

**REGULATIONS  
on the Working Group  
for Consideration, Review and Adoption of Forest Management Standard of  
Voluntary Forest Certification System PEFC RUSSIA**

**Status and membership**

Working Group (hereafter the WG) is a self-regulating body, which develops the draft of forest management standard (hereafter the Standard), organizes its approbation and provides the materials for consideration and adoption.

The WG shall consist of qualified experts.

Membership in the WG is voluntary, opened for all stakeholders and cannot be declined.

The WG itself decides on quantity and composition of its members, taking into account considerations of expediency and its current objectives.

Acceptance of new members and withdrawal from the WG membership are carried out in accordance with existing ones taking into account ensuring solution of current objectives and continuity of activities.

**Obligations**

The WG shall perform its activities in accordance with these Regulations, PEFC RUSSIA System Regulation and Rules for standards setting, review and approval.

The WG bears responsibility for taking into consideration existing normative and technical and organizational and legal basis and international norms and rules (PEFC) in the process of standard setting.

The WG shall take part in the process of Standard approbation.

The WG shall inform stakeholders and disadvantaged parties on the process of the standard setting.

**Activities**

Meetings of the WG are headed by a Chairman elected from members of the WG.

Activities of WG members are determined with current objectives and guided by the Chairman.

The WG in a body works in 3-5-day sessions convened when necessary.

All decisions of the WG are taken on the basis of consensus and agreed priorities.

**Working drafts shall be available to all members of the working group.**

**Comments and views submitted by any member of the working group shall be considered in an open and transparent way and their resolution and proposed changes shall be recorded.**

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Documents set and adopted by the WG shall be forwarded to PEFC RUSSIA Governing Body for their approval.