2.3 Structure of the forums.
	Process	yes	- Standardization process records, Standardization Secretariat of the IRAM Standardization Direction. - SIGN. - Communication records of Standardization Forum Coordinator.
d) an invitation to comment on the scope and the standardsetting process, and	Procedures	yes	- Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PN 002 Set up of Standardization Forums (Subcommittees, Committees and Working Groups). - REN: 2. Forums of study. 2.3 Structure of the forums. 5 Preparation and study of standards. 5.1 Background.
	Process	yes	- Standardization process records, Standardization Secretariat of the IRAM Standardization Direction. - SIGN. - Communication records of Standardization Forum Coordinator.

e) reference to publicly available standard-setting procedures.	Procedures	yes	- Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PN 002 Set up of Standardization Forums (Subcommittees, Committees and Working Groups). - REN: 2. Forums of study. 2.3 Structure of the forums. 5 Preparation and study of standards. 5.1 Background.
	Process	yes	- Standardization process records, Standardization Secretariat of the IRAM Standardization Direction. - SIGN. - Communication records of Standardization Forum Coordinator. - IRAM website: Standardization
5.4 The standardising body shall review the standardsetting process based on comments received from the public announcement and establish a working group/committee or adjust the composition of an already existing working group/committee based on received nominations. The acceptance and refusal of nominations shall be justifiable in relation to the requirements for balanced representation of the working group/committee and resources available for the standard-setting.	Procedures	yes	- Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PN 001 Management of research requests, revision or IRAM standards annulment; DN-FN 013 Request of IRAM new research. - REN: 2. Forums of study. 2.3 Structure of the forums. 5 Preparation and study of standards. 5.1 Background.
	Process	yes	- Standardization process records, Standardization Secretariat of the IRAM Standardization Direction. - SIGN. - Communication records of Standardization Forum Coordinator.
5.5 The work of the working group/committee shall be organised in an open and transparent manner where:			
a) working drafts shall be available to all members of the working group/committee,	Procedures	yes	- Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PN 006 Development or revision of IRAM Standards. - REN: 5 Preparation and study of standards. 5.2 Preparation of the outline. 5.3 Study of the standard.
	Process	yes	- Standardization process records, Standardization Secretariat of the IRAM Standardization Direction. - SIGN. - Communication records of Standardization Forum Coordinator. - Minutes of the IRAM Standardisation Forum: Forest Management WG2.

b) all members of the working group shall be provided with meaningful opportunities to contribute to the development or revision of the standard and submit comments to the working drafts, and	Procedures	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PN 006 Development or revision of IRAM Standards. - REN: 5 Preparation and study of standards. 5.2 Preparation of the outline. 5.3 Study of the standard.
	Process	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standardization process records, Standardization Secretariat of the IRAM Standardization Direction. - SIGN. - Communication records of Standardization Forum Coordinator. - Minutes of the IRAM Standardisation Forum: Forest Management WG2.
c) comments and views submitted by any member of the working group/committee shall be considered in an open and transparent way and their resolution and proposed changes shall be recorded.	Procedures	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PN 006 Development or revision of IRAM Standards. - REN: 5 Preparation and study of standards. 5.2 Preparation of the outline. 5.3 Study of the standard.
	Process	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standardization process records, Standardization Secretariat of the IRAM Standardization Direction. - SIGN. - Communication records of Standardization Forum Coordinator. - Minutes of the IRAM Standardisation Forum: Forest Management WG2.
5.6 The standardising body shall organise a public consultation on the enquiry draft and shall ensure that:			
a) the start and the end of the public consultation is announced in a timely manner in suitable media,	Procedures	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presidential Decree 1474/94. National System for Standards, Quality and Certification, Articles 11 - Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PN 006 Development or revision of IRAM Standards, 4.3.4 Public discussion DN-FS 005 Public discussion scheme form. - REN: 5 Preparation and study of standards. 5.3 Study of the standard.
	Process	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standardization process records, Standardization Secretariat of the IRAM Standardization Direction. - SIGN. - Communication records of Standardization Forum Coordinator. - Minutes of the IRAM Standardisation Forum: Forest Management WG2. - Public announcement: IRAM website: Standards in public discussion

			phase ; Press releases in forestry sector specialized media.
b) the invitation of disadvantaged and key stakeholders shall be made by means that ensure that the information reaches its recipient and is understandable,	Procedures	yes	- Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PN 006 Development or revision of IRAM Standards, 4.3.4 Public discussion DN-FS 005 Public discussion scheme form. - REN: 5 Preparation and study of standards. 5.3 Study of the standard.
	Process	yes	- Standardization process records, Standardization Secretariat of the IRAM Standardization Direction. - SIGN. - Communication records of Standardization Forum Coordinator. - Minutes of the IRAM Standardisation Forum: Forest Management WG2. - Public announcement: IRAM website: Standards in public discussion phase ; Press releases in forestry sector specialized media.
c) the enquiry draft is publicly available and accessible,	Procedures	yes	- Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PN 006 Development or revision of IRAM Standards, 4.3.4 Public discussion DN-FS 005 Public discussion scheme form. - REN: 5 Preparation and study of standards. 5.3 Study of the standard.
	Process	yes	- Standardization process records, Standardization Secretariat of the IRAM Standardization Direction. - SIGN. - Communication records of Standardization Forum Coordinator. - Minutes of the IRAM Standardisation Forum: Forest Management WG2. - Public announcement: IRAM website: Standards in public discussion phase ; Press releases in forestry sector specialized media.

d) the public consultation is for at least 60 days,	Procedures	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PN 006 Development or revision of IRAM Standards, 4.3.4 Public discussion DN-FS 005 Public discussion scheme form. - REN: 5 Preparation and study of standards. 5.3 Study of the standard.
	Process	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standardization process records, Standardization Secretariat of the IRAM Standardization Direction. - SIGN. - Communication records of Standardization Forum Coordinator. - Minutes of the IRAM Standardisation Forum: Forest Management WG2. - Public announcement: IRAM website: Standards in public discussion phase; Press releases in forestry sector specialized media.
e) all comments received are considered by the working group/committee in an objective manner,	Procedures	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PN 006 Development or revision of IRAM Standards, 4.3.4 Public discussion DN-FS 005 Public discussion scheme form. - REN: 5 Preparation and study of standards. 5.3 Study of the standard.
	Process	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standardization process records, Standardization Secretariat of the IRAM Standardization Direction. - SIGN. - Communication records of Standardization Forum Coordinator. - Minutes of the IRAM Standardisation Forum: Forest Management WG2. - Public announcement: IRAM website: Standards in public discussion phase; Press releases in forestry sector specialized media.

f) a synopsis of received comments compiled from material issues, including the results of their consideration, is publicly available, for example on a website.	Procedures	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PN 006 Development or revision of IRAM Standards, 4.3.4 Public discussion DN-FS 005 Public discussion scheme form. - REN: 5 Preparation and study of standards. 5.3 Study of the standard.
	Process	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standardization process records, Standardization Secretariat of the IRAM Standardization Direction. - SIGN. - Communication records of Standardization Forum Coordinator. - Minutes of the IRAM Standardisation Forum: Forest Management WG2.
5.7 The standardising body shall organise pilot testing of the new standards and the results of the pilot testing shall be considered by the working group/committee.	Procedures	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Specific procedure for the IRAM Standard 39801 pilot testing developed by the IRAM Standardisation Forum WG2
	Process	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standardization process records, Standardization Secretariat of the IRAM Standardization Direction. - SIGN - Standardization Forum (WG2): Minutes: N° 4 – 2007, friday, march 16, 2007 Minutes: N° 11 – 2007, thursday, august 16, 2007 Minutes: N° 6 - 2008, thursday, august 12, 2008
5.8 The decision of the working group to recommend the final draft for formal approval shall be taken on the basis of a consensus.	Procedures	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PN 006 Development or revision of IRAM Standards. - REN: 2. Forums of study. 2.8 Resolutions. 2.8.1 Consensus.
	Process	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standardization process records, Standardization Secretariat of the IRAM Standardization Direction. - SIGN. - Minutes of the IRAM Standardisation Forum: Forest Management WG2.

5.8 In order to reach a consensus the working group/committee can utilise the following alternative processes to establish whether there is opposition:

a) a face-to face meeting where there is a verbal yes/no vote, show of hands for a yes/no vote; a statement on consensus from the Chair where there are no dissenting voices or hands (votes); a formal balloting process, etc.,	Procedures	yes	- Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PN 006 Development or revision of IRAM Standards. - REN: 2. Forums of study. 2.8 Resolutions. 2.8.1 Consensus. 2.8.2 Voting.
	Process	yes	- Standardization process records, Standardization Secretariat of the IRAM Standardization Direction. - SIGN. - Minutes of the IRAM Standardisation Forum: Forest Management WG2.
b) a telephone conference meeting where there is a verbal yes/no vote,	Procedures	yes	- Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PN 006 Development or revision of IRAM Standards. - REN: 2. Forums of study. 2.8 Resolutions. 2.8.1 Consensus. 2.8.2 Voting.
	Process	-	-
c) an e-mail meeting where a request for agreement or objection is provided to members with the members providing a written response (a proxy for a vote), or	Procedures	yes	- Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PN 006 Development or revision of IRAM Standards. - REN: 2. Forums of study. 2.8 Resolutions. 2.8.1 Consensus. 2.8.2 Voting. Form N° 1.
	Process	-	-
d) combinations thereof.	Procedures	yes	- Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PN 006 Development or revision of IRAM Standards. - REN: 2. Forums of study. 2.8 Resolutions. 2.8.1 Consensus. 2.8.2 Voting. Form N° 1.
	Process	-	-

5.9 In the case of a negative vote which represents sustained opposition to any important part of the concerned interests surrounding a substantive issue, the issue shall be resolved using the following mechanism(s):			
a) discussion and negotiation on the disputed issue within the working group/committee in order to find a compromise,	Procedures	yes	- Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PN 006 Development or revision of IRAM Standards. - REN: 2. Forums of study. 2.8 Resolutions. 2.8.1 Consensus. 2.8.2 Voting. Form N° 1.
	Process	-	-
b) direct negotiation between the stakeholder(s) submitting the objection and stakeholders with different views on the disputed issue in order to find a compromise,	Procedures	yes	- Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PN 006 Development or revision of IRAM Standards. - REN: 2. Forums of study. 2.8 Resolutions. 2.8.1 Consensus. 2.8.2 Voting. Form N° 1.
	Process	-	-
c) dispute resolution process.	Procedures	yes	- Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PN 006 Development or revision of IRAM Standards. - REN: 2. Forums of study. 2.8 Resolutions. 2.8.3 Treatment of resolutions.
	Process	-	-
5.10 Documentation on the implementation of the standardsetting process shall be made publicly available.	Procedures	yes	- Presidential Decree 1474/94. National System for Standards, Quality and Certification, Articles 9. - REN: 3 General Committee of Standards (GCS). 3.5.5 Approval and enactment of standards.
	Process	yes	- IRAM website: Documentation : - Through its Documentation Centre , IRAM grants public access to the issued national, regional and international standards, including the Rules of Study of Standards and of the Functioning of their Technical Forums (REN).

5.11 The standardising body shall formally approve the standards/normative documents based on evidence of consensus reached by the working group/committee.	Procedures	yes	- Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PN 006 Development or revision of IRAM Standards. - REN: 3 General Committee of Standards (GCS). 3.5.5 Approval and enactment of standards.
	Process	yes	- Standardization process records, Standardization Secretariat of the IRAM Standardization Direction. - SIGN. - Minutes of the IRAM Standardisation Forum: Forest Management WG2. - IRAM website: Who makes the standards? - General Committee of Standards (GCS)
5.12 The formally approved standards/normative documents shall be published in a timely manner and made publicly available.	Procedures	yes	- Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PN 006 Development or revision of IRAM Standards, 4.3.8 - REN: 3 General committee of standards (GCS). 3.5.5 Approval and enactment of standards.
	Process	yes	- IRAM website: Documentation : - Through its Documentation Centre , IRAM grants public access to the issued national, regional and international standards, including the Rules of Study of Standards and of the Functioning of their Technical Forums (REN).
Revisions of standards/normative documents			
6.1 The standards/normative documents shall be reviewed and revised at intervals that do not exceed a five-year period. The procedures for the revision of the standards/normative documents shall follow those set out in chapter 5.	Process	yes	- Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PN 001 Management of research requests, revision or IRAM standards annulment. - REN: 8 Observation, modification and annulment of standards. 8.4 Re-approval of standards.
6.2 The revision shall define the application date and transition date of the revised standards/normative documents.	Process	yes	- Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PN 001 Management of research requests, revision or IRAM standards annulment. - REN: 3 General committee of standards (GCS). 3.5.5 Approval and enactment of standards. 8 Observation, modification and annulment of standards. 8.4 Re-approval of standards.

6.3 The application date shall not exceed a period of one year from the publication of the standard. This is needed for the endorsement of the revised standards/normative documents, introducing the changes, information dissemination and training.	Process	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality Manual of IRAM Standardization Direction: DN-PN 001 Management of research requests, revision or IRAM standards annulment. - REN: 3 General committee of standards (GCS). 3.5.5 Approval and enactment of standards. 8 Observation, modification and annulment of standards. 8.4 Re-approval of standards.
6.4 The transition date shall not exceed a period of one year except in justified exceptional circumstances where the implementation of the revised standards/normative documents requires a longer period.	Process	yes	IRAM does not set transition policies, when a new version is published, replaces the previous one and enter in force after its publication.

Application documentation

The application for the endorsement and mutual recognition as defined in Chapter 5 of Annex 7 (Endorsement and Mutual Recognition of National Schemes and their Revision) shall include information which enables the assessment of the applicant scheme's compliance with the PEFC Council requirements.

The application documentation should identify and make reference to other detailed documentation such as minutes, internal procedures and rules, reports, etc. which do not need to create a part of the application documentation.

Asses. basis*

The standard setting is assessed against the PEFC Council requirements in two stages: (i) compliance of written standard setting procedures ("Procedures") and (ii) compliance of the standard setting process itself ("Process").

For "Procedures" the applicant should refer to the part(s) of its standard setting procedures related to the respective PEFC requirement. For "Process" the applicant should either refer to the report/records of the standard setting process forming a part of the submitted application documents, or describe how the PEFC requirement was fulfilled during the standard setting process.

PART II: Standard and System Requirement Checklist for Group FOREST MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION (PEFC ST 1002:2010)

1 Scope

Part II covers requirements for group forest management certification as defined in PEFC ST 1002:2010, *Group Forest Management Certification – Requirements*.

Any inconsistencies between this text and the original referred to document will be overruled by the content and wording of the technical document.

2 Checklist

Question	YES / NO*	Reference to scheme documentation
General		
4.1 Does the forest certification scheme provide clear definitions for the following terms in conformity with the definitions of those terms presented in chapter 3 of PEFC ST 1002:2010:		
a) the group organisation,	yes	- cerfoar – Technical Document: 4. Certification 4.3 Group forest management certification - IRAM 39805. Sustainable forest management. Group certification: 4. Requirements for the setting up of the certification group.
b) the group entity,	yes	- IRAM 39805. Sustainable forest management. Group certification: 3. Definitions: 3.7 Certification group.
c) the participant,	yes	- IRAM 39805. Sustainable forest management. Group certification: 3. Definitions: 3.8 Certification group member.
d) the certified area,	yes	- IRAM 39805. Sustainable forest management. Group certification: 4. Requirements for the setting up of the certification group. 4.1 General requirements.
e) the group forest certificate, and	yes	- cerfoar – Technical Document: 4. Certification 4.3 Group forest management certification
f) the document confirming participation in group forest certification.	yes	- IRAM 39805. Sustainable forest management. Group certification: 4. Requirements for the setting up of the certification group. 4.1 General requirements.
4.1.2 In cases where a forest certification scheme allows an individual forest owner to be covered by additional group or individual forest management certifications, the scheme shall ensure that non-conformity by the forest owner identified under one forest management certification scheme is addressed in any other forest management certification scheme that covers the forest owner.	yes	- cerfoar – Technical Document: 4. Certification 4.1 Levels of application of the certification

4.1.3 The forest certification scheme shall define requirements for group forest certification which ensure that participants' conformity with the sustainable forest management standard is centrally administered and is subject to central review and that all participants shall be subject to the internal monitoring programme.	yes	- IRAM 39805. Sustainable forest management. Group certification: 5. Requirements for the functioning of the certification group. 5.1.2 Obligations and responsibilities of the certification group
4.1.4 The forest certification scheme shall define requirements for an annual internal monitoring programme that provides sufficient confidence in the conformity of the whole group organisation with the sustainable forest management standard.	yes	- IRAM 39805. Sustainable forest management. Group certification 5. Requirements for the functioning of the certification group. 5.2.4 Internal audit
Functions and responsibilities of the group entity		
4.2.1 The forest certification scheme shall define the following requirements for the function and responsibility of the group entity:		
a) To represent the group organisation in the certification process, including in communications and relationships with the certification body, submission of an application for certification, and contractual relationship with the certification body;	yes	- IRAM 39805. Sustainable forest management. Group certification: 5. Requirements for the functioning of the certification group. 5.1.2 Obligations and responsibilities of the certification group.
b) To provide a commitment on behalf of the whole group organisation to comply with the sustainable forest management standard and other applicable requirements of the forest certification scheme;	yes	- IRAM 39805. Sustainable forest management. Group certification: 4. Requirements for the setting up of the certification group. 4.2 Certification group policy for sustainable forest management.
c) To establish written procedures for the management of the group organisation;	yes	- IRAM 39805. Sustainable forest management. Group certification: 5. Requirements for the functioning of the certification group. 5.2 Minimum requirements of the certification group management system.
d) To keep records of: - the group entity and participants' conformity with the requirements of the sustainable forest management standard, and other applicable requirements of the forest certification scheme, - all participants, including their contact details, identification of their forest property and its/their size(s), - the certified area, - the implementation of an internal monitoring programme, its review and any preventive and/or corrective actions taken;	yes	- IRAM 39805. Sustainable forest management. Group certification: 4. Requirements for the setting up of the certification group. 4.1 General requirements. 5. Requirements for the functioning of the certification group. 5.1 Obligations and responsibilities. 5.1.2 Obligations and responsibilities of the certification group. 5.1.3 Obligations and responsibilities of the certification group members. 5.2 Minimum requirements of the certification group management system. 5.2.4 Internal audit. 5.2.5 Nonconformity, corrective action and preventive action.

e) To establish connections with all participants based on a written agreement which shall include the participants' commitment to comply with the sustainable forest management standard. The group entity shall have a written contract or other written agreement with all participants covering the right of the group entity to implement and enforce any corrective or preventive measures, and to initiate the exclusion of any participant from the scope of certification in the event of non-conformity with the sustainable forest management standard;	yes	- IRAM 39805. Sustainable forest management. Group certification: 5. Requirements for the functioning of the certification group 5.1 Obligations and responsibilities 5.1.3 Obligations and responsibilities of the certification group members
f) To provide participants with a document confirming participation in the group forest certification;	yes	- IRAM 39805. Sustainable forest management. Group certification: 5. Requirements for the functioning of the certification group 5.1 Obligations and responsibilities. 5.1.1 General requirements.
g) To provide all participants with information and guidance required for the effective implementation of the sustainable forest management standard and other applicable requirements of the forest certification scheme;	yes	- IRAM 39805. Sustainable forest management. Group certification: 5. Requirements for the functioning of the certification group. 5.1 Obligations and responsibilities. 5.1.1 General requirements. 5.1.2 Obligations and responsibilities of the certification group.
h) To operate an annual internal monitoring programme that provides for the evaluation of the participants' conformity with the certification requirements, and;	yes	- IRAM 39805. Sustainable forest management. Group certification: 5. Requirements for the functioning of the certification group. 5.2.4 Internal audit.
i) To operate a review of conformity with the sustainable forest management standard, that includes reviewing the results of the internal monitoring programme and the certification body's evaluations and surveillance; corrective and preventive measures if required; and the evaluation of the effectiveness of corrective actions taken.	yes	- IRAM 39805. Sustainable forest management. Group certification: 5. Requirements for the functioning of the certification group. 5.2.4 Internal audit. 5.2.5 Nonconformity, corrective action and preventive action.

Function and responsibilities of participants

4.3.1 The forest certification scheme shall define the following requirements for the participants:

a) To provide the group entity with a written agreement, including a commitment on conformity with the sustainable forest management standard and other applicable requirements of the forest certification scheme;	yes	- IRAM 39805. Sustainable forest management. Group certification: 5. Requirements for the functioning of the certification group. 5.1.3 Obligations and responsibilities of the certification group members
b) To comply with the sustainable forest management standard and other applicable requirements of the forest certification scheme;	yes	- IRAM 39805. Sustainable forest management. Group certification: 5. Requirements for the functioning of the certification group. 5.1.3 Obligations and responsibilities of the certification group members.

c) To provide full co-operation and assistance in responding effectively to all requests from the group entity or certification body for relevant data, documentation or other information; allowing access to the forest and other facilities, whether in connection with formal audits or reviews or otherwise;	yes	- IRAM 39805. Sustainable forest management. Group certification: 5. Requirements for the functioning of the certification group. 5.1.3 Obligations and responsibilities of the certification group members.
d) To implement relevant corrective and preventive actions established by the group entity.	yes	- IRAM 39805. Sustainable forest management. Group certification: 5. Requirements for the functioning of the certification group. 5.1.3 Obligations and responsibilities of the certification group members.

PART III: Standard and System Requirement Checklist for SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT (PEFC ST 1003:2010)

1 Scope

Part III covers requirements for sustainable forest management as defined in PEFC ST 1003:2010, Sustainable Forest Management – Requirements.

Any inconsistencies between this text and the original referred to document will be overruled by the content and wording of the technical document.

2 Checklist

Question	YES / NO*	Reference to scheme documentation
General requirements for SFM standards		
a) include management and performance requirements that are applicable at the forest management unit level, or at another level as appropriate, to ensure that the intent of all requirements is achieved at the forest management unit level.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 3. Definitions: 3.10 sustainable forest management. 3.17 management plan. 3.22 forest producer. 3.31 management unit .
b) be clear, objective-based and auditable.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 3. Definitions: 3.6 criterion. 3.13 indicator. 4. Principles, criteria and indicators.
c) apply to activities of all operators in the defined forest area who have a measurable impact on achieving compliance with the requirements	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 3. Definitions: 3.22 forest producer. 3.30 forest worker. 3.31 management unit. 4.1 Principle 1 – Compliance with the law. 4.1.1 Criterion 1.1.
d) require record-keeping that provides evidence of compliance with the requirements of the forest management standards.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.7 Principle 7 – Monitoring and control
Specific requirements for SFM standards		
Criterion 1: Maintenance and appropriate enhancement of forest resources and their contribution to the global carbon cycle		
5.1.1 Forest management planning shall aim to maintain or increase forests and other wooded areas and enhance the quality of the economic, ecological, cultural and social values of forest resources, including soil and water. This shall be done by making full use of related services and tools that support land-use planning and nature	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 3. Definitions: 3.17 management plan. 4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources

conservation.		sustainability. 4.2.1 Criterion 2.1.
5.1.2 Forest management shall comprise the cycle of inventory and planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and shall include an appropriate assessment of the social, environmental and economic impacts of forest management operations. This shall form a basis for a cycle of continuous improvement to minimise or avoid negative impacts.	yes	- cerfoar – Technical Document: 4. Certification. 4.1 Levels of application of the certification. - IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 3. Definitions: 3.10 sustainable forest Management. 4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability. 4.7 Principle 7 – Monitoring and control.
5.1.3 Inventory and mapping of forest resources shall be established and maintained, adequate to local and national conditions and in correspondence with the topics described in this document.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 3. Definitions: 3.17 management plan. 4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability. 4.2.1 Criterion 2.1. 4.2.2 Criterion 2.2.
5.1.4 Management plans or their equivalents, appropriate to the size and use of the forest area, shall be elaborated and periodically updated. They shall be based on legislation as well as existing land-use plans, and adequately cover the forest resources.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 3. Definitions: 3.17 management plan. 4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability. 4.7 Principle 7 – Monitoring and control.
5.1.5 Management plans or their equivalents shall include at least a description of the current condition of the forest management unit, long-term objectives; and the average annual allowable cut, including its justification and, where relevant, the annually allowable exploitation of non-timber forest products.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 3. Definitions: 3.17 management plan. 4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability. 4.2.1 Criterion 2.1. 4.2.4 Criterion 2.4.
5.1.6 A summary of the forest management plan or its equivalent appropriate to the scope and scale of forest management, which contains information about the forest management measures to be applied, is publicly available. The summary may exclude confidential business and personal information and other information made confidential by national legislation or for the protection of cultural sites or sensitive natural resource features.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 3. Definitions: 3.17 management plan. 4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability. 4.2.1 Criterion 2.1.

5.1.7 Monitoring of forest resources and evaluation of their management shall be periodically performed, and results fed back into the planning process.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 3. Definitions: 3.17 management plan. 4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability. 4.7 Principle 7 – Monitoring and control. 4.7.1 Criterion 7.1. 4.7.2 Criterion 7.2.
5.1.8 Responsibilities for sustainable forest management shall be clearly defined and assigned.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 3. Definitions: 3.22 forest producer.
5.1.9 Forest management practices shall safeguard the quantity and quality of the forest resources in the medium and long term by balancing harvesting and growth rates, and by preferring techniques that minimise direct or indirect damage to forest, soil or water resources.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability. 4.2.3 Criterion 2.3. 4.2.4 Criterion 2.4. 4.2.5 Criterion 2.5. 4.5 Principle 5 – Water, soil and air care. 4.5.1 Criterion 5.1.
5.1.10 Appropriate silvicultural measures shall be taken to maintain or reach a level of the growing stock that is economically, ecologically and socially desirable.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability. 4.2.4 Criterion 2.4. 4.2.5 Criterion 2.5.
5.1.11 Conversion of forests to other types of land use, including conversion of primary forests to forest plantations, shall not occur unless in justified circumstances where the conversion: a) is in compliance with national and regional policy and legislation relevant for land use and forest management and is a result of national or regional land-use planning governed by a governmental or other official authority including consultation with materially and directly interested persons and organisations; and b) entails a small proportion of forest type; and c) does not have negative impacts on threatened (including vulnerable, rare or endangered) forest ecosystems, culturally and socially significant areas, important habitats of threatened species or other protected areas; and d) makes a contribution to long-term conservation, economic, and social benefits.	yes	- cerfoar – Technical Document: 2. Argentine Fores Certification System - cerfoar 2.3 cerfoar's documentary basis - IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.4 Principle 4 – Biological diversity maintenance. 4.4.1 Criterion 4.1.

5.1.12 Conversion of abandoned agricultural and treeless land into forest land shall be taken into consideration, whenever it can add economic, ecological, social and/or cultural value.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.4 Principle 4 – Biological diversity maintenance. 4.4.1 Criterion 4.1.
5.2.1 Forest management planning shall aim to maintain and increase the health and vitality of forest ecosystems and to rehabilitate degraded forest ecosystems, whenever this is possible by silvicultural means.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability. 4.2.1 Criterion 2.1. 4.3 Principle 3 – Maintenance of forest resources vitality, health and productivity. 4.3.1 Criterion 3.1. 4.3.2 Criterion 3.2.
Criterion 2: Maintenance of forest ecosystem health and vitality		
5.2.2 Health and vitality of forests shall be periodically monitored, especially key biotic and abiotic factors that potentially affect health and vitality of forest ecosystems, such as pests, diseases, overgrazing and overstocking, fire, and damage caused by climatic factors, air pollutants or by forest management operations.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.3 Principle 3 – Maintenance of forest resources vitality, health and productivity. 4.3.2 Criterion 3.2. 4.3.3 Criterion 3.3. 4.3.4 Criterion 3.4. 4.3.5 Criterion 3.5. 4.7 Principle 7 – Monitoring and control. 4.7.1 Criterion 7.1.
5.2.3 The monitoring and maintaining of health and vitality of forest ecosystems shall take into consideration the effects of naturally occurring fire, pests and other disturbances.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.3 Principle 3 – Maintenance of forest resources vitality, health and productivity 4.3.2 Criterion 3.2 4.3.3 Criterion 3.3 4.3.5 Criterion 3.5
5.2.4 Forest management plans or their equivalents shall specify ways and means to minimise the risk of degradation of and damages to forest ecosystems. Forest management planning shall make use of those policy instruments set up to support these activities.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability. 4.2.1 Criterion 2.1. 4.2.3 Criterion 2.3. 4.2.4 Criterion 2.4. 4.2.5 Criterion 2.5. 4.3 Principle 3 – Maintenance of forest resources vitality, health and productivity. 4.3.1 Criterion 3.1.

5.2.5 Forest management practices shall make best use of natural structures and processes and use preventive biological measures wherever and as far as economically feasible to maintain and enhance the health and vitality of forests. Adequate genetic, species and structural diversity shall be encouraged and/or maintained to enhance the stability, vitality and resistance capacity of the forests to adverse environmental factors and strengthen natural regulation mechanisms.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability. 4.2.3 Criterion 2.3. 4.2.6 Criterion 2.6. 4.3 Principle 3 – Maintenance of forest resources vitality, health and productivity. 4.3.3 Criterion 3.3. 4.4 Principle 4 – Biological diversity maintenance. 4.4.1 Criterion 4.1.
5.2.6 Lighting of fires shall be avoided and is only permitted if it is necessary for the achievement of the management goals of the forest management unit.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.5 Principle 5 – Water, soil and air care. 4.5.2 Criterion 5.2. 4.5.5 Criterion 5.5.
5.2.7 Appropriate forest management practices such as reforestation and afforestation with tree species and provenances that are suited to the site conditions or the use of tending, harvesting and transport techniques that minimise tree and/or soil damages shall be applied. The spillage of oil during forest management operations or the indiscriminate disposal of waste on forest land shall be strictly avoided. Non-organic waste and litter shall be avoided, collected, stored in designated areas and removed in an environmentally-responsible manner.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability. 4.2.6 Criterion 2.6. 4.3 Principle 3 – Maintenance of forest resources vitality, health and productivity. 4.3.1 Criterion 3.1. 4.3.2 Criterion 3.2. 4.5 Principle 5 – Water, soil and air care. 4.5.2 Criterion 5.2. 4.5.4 Criterion 5.4. 4.5.5 Criterion 5.5.
5.2.8 The use of pesticides shall be minimised and appropriate silvicultural alternatives and other biological measures preferred.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.3 Principle 3 – Maintenance of forest resources vitality, health and productivity. 4.3.3 Criterion 3.3. 4.3.4 Criterion 3.4.
5.2.9 The WHO Type 1A and 1B pesticides and other highly toxic pesticides shall be prohibited, except where no other viable alternative is available.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.3 Principle 3 – Maintenance of forest resources vitality, health and productivity. 4.3.4 Criterion 3.4.
5.2.10 Pesticides, such as chlorinated hydrocarbons whose derivatives remain biologically active and accumulate in the food chain beyond their intended use, and any pesticides banned by international agreement, shall be prohibited.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.3 Principle 3 – Maintenance of forest resources vitality, health and productivity. 4.3.4 Criterion 3.4.

5.2.11 The use of pesticides shall follow the instructions given by the pesticide producer and be implemented with proper equipment and training.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.3 Principle 3 – Maintenance of forest resources vitality, health and productivity. 4.3.4 Criterion 3.4.
5.2.12 Where fertilisers are used, they shall be applied in a controlled manner and with due consideration for the environment.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 3. Definitions: 3.21 chemical product . 4.3 Principle 3 – Maintenance of forest resources vitality, health and productivity. 4.3.2 Criterion 3.2. 4.3.4 Criterion 3.4.
Criterion 3: Maintenance and encouragement of productive functions of forests (wood and nonwood)		
5.3.1 Forest management planning shall aim to maintain the capability of forests to produce a range of wood and nonwood forest products and services on a sustainable basis.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability. 4.2.1 Criterion 2.1. 4.2.4 Criterion 2.4. 4.2.5 Criterion 2.5.
5.3.2 Forest management planning shall aim to achieve sound economic performance taking into account any available market studies and possibilities for new markets and economic activities in connection with all relevant goods and services of forests.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability 4.2.1 Criterion 2.1 4.2.5 Criterion 2.5 4.7 Principle 7 – Monitoring and control 4.7.1 Criterion 7.1., Indicator: e)
5.3.3 Forest management plans or their equivalents shall take into account the different uses or functions of the managed forest area. Forest management planning shall make use of those policy instruments set up to support the production of commercial and non-commercial forest goods and services.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability. 4.2.1 Criterion 2.1. 4.2.5 Criterion 2.5. 4.6 Principle 6 - Economic and social growth of the local community in which the forest activity exists. 4.6.3 Criterion 6.3.
5.3.4 Forest management practices shall maintain and improve the forest resources and encourage a diversified output of goods and services over the long term.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability. 4.2.3 Criterion 2.3. 4.2.5 Criterion 2.5.

5.3.5 Regeneration, tending and harvesting operations shall be carried out in time, and in a way that does not reduce the productive capacity of the site, for example by avoiding damage to retained stands and trees as well as to the forest soil, and by using appropriate systems.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability. 4.2.1 Criterion 2.1. 4.2.3 Criterion 2.3. 4.2.4 Criterion 2.4.
5.3.6 Harvesting levels of both wood and non-wood forest products shall not exceed a rate that can be sustained in the long term, and optimum use shall be made of the harvested forest products, with due regard to nutrient off-take.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability. 4.2.1 Criterion 2.1. 4.2.4 Criterion 2.4. 4.3 Principle 3 – Maintenance of forest resources vitality, health and productivity. 4.3.2 Criterion 3.2.
5.3.7 Where it is the responsibility of the forest owner/manager and included in forest management, the exploitation of non-timber forest products, including hunting and fishing, shall be regulated, monitored and controlled.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability. 4.2.1 Criterion 2.1. 4.2.4 Criterion 2.4. 4.4 Principle 4 – Biological diversity maintenance. 4.4.4 Criterion 4.4.
5.3.8 Adequate infrastructure such as roads, skid tracks or bridges shall be planned, established and maintained to ensure efficient delivery of goods and services while minimising negative impacts on the environment.	yes	- RAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 3. Definitions: 3.25 road network. 4.4 Principle 4 – Biological diversity maintenance. 4.4.1 Criterion 4.1. 4.5 Principle 5 – Water, soil and air care. 4.5.2 Criterion 5.2. 4.5.3 Criterion 5.3.
Criterion 4: Maintenance, conservation and appropriate enhancement of biological diversity in forest ecosystems		
5.4.1 Forest management planning shall aim to maintain, conserve and enhance biodiversity on ecosystem, species and genetic levels and, where appropriate, diversity at landscape level.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability. 4.2.1 Criterion 2.1. 4.4 Principle 4 – Biological diversity maintenance.

5.4.2 Forest management planning, inventory and mapping of forest resources shall identify, protect and/or conserve ecologically important forest areas containing significant concentrations of: a) protected, rare, sensitive or representative forest ecosystems such as riparian areas and wetland biotopes; b) areas containing endemic species and habitats of threatened species, as defined in recognised reference lists; c) endangered or protected genetic in situ resources; and taking into account d) globally, regionally and nationally significant large landscape areas with natural distribution and abundance of naturally occurring species.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 3. Definitions. 3.7 biological diversity. 3.11 singular habitat. 3.29 a priority place for conservation. 4.4 Principle 4 – Biological diversity maintenance. 4.4.1 Criterion 4.1. 4.4.2 Criterion 4.2. 4.4.3 Criterion 4.3.
5.4.3 Protected and endangered plant and animal species shall not be exploited for commercial purposes. Where necessary, measures shall be taken for their protection and, where relevant, to increase their population.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.4 Principle 4 – Biological diversity maintenance. 4.4.4 Criterion 4.4.
5.4.4 Forest management shall ensure successful regeneration through natural regeneration or, where not appropriate, planting that is adequate to ensure the quantity and quality of the forest resources.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability. 4.2.4 Criterion 2.4. 4.4 Principle 4 – Biological diversity maintenance. 4.4.1 Criterion 4.1.
5.4.5 For reforestation and afforestation, origins of native species and local provenances that are well-adapted to site conditions shall be preferred, where appropriate. Only those introduced species, provenances or varieties shall be used whose impacts on the ecosystem and on the genetic integrity of native species and local provenances have been evaluated, and if negative impacts can be avoided or minimised.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability. 4.2.6 Criterion 2.6.
5.4.6 Afforestation and reforestation activities that contribute to the improvement and restoration of ecological connectivity shall be promoted.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.4 Principle 4 – Biological diversity maintenance. 4.4.1 Criterion 4.1.
5.4.7 Genetically-modified trees shall not be used.		- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability. 4.2.6 Criterion 2.6. - Resolution 39/2003 of the National Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food - Regime for release into the environment of genetically modified plants. Definitions. First and second stage of evaluation. Requirements. Forms.

5.4.8 Forest management practices shall, where appropriate, promote a diversity of both horizontal and vertical structures such as uneven-aged stands and the diversity of species such as mixed stands. Where appropriate, the practices shall also aim to maintain and restore landscape diversity	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.4 Principle 4 – Biological diversity maintenance. 4.4.1 Criterion 4.1.
5.4.9 Traditional management systems that have created valuable ecosystems, such as coppice, on appropriate sites shall be supported, when economically feasible.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.4 Principle 4 – Biological diversity maintenance. 4.4.2 Criterion 4.2. 4.4.3 Criterion 4.3.
5.4.10 Tending and harvesting operations shall be conducted in a way that does not cause lasting damage to ecosystems. Wherever possible, practical measures shall be taken to improve or maintain biological diversity	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.4 Principle 4 – Biological diversity maintenance. 4.4.5 Criterion 4.5.
5.4.11 Infrastructure shall be planned and constructed in a way that minimises damage to ecosystems, especially to rare, sensitive or representative ecosystems and genetic reserves, and that takes threatened or other key species – in particular their migration patterns – into consideration.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.4 Principle 4 – Biological diversity maintenance. 4.4.1 Criterion 4.1.
5.4.12 With due regard to management objectives, measures shall be taken to balance the pressure of animal populations and grazing on forest regeneration and growth as well as on biodiversity.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.3 Principle 3 – Maintenance of forest resources vitality, health and productivity. 4.3. 3 Criterion 3. 3.
5.4.13 Standing and fallen dead wood, hollow trees, old groves and special rare tree species shall be left in quantities and distribution necessary to safeguard biological diversity, taking into account the potential effect on the health and stability of forests and on surrounding ecosystems.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 3. Definitions: 3.11 singular habitat . 4.4 Principle 4 – Biological diversity maintenance. 4.4.2 Criterion 4.2.
Criterion 5: Maintenance and appropriate enhancement of protective functions in forest management (notably soil and water)		
5.5.1 Forest management planning shall aim to maintain and enhance protective functions of forests for society, such as protection of infrastructure, protection from soil erosion, protection of water resources and from adverse impacts of water such as floods or avalanches.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability. 4.2.1 Criterion 2.1.
5.5.2 Areas that fulfil specific and recognised protective functions for society shall be registered and mapped, and forest management plans or their equivalents shall take these areas into account.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 3. Definitions: 3.29 a priority place for conservation. 4.4 Principle 4 – Biological diversity maintenance.

		4.4.2 Criterion 4.2. 4.4.3 Criterion 4.3.
5.5.3 Special care shall be given to silvicultural operations on sensitive soils and erosion-prone areas as well as in areas where operations might lead to excessive erosion of soil into watercourses. Inappropriate techniques such as deep soil tillage and use of unsuitable machinery shall be avoided in such areas. Special measures shall be taken to minimise the pressure of animal populations.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.5 Principle 5 – Water, soil and air care. 4.5.1 Criterion 5.1. 4.5.2 Criterion 5.2. 4.5.4 Criterion 5.4.
5.5.4 Special care shall be given to forest management practices in forest areas with water protection functions to avoid adverse effects on the quality and quantity of water resources. Inappropriate use of chemicals or other harmful substances or inappropriate silvicultural practices influencing water quality in a harmful way shall be avoided.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.5 Principle 5 – Water, soil and air care. 4.5.1 Criterion 5.1. 4.5.3 Criterion 5.3. 4.5.4 Criterion 5.4.
5.5.5 Construction of roads, bridges and other infrastructure shall be carried out in a manner that minimises bare soil exposure, avoids the introduction of soil into watercourses and preserves the natural level and function of water courses and river beds. Proper road drainage facilities shall be installed and maintained.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.5 Principle 5 – Water, soil and air care. 4.5.1 Criterion 5.1. 4.5.2 Criterion 5.2. 4.5.3 Criterion 5.3.
Criterion 6: Maintenance of other socio-economic functions and conditions		
5.6.1 Forest management planning shall aim to respect the multiple functions of forests to society, give due regard to the role of forestry in rural development, and especially consider new opportunities for employment in connection with the socio-economic functions of forests.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability. 4.2.1 Criterion 2.1. 4.6 Principle 6 - Economic and social growth of the local community in which the forest activity exists. 4.6.3 Criterion 6.3.
5.6.2 Forest management shall promote the long-term health and well-being of communities within or adjacent to the forest management area.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.6 Principle 6 - Economic and social growth of the local community in which the forest activity exists. 4.6.3 Criterion 6.3.
5.6.3 Property rights and land tenure arrangements shall be clearly defined, documented and established for the relevant forest area. Likewise, legal, customary and traditional rights related to the forest land shall be clarified, recognised and respected.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.1 Principle 1 – Compliance with the law. 4.1.2 Criterion 1.2. 4.6 Principle 6 - Economic and social growth of the local community in which the forest activity exists. 4.6.1 Criterion 6.1. 4.6.2 Criterion 6.2.

5.6.4 Forest management activities shall be conducted in recognition of the established framework of legal, customary and traditional rights such as outlined in ILO 169 and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which shall not be infringed upon without the free, prior and informed consent of the holders of the rights, including the provision of compensation where applicable. Where the extent of rights is not yet resolved or is in dispute there are processes for just and fair resolution. In such cases forest managers shall, in the interim, provide meaningful opportunities for parties to be engaged in forest management decisions whilst respecting the processes and roles and responsibilities laid out in the policies and laws where the certification takes place.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.6 Principle 6 - Economic and social growth of the local community in which the forest activity exists. 4.6.2 Criterion 6.2.
5.6.5 Adequate public access to forests for the purpose of recreation shall be provided taking into account respect for ownership rights and the rights of others, the effects on forest resources and ecosystems, as well as compatibility with other functions of the forest.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability. 4.2.1 Criterion 2.1. 4.6 Principle 6 - Economic and social growth of the local community in which the forest activity exists. 4.6.1 Criterion 6.1. 4.6.2 Criterion 6.2.
5.6.6 Sites with recognised specific historical, cultural or spiritual significance and areas fundamental to meeting the basic needs of local communities (e.g. health, subsistence) shall be protected or managed in a way that takes due regard of the significance of the site.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 3. Definitions: 3.29 a priority place for conservation. 4.4 Principle 4 – Biological diversity maintenance. 4.4.3 Criterion 4.3. 4.6 Principle 6 - Economic and social growth of the local community in which the forest activity exists. 4.6.1 Criterion 6.1. 4.6.2 Criterion 6.2.
5.6.7 Forest management operations shall take into account all socio-economic functions, especially the recreational function and aesthetic values of forests by maintaining for example varied forest structures, and by encouraging attractive trees, groves and other features such as colours, flowers and fruits. This shall be done, however, in a way and to an extent that does not lead to serious negative effects on forest resources, and forest land.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability. 4.2.5 Criterion 2.5. 4.4 Principle 4 – Biological diversity maintenance. 4.4.1 Criterion 4.1. 4.4.3 Criterion 4.3.

5.6.8 Forest managers, contractors, employees and forest owners shall be provided with sufficient information and encouraged to keep up-to-date through continuous training in relation to sustainable forest management as a precondition for all management planning and practices described in this standard.	yes	<p>- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit:</p> <p>4.1 Principle 1 – Compliance with the law.</p> <p>4.1.3 Criterion 1.3.</p> <p>4.1.5 Criterion 1.5.</p> <p>4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability.</p> <p>4.2.1 Criterion 2.1.</p> <p>4.3 Principle 3 – Maintenance of forest resources vitality, health and productivity.</p> <p>4.3.1 Criterion 3. 1.</p> <p>4.3.3 Criterion 3. 3.</p> <p>4.3.4 Criterion 3. 4.</p> <p>4.3.5 Criterion 3. 5.</p> <p>4.4 Principle 4 – Biological diversity maintenance.</p> <p>4.4.6 riterion 4.6.</p> <p>4.5 Principle 5 – Water, soil and air care.</p> <p>4.5.2 Criterion 5.2.</p> <p>4.5.3 Criterion 5.3.</p> <p>4.5.5 Criterion 5.5.</p> <p>4.6 Principle 6 - Economic and social growth of the local community in which the forest activity exists.</p> <p>4.6.4 Criterion 6.4.</p> <p>4.6.5 Criterion 6.5.</p>
5.6.9 Forest management practices shall make the best use of local forest-related experience and knowledge, such as those of local communities, forest owners, NGOs and local people.	yes	<p>- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit:</p> <p>4.6 Principle 6 - Economic and social growth of the local community in which the forest activity exists.</p> <p>4.6.1 Criterion 6.1.</p> <p>4.6.2 Criterion 6.2.</p> <p>4.7 Principle 7 – Monitoring and control.</p> <p>4.7.1 Criterion 7.1.</p>
5.6.10 Forest management shall provide for effective communication and consultation with local people and other stakeholders relating to sustainable forest management and shall provide appropriate mechanisms for resolving complaints and disputes relating to forest management between forest operators and local people.	yes	<p>- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit:</p> <p>4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability.</p> <p>4.2.1 Criterion 2.1.</p> <p>4.6 Principle 6 - Economic and social growth of the local community in which the forest activity exists.</p> <p>4.6.1 Criterion 6.1.</p> <p>4.6.2 Criterion 6.2.</p> <p>4.7 Principle 7 – Monitoring and control.</p> <p>4.7.1 Criterion 7.1.</p>

5.6.11 Forestry work shall be planned, organised and performed in a manner that enables health and accident risks to be identified and all reasonable measures to be applied to protect workers from work-related risks. Workers shall be informed about the risks involved with their work and about preventive measures.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.6 Principle 6 - Economic and social growth of the local community in which the forest activity exists. 4.6.5 Criterion 6.5. 4.7 Principle 7 – Monitoring and control. 4.7.1 Criterion 7.1. 4.7.2 Criterion 7.2.
5.6.12 Working conditions shall be safe, and guidance and training in safe working practices shall be provided to all those assigned to a task in forest operations.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.6 Principle 6 - Economic and social growth of the local community in which the forest activity exists. 4.6.5 Criterion 6.5.
5.6.13 Forest management shall comply with fundamental ILO conventions.	yes	- cerfoar – Technical Document: 2. Argentine Fores Certification System - cerfoar 2.3 cerfoar's documentary basis - IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.6 Principle 6 - Economic and social growth of the local community in which the forest activity exists. 4.6.4 Criterion 6.4. NOTE: Argentina Republican has ratified all Core ILO Conventions and has implemented through the legislative framework;
5.6.14 Forest management shall be based inter-alia on the results of scientific research. Forest management shall contribute to research activities and data collection needed for sustainable forest management or support relevant research activities carried out by other organisations, as appropriate.	yes	- IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.2 Principle 2 – Search for forest resources sustainability. 4.2.3 Criterion 2.3. 4.2.4 Criterion 2.4. 4.3 Principle 3 – Maintenance of forest resources vitality, health and productivity. 4.3.1 Criterion 3. 1. 4.5 Principle 5 – Water, soil and air care. 4.5.1 Criterion 5.1. 4.6 Principle 6 - Economic and social growth of the local community in which the forest activity exists. 4.6.1 Criterion 6.1. 4.7 Principle 7 – Monitoring and control. 4.7.1 Criterion 7.1.

Criterion 7 : Compliance with legal requirements		
5.7.1 Forest management shall comply with legislation applicable to forest management issues including forest management practices; nature and environmental protection; protected and endangered species; property, tenure and land-use rights for indigenous people; health, labour and safety issues; and the payment of royalties and taxes.	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - cerfoar – Technical Document: 2. Argentine Fores Certification System - cerfoar 2.3 cerfoar's documentary basis - IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.1 Principle 1 – Compliance with the law.
5.7.2 Forest management shall provide for adequate protection of the forest from unauthorised activities such as illegal logging, illegal land use, illegally initiated fires, and other illegal activities.	yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - cerfoar – Technical Document: 2. Argentine Fores Certification System - cerfoar 2.3 cerfoar's documentary basis - IRAM 39801. Sustainable forest management. Principles, criteria and indicators for the management unit: 4.1 Principle 1 – Compliance with the law 4.3 Principle 3 – Maintenance of forest resources vitality, health and productivity 4.3.5 Criterion 3. 5 4.4 Principle 4 – Biological diversity maintenance 4.4.4 Criterion 4.4 4.7 Principle 7 – Monitoring and control 4.7.1 Criterion 7.1
* If the answer to any question is no, the application documentation shall indicate for each element why and what alternative measures have been taken to address the element in question.		

PART IV PEFC Standard Requirements Checklist for certification and accreditation procedures (Annex 6)

1 Scope

This document covers requirements for certification and accreditation procedures given in Annex 6 to the PEFC Council Technical Document (Certification and accreditation procedures).

Any inconsistencies between this text and the original referred to document will be overruled by the content and wording of the technical document.

2 Checklist

No.	Question	Reference to PEFC Council PROCEDURES	YES / NO*	Reference to scheme documentation
Certification Bodies				
1	Does the scheme documentation require that certification shall be carried out by impartial, independent third parties that cannot be involved in the standard setting process as governing or decision making body, or in the forest management and are independent of the certified entity?	Annex 6, 3.1	yes	- cerfoar – Technical Document: 5. Accreditation and Certification 5.3 Accreditation Body
2	Does the scheme documentation require that certification body for forest management certification or chain of custody certification against a scheme specific chain of custody standard shall fulfil requirements defined in ISO 17021 or ISO Guide 65?	Annex 6, 3.1	yes	- cerfoar – Technical Document: 4. Certification 4.6 Certification Procedure - Annex 8 - cerfoar PG 02.03 1 Objective 3 General requirements - PEFC ST 2003:2012 0. Introduction
3	Does the scheme documentation require that certification body chain of custody certification against Annex 4 shall fulfil requirements defined in ISO Guide 65?	Annex 6, 3.1	yes	- cerfoar – Technical Document: 4. Certification 4.4 Chain of Custody Certification (no scheme specific CoC in Republica Argentina) <i>The cerfoar, as far as Chain of Custody Certification is concerned, adopts and assumes all the provisions of the PEFC Council's technical document, especially the reference document PEFC ST 2002: in force..</i> 4.6 Certification Procedure - PEFC ST 2003:2012 0. Introduction
4	Does the scheme documentation require that certification bodies carrying out forest certification shall have the technical competence in forest management on its economic, social and environmental impacts, and on the forest certification criteria?	Annex 6, 3.1	yes	- Annex 8 - cerfoar PG 02.03 6. Resource requirements 6.2 Competence of personnel involved in the certification activities

5	Does the scheme documentation require that certification bodies carrying out C-o-C certifications shall have technical competence in forest based products procurement and processing and material flows in different stages of processing and trading?	Annex 6, 3.1	yes	- cerfoar – Technical Document: 4. Certification 4.4 Chain of Custody Certification 4.6 Certification Procedure - PEFC ST 2003:2012 5 Certification body personnel 5.2.6 Competencies
6	Does the scheme documentation require that certification bodies shall have a good understanding of the national PEFC system against which they carry out forest management or C-o-C certifications?	Annex 6, 3.1	yes	- cerfoar – Technical Document: 4. Certification 4.5 Certification Body
7	Does the scheme documentation require that certification bodies have the responsibility to use competent auditors and who have adequate technical know-how on the certification process and issues related to forest management or chain of custody certification?	Annex 6, 3.2	yes	- Annex 8 - cerfoar PG 02.03 6. Resource requirements 6.2 Competence of personnel involved in the certification activities 8. Process requirements 8.1 General requirements 8.1.3 Audit team selection and assignment - PEFC ST 2003:2012 5 Certification body personnel 5.2 Auditors 5.3 Audit Team
8	Does the scheme documentation require that the auditors must fulfil the general criteria of ISO 19011 for Quality Management Systems auditors or for Environmental Management Systems auditors?	Annex 6, 3.2	yes	- cerfoar – Technical Document: 4. Certification 4.6 Certification Procedure - Annex 8 - cerfoar PG 02.03 8. Process requirements 8.1 General requirements 8.1.3 Audit team selection and assignment Annex 1: Summary Of The Competence Requirements Of The Personnel Involved In Certification Activities - PEFC ST 2003:2012 5 Certification body personnel 5.2 Auditors
9	Does the scheme documentation include additional qualification requirements for auditors carrying out forest management or chain of custody audits? [*1]	Annex 6, 3.2	yes	- cerfoar – Technical Document: 4. Certification 4.6 Certification Procedure - Annex 8 - cerfoar PG 02.03 6. Resource requirements 6.2 Competence of personnel involved in the certification activities - PEFC ST 2003:2012 5 Certification body personnel 5.2 Auditors

Certification procederes				
10	Does the scheme documentation require that certification bodies shall have established internal procedures for forest management and/or chain of custody certification?	Annex 6, 4	yes	- cerfoar – Technical Document: 4. Certification 4.6 Certification Procedure - Annex 8 - cerfoar PG 02.03 4: Documented Procedures - PEFC ST 2003:2012 1. Scope
11	Does the scheme documentation require that applied certification procedures for forest management certification or chain of custody certification against a scheme specific chain of custody standard shall fulfil or be compatible with the requirements defined in ISO 17021 or ISO Guide 65?	Annex 6, 4	yes	- cerfoar – Technical Document: 4. Certification 4.6 Certification Procedure - Annex 8 - cerfoar PG 02.03 3. General requirements NOTE: No scheme specific CoC in Republica Argentina.
12	Does the scheme documentation require that applied certification procedures for chain of custody certification against Annex 4 shall fulfil or be compatible with the requirements defined in ISO Guide 65?	Annex 6, 4	yes	- cerfoar – Technical Document: 4. Certification 4.4 Chain of Custody Certification (no scheme specific CoC in Republica Argentina) 4.6 Certification Procedure - PEFC ST 2003:2012 0. Introduction
13	Does the scheme documentation require that applied auditing procedures shall fulfil or be compatible with the requirements of ISO 19011?	Annex 6, 4	yes	- cerfoar – Technical Document: 4. Certification 4.6 Certification Procedure - Annex 06 - CE-CP-02_v3 6.2. Specific Criteria for the accreditation of Sustainable Forest Management certification bodies - Annex 08 - PG 02.03. 3. General requirements
14	Does the scheme documentation require that certification body shall inform the relevant PEFC National Governing Body about all issued forest management and chain of custody certificates and changes concerning the validity and scope of these certificates?	Annex 6, 4	yes	- cerfoar – Technical Document: 4. Certification 4.5 Certification Body - Annex 7 - cerfoar PG01.03 6. Obligations of the cerfoar notified certification body Annex 1: cerfoar Notification Contract Article 2: Responsibilities of the cerfoar Notified Certification Body
15	Does the scheme documentation require that certification body shall carry out controls of PEFC logo usage if the certified entity is a PEFC logo user?	Annex 6, 4	yes	- cerfoar – Technical Document: 4. Certification 4.5 Certification Body - Annex 8 - cerfoar PG02.03 8.3 Surveillance Activities - PEFC ST 2003:2012 4. Certification body 4.1 General provisions 10. Evaluation

				10.1 General requirements
16	Does a maximum period for surveillance audits defined by the scheme documentation not exceed more than one year?	Annex 6, 4	yes	- Annex 8 - cerfoar PG02.03 8.3 Surveillance Activities - PEFC ST 2003:2012 13. Surveillance 13.1 Audit requirements
17	Does a maximum period for assessment audit not exceed five years for both forest management and chain of custody certifications?	Annex 6, 4	yes	- Annex 8 - cerfoar PG02.03 8. Process requirements 8.1.1 Audit Programme - PEFC ST 2003:2012 12. Decision on certification 12.2 Certification document
18	Does the scheme documentation include requirements for public availability of certification report summaries?	Annex 6, 4	yes	- Annex 8 - cerfoar PG02.03 8. Process requirements 8.1.6 Audit report
19	Does the scheme documentation include requirements for usage of information from external parties as the audit evidence?	Annex 6, 4	yes	- Annex 8 - cerfoar PG02.03 8. Process requirements 8.2 Initial audit and certification 8.2.2 Initial certification audit 8.3 Surveillance Activities 8.4 Recertification - Annex 9 - cerfoar PG03.02
20	Does the scheme documentation include additional requirements for certification procedures? [*1]	Annex 6, 4	yes	- Annex 8 - cerfoar PG02.03. Procedures to be implemented by certification bodies to carry out forest management audits and certifications. - Annex 9 - cerfoar PG 03.02. Consultation procedure to the interested parties that shall implement certification bodies during forest management audits. - Annex 10 - cerfoar PG 04.02. Peers review procedure of the forest management certification report that shall implement the certification bodies - Annex 11 - cerfoar PG 05.02. Procedures to elaborate forest management audits reports that shall be implemented by the certification bodies - PEFC ST 2003: in force. Requirements for certification bodies operating certification against the pefc international chain of custody standard
Accreditation procedures				
21	Does the scheme documentation require that certification bodies carrying out forest management and/or chain of custody certification shall be accredited by a national accreditation body?	Annex 6, 5	yes	- cerfoar – Technical Document: 5. Notification and Accreditation 5.3 Accreditation Body - Annex 7 - cerfoar PG 01.03 4. Conditions for cerfoar notification
22	Does the scheme documentation require that an accredited certificate shall bear an accreditation symbol of the relevant accreditation body?	Annex 6, 5	yes	- cerfoar – Technical Document: 5. Notification and Accreditation - Annex 7 - cerfoar PG 01.03:

				3. Terms and Definitions. 3.1 Accredited certificate.
23	Does the scheme documentation require that the accreditation shall be issued by an accreditation body which is a part of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) umbrella or a member of IAF's special recognition regional groups and which implement procedures described in ISO 17011 and other documents recognised by the above mentioned organisations?	Annex 6, 5	yes	- cerfoar – Technical Document: 5. Notification and Accreditation 5.3 Accreditation Body - Annex 7 - cerfoar PG 01.03 4. Conditions for cerfoar notification
24	Does the scheme documentation require that certification body undertake forest management or/and chain of custody certification against a scheme specific chain of custody standard as "accredited certification" based on ISO 17021 or ISO Guide 65 and the relevant forest management or chain of custody standard(s) shall be covered by the accreditation scope?	Annex 6, 5	yes	- cerfoar – Technical Document: 5. Notification and Accreditation 5.1 Criteria for the accreditation of sustainable forest management - Annex 6 - OAA CE-CP-02.v3 6. Description 6.1 General Criteria 6.2. Specific Criteria for the accreditation of Sustainable Forest Management certification bodies - Annex 7 - cerfoar PG 01.03 4. Conditions for cerfoar notification NOTE: no scheme specific CoC in Republic Argentina)
25	Does the scheme documentation require that certification body undertake chain of custody certification against Annex 4 as "accredited certification" based on ISO Guide 65?	Annex 6, 5	yes	- cerfoar – Technical Document: 5. Notification and Accreditation 5.2 Criteria for the accreditation of chain of custody - Annex 6 - OAA CE-CP-02.v3 6. Description 6.1 General Criteria 6.3. Specific Criteria for the accreditation of Chain of Custody certification bodies - Annex 7 - cerfoar PG 01.03 4. Conditions for cerfoar notification
26	Does the scheme documentation include a mechanism for PEFC notification of certification bodies?	Annex 6, 6	yes	- cerfoar – Technical Document: 5. Notification and Accreditation - cerfoar PG01.03: cerfoar Notification of certification bodies operating forest management and chain of custody certification in Argentina
27	Are the procedures for PEFC notification of certification bodies non-discriminatory?	Annex 6, 6	yes	- cerfoar – Technical Document: 5. Notification and Accreditation - Annex 7 - cerfoar PG01.03
<p>* If the answer to any question is no, the application documentation shall indicate for each element why and what alternative measures have been taken to address the element in question.</p> <p>[*1] This is not an obligatory requirement</p>				

**PART V: Standard and System Requirement Checklist for system specific Chain of custody standards
– COMPLIANCE WITH PEFC ST PEFC 2002:2010**

1 Scope

Part V is used for the assessment of scheme specific chain of custody standards against PEFC ST 2002:2010 (Chain of Custody of Forest Based Products - Requirements).

Any inconsistencies between this text and the original referred to document will be overruled by the content and wording of the technical document.

2 Checklist

No	Question	Reference to PEFC 2002:2010	YES / NO*	Reference to application documents
Requirements for chain of custody process – physical separation method				
1	Does the national C-o-C standard require identification of origin of certified material/products in compliance with chapter 4.2?	4.2	-	-
2	Does the national C-o-C standard require separation of the certified raw material in compliance with chapter 4.3?	4.3	-	-
3	Does the national C-o-C standard require information delivered to the customer at the point of sale of certified products in compliance with chapter 4.4?	4.4	-	-
4	Does the national standard require that usage of the logo or label shall be carried out according to the terms and conditions of the logo / label copyright owner?	4.4.2	-	-
Requirements for the chain of custody process – percentage based methods				
5	Does the national standard require that the requirements for C-o-C process shall be implemented for the production group defined in compliance with chapters 5.1.2?	5.1.2	-	-
6	Does the national C-o-C standard require identification of origin of material/products entering the product group in compliance with chapter 5.2?	5.2	-	-
7	Does the national standard include requirements for the calculation of the certification percentage, which are compatible with the chapter 5.3?	5.3	-	-
8	Does the national standard include an average percentage method in compliance with chapter 5.4.1?	5.4.1	-	-
9	Does the national standard include a volume credit method in compliance with chapter 5.4.2?	5.4.2	-	-
10	Does the national C-o-C standard require information delivered to customer at the point of sale of certified products in compliance with chapter 5.5?	5.5	-	-
11	Does the national standard require that usage of the logo or label shall be carried out according to the terms and conditions of the logo / label copyright owner?	5.5.2	-	-

12	Does the national standard require a Due Diligence System (DDS) to ensure that the certified products do not include raw material from controversial sources?	5.6; Appendix 2	-	-
Minimum management system requirements				
13	Does the national standard require management responsibilities for the organisation's management in compliance with chapter 6.2.1?	6.2.1	-	-
14	Does the national standard include requirements for responsibilities and authorities for C-o-C in compliance with chapter 6.3?	6.3	-	-
15	Does the national standard include requirements for documented procedures in compliance with chapter 6.3?	6.3	-	-
16	Does the national standard include requirements for record keeping in compliance with chapter 6.4?	6.4	-	-
17	Does the national standard include requirements for human resources management and technical facilities in compliance with chapter 6.5.1 and 6.5.2?	6.5.1, 6.5.2	-	-
18	Does the national standard include requirements for inspection and control in compliance with chapter 6.6?	6.6	-	-
19	Does the national standard include requirements for complaint resolution procedures in compliance with chapter 6.7?	6.7	-	-
20	Does the national standard include requirements for subcontracting in compliance with chapter 6.8?	6.8	-	-
Specification of the of the PEFC claim on "PEFC certified" material				
21	Does the national standard include definition of certified raw material, neutral and other raw material (for the purposes of PEFC claims / labelling) in compliance with Appendix 1?	Appendix 1	-	-
PEFC Due Diligence System (DDS) for avoidance of raw material from controversial sources				
22	Is the scope of the DDS of the national standard in compliance with Appendix 2 chapter 1?	Appendix 2, 1	-	-
23	Does the DDS of the national standard include requirements for self-declarations of suppliers in compliance with Appendix2, chapter 2?	Appendix 2, 2	-	-
24	Does the DDS of the national standard include requirements for risk-assessment in compliance with Appendix2, chapter 3?	Appendix 2, 3	-	-
25	Does the DDS of the national standard include requirements for management of high-risk supplies in compliance with Appendix2, chapter 3?	Appendix 2, 4	-	-
Implementation of chain of custody by multisite organisations (only for standards which include rules for multisite or group certification)				
26	Does the national standard define the multisite organisation in compliance with chapter 2 of Appendix 3?	Appendix 3, 2	-	-

27	Does the national standard include general criteria for multi requirements in compliance with chapter 3.1 of Appendix 3?	Appendix 3, 3.1	-	-
28	Does the national standard include requirements for function and responsibilities of the central office in compliance with chapter 3.2.1 of Appendix 3?	Appendix 3, 3.2.1	-	-
29	Does the national standard include requirements for function and responsibilities of sites connected to a multisite organisation in compliance with chapter 3.2.2 of Appendix 3?	Appendix 3, 3.2.2	-	-
Social, health and safety requirements in chain of custody				
30	Does the national standard include social, health and safety requirements in compliance with chapter 2 of Appendix 4?	Appendix 4, 2	-	-
* If the answer to any question is no, the application documentation shall indicate for each element why and what alternative measures have been taken to address the element in question.				

PART VI PEFC Standard Requirements Checklist for scheme administration requirements

1 Scope

Part VI is used for the assessment of requirements for the administration of PEFC schemes outlined in PEFC 1004:2009, Administration of PEFC scheme.

Any inconsistencies between this text and the original referred to document will be overruled by the content and wording of the standard or the guide.

The compliance with these requirements is only evaluated in the first PEFC assessment of a scheme or on specific request by the PEFC Secretariat.

2 Checklist

No	Question	Reference to PEFC GD 1004:2009	YES / NO*	Reference to application documents
PEFC Notification of certification bodies				
1	Are procedures for the notification of certification bodies in place, which comply with chapter 5 of PEFC GD 1004:2009, Administration of PEFC scheme?	Chapter 5	yes	- Annex 7 - cerfoar PG 01.03
PEFC Logo usage licensing				
2	Are procedures for the issuance of PEFC Logo usage licenses in place, which comply with chapter 6 of PEFC GD 1004:2009, Administration of PEFC scheme?	Chapter 6	yes	- Annex 13 - cerfoar PG 07.01
Complaints and dispute procedures				
3	Are complaint and dispute procedures go usage licenses in place, which comply with chapter 8 of PEFC GD 1004:2009, Administration of PEFC scheme?	Chapter 8	yes	- Annex 12 - cerfoar PG 06.02