

# **CERFOAR – PEFC ARGENTINA**

## **ARGENTINE FOREST CERTIFICATION SYSTEM**

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## 1. Introduction

The Argentine Forest Certification System (CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina) is a voluntary initiative of the Argentine forestry sector that establishes the requirements for the certification of sustainable forest management of native and planted forests and for the traceability of related industries, all located in Argentine territory.

The system is administered by the Civil Association *Administration of the Argentine Forest Certification System*, hereinafter CERFOAR Association – PEFC Argentina, a non-profit civil entity with legal personality granted by Resolution No. 000429 of the General Inspectorate of Justice in May 2010.

The CERFOAR Association – PEFC Argentina, through its Executive Secretariat, is responsible for facilitating and coordinating with the Standardization Directorate of IRAM the development and revision of the standards of sustainable forest management base of CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina. In turn, the Executive Secretariat is responsible for verifying that standardization processes are carried out in an open and transparent manner, involving multiple stakeholders in forestry activity.

In 2010 the CERFOAR Association was accepted as the Member of the PEFC Council at the 14th session of the General Assembly of the PEFC Council, thus becoming part of the most widespread global forest certification scheme in the world.

The CERFOAR system was evaluated and approved with the PEFC Scheme on July 29, 2014.

The first revision of CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina took place between April 2019 and May 2022.

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**- 00\_CERFOAR-PEFC Arg Association\_Statute\_Trans.pdf:**

Statute of the Association CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina

## 2. CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina

International approval by the PEFC Council is the precondition for the use of the revised IRAM sustainable forest management standards and all revised technical documentation of the system.

### 2.1 CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina Standards

The technical standards of voluntary application that constitute the normative basis of the Argentine Forest Certification System are the IRAM Standards of Sustainable Forest Management, which are cited below:

- IRAM 39801:2022. Sustainable forest management. Criteria and indicators of the management unit.
- IRAM 39805:2022. Sustainable forest management. Group Certification

The CERFOAR– PEFC Argentina Association adopts as standards of the Argentine system the international standards established by the PEFC Council for the certification of the chain of custody, the use of PEFC marks and the requirements for chain of custody certification bodies:

- PEFC ST 2001: in force — PEFC Trademarks Rules – Requirements
- PEFC ST 2002: in force — Chain of Custody of Forest and Tree Based Products – Requirements,
- PEFC ST 2003: in force — Requirements for Certification Bodies operating Certification against the PEFC International Chain of Custody Standard.

### 2.2 Technical document and procedures of the CERFOAR Association – PEFC Argentina

The documentation of the system is completed by the Technical Document CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina and the following administrative procedures (general procedures) established by the Association:

- PG01:06. CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina notification of certification bodies to certify forest management and/or chain of custody in Argentina;
- PG02:04. Procedure for conducting CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina forest management certification audits that shall be complied with by certification bodies;
- PG03:03. Stakeholders consultation to be implemented by certification bodies during forest management certification;
- PG04: obsolete. Procedure for peer review of the forest management certification report to be implemented by the certification bodies
- PG05:06. Procedure for preparing forest management audit reports to be implemented by certification bodies;
- PG06:03. Procedure for the resolution of disputes of the CERFOAR– PEFC Argentina Association;
- PG07:05. Issuance of licenses for the use of PEFC Trademarks by the CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina Association;
- PG08:00. Sustainable Forest Management standard settings procedure of the Argentine Forest Certification System.

## 2. Focus and scope of the revision

At the meeting of February 4, 2019, the Board of Directors of the CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina Association approves a complete revision of the system with the aim of complying with the new requirements of the PEFC benchmark and the feedback for the updating and improvement of the standards and the Argentine Forest Certification System. The Board of Directors defines the Executive Secretariat as responsible for coordinating and carrying out this revision.

NOTE: The Executive Secretariat of the CERFOR – PEFC Argentina Association is exercised by the Executive Director of the Association.

The revision process included the entire CERFOAR PEFC – Argentina system and was conducted with the following approaches:

- IRAM Standards of Sustainable Forest Management:
  - update its content to the new requirements of PEFC International standards for sustainable forest management,
  - adjust its content to the new requirements for sustainable forest management agreed in the different national and international processes and regulations that are applicable to Argentine forests;
  - incorporate scientific advances and applicable emerging issues,
  - consider stakeholder expectations and lessons learned from system implementation.
- General Procedures: Update and adjust your content to the new requirements of the PEFC Scheme
- the Technical Document: adjust its content to the new characteristics and requirements of CERFOAR - PEFC Argentina.

## 3. Revision of sustainable forest management standards

### 3.1 Standardization Body and procedures for the elaboration and revision of the SFM standards of CERFOAR - PEFC Argentina

### 3.1.1 Standardization Body

In the Argentine Republic, standardization, certification and accreditation activities are included within the regulatory framework of the Decree [1474/1994](#) *National system of standards, quality and certification. Its creation. Organization. National Council. Functions. Integration. Standardization Agency. Accreditation Body.*

IRAM is recognized as the National Standardization Body by successive national laws, and in 1994 it was ratified in its function by Decree No. 1474/94, which confers on it the power of the sole body for the elaboration of technical standards of voluntary application, within the framework of the National System of Standards, Quality and Certification.

IRAM is a non-profit civil association, founded in 1935 by representatives of the various sectors of the economy, government, and scientific and technical institutions. It is the entity responsible for the elaboration and issuance of standards, to keep a permanently updated record of them; to contribute to its dissemination and to implement procedures that promote the full participation of all interests and sectors involved in standardization processes.

IRAM represents Argentina before the regional standardization organizations: Mercosur Standardization Association - AMN and Pan American Commission of Technical Standards - COPANT, and before the international organizations ISO and International Electrotechnical Commission - IEC, in the latter case in conjunction with the Argentine Electrotechnical Association - AEA. IRAM coordinates the national technical committees that analyze the documents under study, channels national proposals, establishes Argentina's position before these organizations and is present in the leadership of several of the international technical committees.

The IRAM integrates the CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina Association through an agreement of reciprocal associations and carries out the elaboration and revision of the SFM standards of the Argentine system in coordination with the Executive Secretariat of the Association.

### 3.1.2 Procedures for the elaboration and revision of the SFM standards of CERFOAR PEFC – Argentina

The IRAM develops and revises the standards following these regulations and procedures:

- Regulations for the Study of Standards and the Functioning of their Technical Forum (R.E.N)

NOTE: The Regulations for the Study of Standards are available to the public for free consultations at the IRAM Documentation Center, located in Peru 552/6 (C1068AAB) Buenos Aires Argentina | Phone +54 11 7078-0542 | [documentación@iram.org.ar](mailto:documentación@iram.org.ar) | <https://www.iram.org.ar/centro-de-documentacion/>

- Complementary procedures that integrate into IRAM's Quality Management System

NOTE: IRAM has implemented and certified a quality management system in accordance with ISO 9001:2015 ([Certificate No. ER-1255/2003](#)) with the following scope: Study and elaboration of IRAM standards; participation in the elaboration and adoption of hemispheric (COPANT), regional (NM), international (ISO, IEC) standards, and consultation and sale of normative documents.

IRAM has a software and online platform for the administration and complete registration of the IRAM standardization process ([SIPO](#)) to which IRAM professionals, the coordinators of the Standard Setting Working Group (including the EXECUTIVE Secretariat CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina), the members of the standard settings working groups that have been validated through an application note to integrate these working groups and the validated participants of the public discussion of the standard have access.

The Executive Secretariat of the CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina Association in turn elaborated the PG 08.00 General Procedure for the elaboration and revision of the Sustainable Forest Management standards of the Argentine Forest Certification System CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina.

This Procedure defines the specific requirements of the Argentine system, in addition to those established by the REN and by any other complementary document established by the IRAM, which shall be met by the Executive Secretariat of CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina in the process of elaboration and revision of the IRAM Sustainable Forest Management standards, the basis of the Argentine Forest Certification System.

The Board of Directors of the CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina Association at its December 2020 meeting, approved this general procedure (PG 08.00).

NOTE: This procedure did not receive any comments from members of the standard setting working group "Forest Management Commission" of IRAM or other interested parties.

#### Folder 7\_IRAM Procedures 7.1 REN

- IRAM\_REN.pdf

#### Folder 7\_IRAM Procedures 7.2\_IRAM\_Documents Quality System

IRAM Quality System Documents referred to in the CERFOAR - PEFC Argentina revision report (16 files)

#### Folder 4\_PEFC Argentina System Documents 4.1\_English

2022\_PG08\_Standard setting procedure.pdf

Procedure for the elaboration and revision of the Sustainable Forest Management standards of the Argentine Forest Certification System CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina

### 3.2 Preparation of the proposal for draft IRAM GFS Standards

During the months of February to October 2019, the Executive Secretary CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina collected information, basic documentation and needs analysis, including consulting key people on difficulties in the implementation and evaluation of IRAM 39801 and IRAM 39805 (technicians of certified companies, forest auditors, technical experts who make up audit teams, forestry technicians, managers of certification groups)

With this background and the gap analyses between IRAM 39801 and PEFC ST 1003:2018 and between IRAM 39805 and PEFC ST 1002:2018, it developed the draft IRAM SFM revised Standards.

### 3.3 Development of the stakeholder map

Following the classification of stakeholders based on the nine major stakeholder groups defined in Agenda 21 of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), stakeholders relevant to the goals were identified and scope of SFM IRAM standards revision activities through a stakeholder mapping exercise

After identifying the stakeholders, they were classified into Affected Stakeholders (AS), Disadvantaged Stakeholders (DS), and Key Stakeholders (KS) for the standards revision process.

#### 3.3.1 Stakeholder Mapping

Interest Group	Identified Stakeholder	KS	AS	DS
Women	<a href="#">Mujeres Rurales Argentinas</a>			
	UATRE <sup>1</sup> - <a href="#">Red de Mujeres Rurales</a>			
	Mesa de Socias <a href="#">Asociación Forestal Argentina</a> (AFoA)			
Indigenous Peoples	<a href="#">Instituto Nacional de Asuntos Indígenas</a> (INAI) - MJyDH <sup>2</sup>			
Non-governmental organizations	Asociación de Ingenieros Forestales de Chubut			
	<a href="#">Aves Argentinas</a>			
	<a href="#">Centro de Investigaciones del Bosque Atlántico (CeIBA)</a>			
	<a href="#">Fundación Rewilding Argentina</a>			
	Colegio de Graduados en Ciencias Forestales de Santiago del Estero			
	Colegio de Ingenieros Forestales de Formosa			
	Colegio de Ingenieros Forestales de Misiones			
	Colegio de Ingenieros Forestales de Misiones			

<sup>1</sup> [UATRE](#): Argentine union of rural workers and stevedores (union that brings together forestry workers)

<sup>2</sup> [MJyDH](#): Ministry of Justice and Human Rights

Interest Group	Identified Stakeholder	KS	AS	DS
	Consejo Profesional de Ciencias Forestales del Chaco			
	Federación Argentina de Ingeniería Forestal			
	<a href="#">Fundación ambiente y recursos naturales - FARN</a>			
	<a href="#">Fundación AVINA - Programa BIOMAS</a>			
	<a href="#">Fundación Banco de Bosques</a>			
	<a href="#">Fundación Bosques Nativos Argentinos para la Biodiversidad</a>			
	<a href="#">Fundación Gran Chaco</a>			
	<a href="#">Fundación Habitat y Desarrollo</a>			
	<a href="#">Fundación Humedales</a>			
	<a href="#">Fundación ProYungas</a>			
	<a href="#">FUNDAPAZ</a>			
	<a href="#">Fundación Vida Silvestre</a>			
	<a href="#">Greenpeace Argentina</a>			
	<a href="#">Proyecto Uso Sustentable de la Biodiversidad</a>			
	<a href="#">Seamos Bosques</a>			
	<a href="#">Asociación civil El Guayacán</a>			
	<a href="#">The Nature Conservancy Argentina (TNC)</a>			
Government Organizations	<a href="#">Administración de Parques Nacionales (APN)</a>			
	Dirección Agricultura y Apicultura - Entre Ríos			
	Dirección de Agricultura - Mendoza			
	Dirección de bosques y manejo y uso del suelo - Jujuy			
	Dirección de Bosques y Parques - Santa Cruz			
	Dirección de Flora y Fauna Silvestre y Suelos - Tucumán			
	Dirección de Recursos Forestales - Corrientes			
	Dirección de Recursos Naturales - La Pampa			
	Dirección Forestal - Buenos Aires			
	Dirección general de agricultura - Salta			
	Dirección General de Bosques y Fauna - Santiago del Estero			
	Dirección General de Recursos Forestales - Neuquén			
	Dirección Gral. de Desarrollo Forestal - Tierra del Fuego			
	Dirección Nacional de Biodiversidad - MAYDS <sup>3</sup>			
	<a href="#">Dirección Nacional de Bosques</a> - MayDS			
	<a href="#">Dirección Nacional de Desarrollo Foresto Industrial</a> - MAGyP <sup>4</sup>			
	Dirección de Agricultura - Catamarca			
	Director de Bosques Zona Andina de Río Negro			
	Director de Producción Sustentable de la Provincia de Formosa			
	Directora General de Desarrollo Foresto Industrial de Santa Fe			
	Instituto de Investigaciones Forestales y Agropecuarias - Chaco			
	Ministerio de Ecología y Recursos Naturales - Misiones			
	Ministerio del Agro y La Producción de la Provincia de Misiones			
	Programa forestal de la provincia de San Luis			

<sup>3</sup> [MAYDS](#): Ministerio de ambiente y desarrollo sostenible de la nación.

<sup>4</sup> [MAGyP](#): Ministerio de agricultura, ganadería y pesquerías de la nación.

Interest Group	Identified Stakeholder	KS	AS	DS
	Secretaría de agricultura, ganadería y agroindustria de San Juan			
	Secretaría de Ambiente de la Provincia de La Rioja			
	Secretaría de Bosques de la Provincia del Chubut			
	Secretaría de Desarrollo Productivo de Jujuy			
	Secretaría de Política Ambiental en Recursos Naturales del Ministerio de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible			
	Secretaría de Producción de Río Negro			
	<a href="#">Proyecto Bosques Nativos y Comunidad</a>			
	<a href="#">Servicio Nacional de Sanidad y Calidad Agroalimentaria (SENASA)</a>			
	<a href="#">Subgerencia de Desarrollo en Seguridad y Salud (SRT)</a>			
Forest owners and forest producers	<a href="#">AFoA</a>			
	ARAUCO Argentina			
	Grupo Pindó			
	Carlos Urionaguena			
	Cecilia Calveyra			
	Consorcio Delta			
	Consorcio Forestal Corrientes Norte			
	Consorcio Forestal Río Uruguay			
	Graciela Sosa			
	Grupo Tapebicuá			
	Jorge Scarpa			
	Laharrague Chodorge			
	Papel Misionero			
	Papel Prensa			
	Patricia Stopp			
	Grupo de Consulta Mutua Río Carabellas			
	Consorcio Forestal Corrientes Centro			
Industries	<a href="#">FAIMA</a>			
	Asociación de Empresarios Madereros y Afines – A.D.E.M.A.			
	Asociación de Industriales Carpinteros, Ebanistas y Afines – A.I.C.E.A.			
	Asociación de Productores Forestales del Chaco – A.P.F.Ch.			
	Asociación de Productores Foresto Industriales y Comerciales de la Provincia de Salta – A.P.R.O.F.I.C.S.A.			
	Asociación de Productores, Industriales y Comerciantes Forestales de Misiones y del Norte de Corrientes – A.P.I.C.O.F.O.M.			
	Asociación Foresto Industrial de Jujuy – A.F.I.JUY.			
	Cámara Argentina de Aserraderos de Maderas, Depósitos y Afines – C.A.D.A.M.D.A.			
	Cámara Argentina de la Industria de Maderas Aglomeradas – C.A.I.M.A.			
	Cámara de Empresarios Madereros y Afines – C.E.M.A.			
	Cámara de Fabricantes de Muebles, Tapicerías y Afines – C.A.F.Y.D.M.A.			
	Cámara de Forestadores, Empresarios Madereros y Afines de Río Negro y Neuquén – C.A.F.E.M.A.			
	Cámara de Foresto-Industria de Tucumán – C.A.F.I.TUC.			
	Cámara de Industriales Madereros de Pergamino			



Interest Group	Identified Stakeholder	KS	AS	DS
	Cámara de Industriales Madereros y Afines de Esperanza – C.I.M.A.E.			
	Cámara de Industriales Madereros y Afines de Santa Fe – C.I.M.A.S.Fe			
	Cámara de la Industria Maderera de Santiago del Estero - C.I.M.S.E.			
	Cámara de la Industria Maderera y Afines de Cañada de Gómez – C.I.M.A.			
	Cámara de la Madera del Litoral – C.M.L.			
	Cámara de la Madera y Afines de Río Cuarto			
	Cámara de la Madera y Afines de San Francisco y la Región			
	Cámara de la Madera, Mueble y Equipamiento de Córdoba			
	Cámara Faguina Fabricantes de Muebles Aberturas Carpintería y demás Manufacturas de Madera y Afines – C.A.F.U.F.A.M.A.			
	Cámara Industrial y Comercial de la Madera de Mar del Plata y zona de influencia			
	Centro de Obrajeros del Norte – C.O.N.			
	Centro Industrial Maderero – C.I.M.			
	Industriales Madereros y Forestales de Entre Ríos y Sur de Corrientes– I.M.F.E.R.			
Scientific and technological community	AUSMA - UNCo			
	Centro de Investigación y Extensión Forestal Andino Patagónico - CIEFAP			
	Facultad de Ciencias Agrarias y Forestales - UNLP			
	Facultad de Ciencias Agropecuarias - UNC			
	Facultad de Ciencias Forestales - UNaM			
	Facultad de Ciencias Forestales - UNaM			
	Facultad de Ciencias Forestales - UNSE			
	Facultad de Ciencias Forestales - UNSE			
	Facultad de Recursos Naturales - UNaF			
	Facultad de Recursos Naturales - UNaF			
	INTA <sup>5</sup> - Programa Nacional Biodiversidad			
	<a href="#">INTA</a> - Programa Nacional Forestal			
	Instituto Nacional de Tecnología Industrial (INTI)			
	Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación (MINCyT)			
	Red Argentina de Ciencia y Tecnología Forestal			
	Universidad Nacional de Misiones-Fac.Ciencias Forestales			
Workers and trade unions	<a href="#">Unión argentina de trabajadores rurales y estibadores (UATRE)</a>			
	<a href="#">UATRE - Investigative Commission for the Eradication of Rural Child Labor</a>			

### 3.3.2 Addressing disadvantaged stakeholders (DS)

A group of disadvantaged stakeholders was identified: indigenous peoples

#### Indigenous Peoples

The indigenous peoples in the Argentine Republic are distributed throughout the territory of the country, identifying 39 different indigenous peoples, 16 of which live in areas of native and planted forests. In turn, these 39 indigenous peoples are distributed in around 1779 communities according to data from the INAI | [List of Indigenous communities](#) with legal personality registered, either at the national level in the National Registry of Indigenous Communities (Re.Na.Ci) that operates in the orbit of INAI.

<sup>5</sup> [INTA](#): National Institute of Agricultural Technology

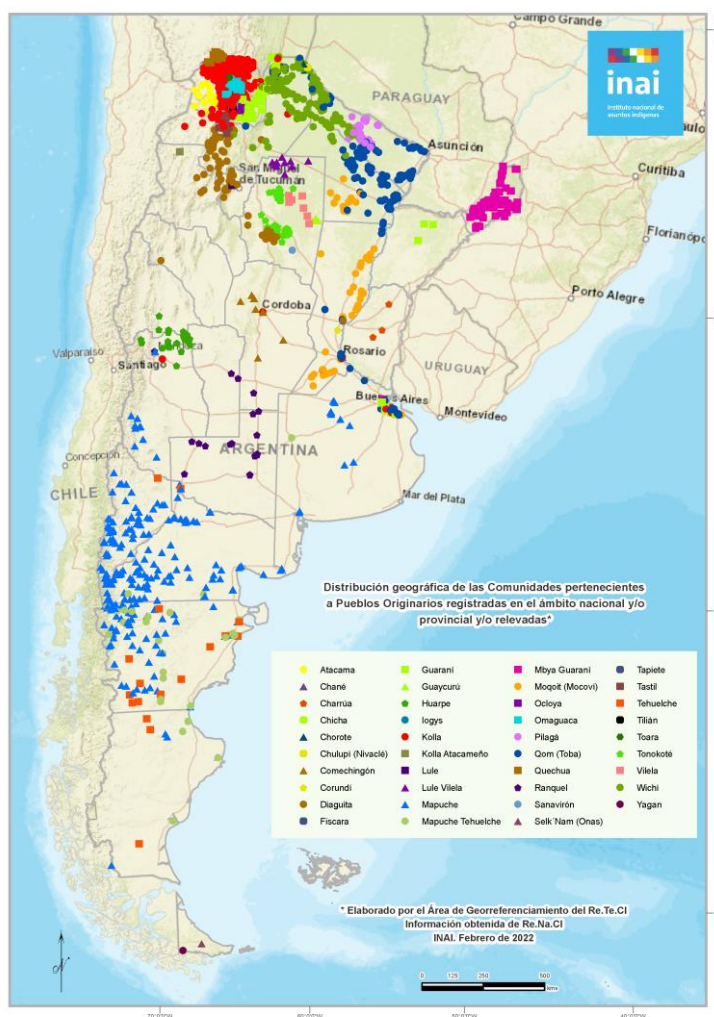
Given the dispersion of these communities, their limited access to the media and their limited availability to participate in these processes of analysis and review of sustainable forest management standards, valid interlocutors were identified to represent the interests of indigenous peoples in Argentina.

To obtain the participation of representatives of indigenous peoples, the Technical Secretariat contacted the National Institute of Indigenous Affairs (INAI), an organization that represents all the indigenous peoples of Argentina, and convened them to participate in the process of revising the IRAM GFS standards.

INAI is a public body under the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights created in 1985 whose objective is the development of public policies aimed at the promotion of indigenous communities in Argentina.

With a federal and democratic vision, INAI coordinates spaces for exchange and cooperation to develop joint policies between the State and civil society, one of them is the *Indigenous Participation Council*: formed by two members of each indigenous people of each province, elected by the communities themselves.

And to facilitate dialogue and the form of communication, professionals specialized in linking forestry companies and organizations with indigenous peoples were identified and invited to participate in the revision of the standards and in particular in the meetings where these issues were addressed.



Map of Indigenous Communities with Legal Personality | <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/derechoshumanos/inai/mapa>

### 3.4 Public announcement of the start of revision activities and call for interested parties

Once the stakeholder map and the revised IRAM 39801 and IRAM 39805 draft standards were completed, IRAM was formally requested to revision the reference standards.

The application submitted on 2019/11/08 and signed by the president of the CERFOAR - PEFC Argentina Association included:

- the proposal and justification of the request for revision;
- the documents related and considered as background for this application;
- the proposed scope of IRAM Standards 39801 and 39805.

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**- 01\_DN-FN 013 Request for review\_CERFOAR.pdf:**

Completed GFS Standard Review Request IRAM Form

The IRAM Standardization Directorate approved the revision of IRAM 39801 and IRAM 39805, included this revision in its 2020 Study Plan, agreed to reopen the standard setting workin group "Forest Management Commission (WG2)" and that the Executive Secretariat CERFOAR - PEFC Argentina (Florencia Chavat) coordinate it.

NOTA: IRAM publishes its updated Standards Study Plan annually on its website:

<https://iram.org.ar/normalizacion/normas-en-tu-sector/> -> Standard study plan (Only available into Spanish)

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**- 02\_DN-PG 010. Rev.10.pdf:**

IRAM quality management system procedure: DN-PG 010 Process planning | see 4. Procedures, 4.1 Standardization Processes, 4.1.1 Standards Study Plan, 4.1.2 Approval, 4.1.3 Dissemination

**- 03\_Standard Study Plan\_2020.pdf:**

IRAM standards study plan for 2020: see pages: 10 "Forest Management Commission (WG2)"; 24 "Forest Management Commission (WG2)" and 55 "Forest Management Commission (WG2) IRAM. For study IRAM 39801 (REV) and IRAM 39805 (REV)"

**- 03\_Standard Study Plan\_2021.pdf:**

IRAM standards study plan for 2021: see pages: 10 "Forest Management Commission (WG2)"; 24 "Forest Management Commission (WG2)" and 51 "Forest Management Commission (WG2) IRAM. For study IRAM 39801 (REV) and IRAM 39805 (REV)"

In turn, the IRAM Standardization Directorate agreed to complement its standard-setting procedures with the PG08 of the CERFOR – PEFC Argentina Association

It was planned to start the process of reviewing the IRAM standards on March 30, 2020 with a briefing to present the objectives, scope and stages of the process of standardization of sustainable forest management at the national level and communicate about the various ways of participation in this process.

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**- 04\_2020 03 30\_Invitación\_Sesión Informativa\_Revisión CERFOAR.pdf:**

Invitation to the informative session to start the CERFOAR review process – PEFC Argentina

Due to the beginning of the pandemic caused by COVID-19 and the restrictions established by the Argentine government, this activity was canceled.

The briefing was replanned for September 8, 2020.

On August 19, 2020, invitations to participate in the briefing were sent and on August 31, 2020, a reminder of the invitation was sent.

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**- 05\_Stakeholders contacted.pdf:**

Stakeholders invited to participate in the SFM IRAM Standards revision process

**- 06\_2020 09 08\_Invitation\_revision CERFOAR-PEFC Argentina.pdf:**

Invitation to the informative session for the start of the revision process of the SFM standards of CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina

**- 07\_2020 09 08\_Reminder Invitation revision\_CERFOAR-PEFC Arg:**

Reminder of the invitation to the informative session for the start of the revision process of the SFM standards of CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina

The meeting was held on the Zoom platform. 111 people were pre-accredited and 106 attended

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**08\_Informative Session Registration Responses.xlsx:**

Registration of the pre-accreditations to participate in the informative session for the start of the revision process of the GFS standards of CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina

**09\_2020 09 08\_Participants Informative Session.xlsx:**

Registration of attendees to the informative session of the beginning of the revision process CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina

**10\_Chat Participants Informative Session.txt:**

Record of exchange with informative session attendees

**11\_2020 09 08\_Informative session presentation.pdf**

Presentation made during the informative session, in which the objectives, scope and stages of the standardization process of sustainable forest management at the national level are detailed and information is given on the various opportunities for participation in this process.

The CERFOAR - PEFC Argentina published on a website the information on the system re process so that interested parties can participate and follow up on this revision

<https://rev2020.cerfoar.org.ar/>

### **3.5 Establishment of the s standard settings working group of IRAM SFM standards (WG2)**

During the months of September and October 2020, information was exchanged with the parties interested in participating in the review process and they were sent the form DN-FN 017 Request for representation in the Standards Study Bodies of the IRAM (Standard Settings Working Group)

32 applications were received to join IRAM's WG2. The applications were evaluated and all were validated taking into account that:

- cover in a balanced manner 6 of the 8 identified stakeholders;
- give WG2 an appropriate gender balance,
- the applicant organizations and individuals are relevant and competent to the review process,
- individual applicants have outstanding and relevant experience in SFM processes;
- the applicants to integrate the WG2 cover the different types of forests and forest areas of the country.

NOTE: The Standardization Secretariat of the IRAM Standardization Directorate registered all interested parties validated to integrate the IRAM Forest Management Commission on the SIPO online platform

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**- 12\_IRAM WG2 Members.xlsx:**

members of the IRAM Forest Management Commission (WG2)

**- 13\_IRAM SIPO\_Validated members WG2.pdf:**

SIPO registry where the stakeholders that submitted their applications appear (Column. Attached)

No applications were received from organizations representing interest groups: women, indigenous peoples, and workers and unions.

In the case of the "women" interest group, their interests are widely represented by the members of the WG2.

In the case of the interest groups "indigenous peoples" and "workers and trade unions", the Executive Secretariat CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina continued to communicate with members of the entities that represent them to achieve their participation.

### **Workers and trade unions**

In July 2021, the application to join the WG 2 of the IRAM of the Argentine Union of Rural Workers and Longshoremen (UATRE, union that represents forest workers) and the Superintendence of Occupational Risks (SRT) was achieved.

Note: The SRT is the national government entity that regulates all aspects of occupational health and safety, including forestry

On August 18, 2021, a special meeting of the WG2 was held together with the representatives of UATRE and the SRT where all the social requirements and those related to forestry workers already agreed upon were reviewed and ratified.

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**- 14\_2021\_07\_26\_UATRE postulation\_WG2.pdf:**

application of the UATRE representative to integrate the WG2

**- 15\_2021\_07\_19\_SRT postulation\_WG2.pdf:**

application of the SRT representative to integrate the WG2

**- 16\_2021 08 25\_WG2 IRAM\_Minutes.pdf:**

Minutes of the WG2 meeting of August 25, 2021 where what was agreed upon at the meeting of August 18, 2021 is recorded and formally agreed upon. INAI representatives also participated in the meeting of August 18, 2021.

### **Indigenous Peoples**

With several representatives of the INAI (organization that represents the group of native peoples of Argentina) a permanent dialogue was maintained but the formal incorporation of the same to the WG2 of the IRAM was not achieved.

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Exchange of information via email with the representatives of the INAI (Ignacio Prafil – Head of the International Relations Area and Claudio Correa – Head of the Environment Area):

- 2020 09 22: invitation to join the WG2 and sending of the Representation Note to integrate the study body (DN-FN 017);
- 2021 02 24: meeting invitation via Google meet
- 2021 02 25: resubmission of the Representation Note to integrate the WG2 (DN-FN 017);
- 2021 07 22: invitation to join the IRAM WG2, presentation of the details of the requirements related to indigenous peoples, sending of the draft IRAM standard revised so far and the Representation Note to integrate the WG2 (DN-FN 017);
- 2021 07 23: invitation to participate in a meeting via Google meet to discuss the revision of the IRAM GFS standards;
- 2021 07 23: invitation to integrate the IRAM WG2, presentation of the detail of the requirements linked to indigenous peoples, sending of the draft IRAM standard revised so far and the Representation Note to integrate the study body (DN-FN 017);
- 2021 08 27: invitation to participate in the meeting where the requirements of IRAM 39801 related to social workers and other social aspects will be reviewed together with the representatives of the Argentine Union of Rural Workers and Longshoremen (UATRE) and the Superintendence of Occupational Risks (SRT) will be reviewed (a detail of the requirements to be reviewed is presented and a draft of the revised standard so far is attached);

It was agreed with INAI to hold a workshop meeting with its representatives and IRAM WG2 to review all social requirements, including those directly linked to indigenous peoples. That meeting was held on August 25, 2021 and a forestry engineer specialized in linking companies and forest producers with local communities and indigenous peoples was convened.

**Folder 6: Standard Setting records folder | Records:****16\_2021 08 25\_WG2 IRAM\_Minute.pdf:**

Minutes of the WG2 meeting of August 25, 2021 where all social requirements were reviewed and ratified with the representatives of INAI, including those directly linked to indigenous peoples

### 3.6 Development of draft IRAM SFM standards

For the revision of the standards, the WG2 met monthly (13 times) according to the schedule established in the 2020 and 2021 Study Plan of the IRAM. 6 extraordinary meetings were held to meet the goals set out in the WG2 work plan.

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Date and Documentation	Topics discussed and adopted by consensus
<b>2020 11 25</b> - Citation - 2020 11 25_Esquema IRAM 39805.doc (working draft) - 2020 11 25_Esquema IRAM 39801.doc (working draft)	- Background assessment for the revision process of the IRAM Sustainable Forest Management standards, including the procedure for developing and revising SFM standards and the new structure of SFM standards <b>- Revision of the IRAM 39801 standard</b> Introducción 1 Scope 3 Terms and definitions 3.1 corrective action. 3.2 preventive action. 3.3 audit. 3.4 forest. 3.5 cultivated forest. 3.7 local community. 3.8 forest conversion. NOTE: The modifications made are indicated with change control in Working draft ( <i>Esquema IRAM</i> ) with its respective date



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<b>2020 12 16</b> - Citation - 2020 11 25_ Minute - 2020 11 25_Esquema IRAM 39805.doc (working draft) - 2020 11 25_Esquema IRAM 39801_cc.doc (working draft) - 2020 09 08_Inicio revision normas GFS.pdf	- Explanation on the use of the SIPO platform for access to all the registration documentation of the standards review process: minutes, standard outlines, observations, participants. <b>- Revision of the IRAM 39801 standard</b> 3 Terms and definitions 3.9 Fundamental Conventions of the International Labour Organization (ILO) 3.10 criterion. 3.12 document. 3.13 ecosystem. 3.14 PEFC Labels. 3.16 sustainable forest management. 3.17 indicator. 3.18 Integrated Pest Management (IPM). 3.19 PEFC Trademarks. 3.20 non-conformity. 3.21 genetically modified organism (GMO). 3.22 stakeholders. 3.23 affected stakeholders. 3.24. plan. 3.25 sustainable forest management plan. 3.25 sustainable forest management plan. 3.27 process. 3.29 organization. 3.30 program. 3.31 forest resources. 3.32 reforestation. 3.33 registration. 3.34 monitoring. 3.36 forestry system. 3.37 priority site for conservation. 3.38 forestry worker. 3.39 management unit. 4 Context of the organization 4.1 Understanding stakeholder needs and expectations 4.2 Determining the scope of the forest management system 4.3 Forest management system 5 Leadership
<b>2021 01 27</b> - Citation - 202012 16_ Minute - 2020 12 16_Esquema IRAM 39801.doc (working draft)	- WG2 Meeting Schedule 2021 - Evaluation of the comments received from the members of the WG2 <b>- Revision of the IRAM 39801 standard</b> 6 Planning 6.1 General 6.2 Forest management plan 6.3 Compliance requirements 6.3.1 Legal compliance 6.3.2 Legal, traditional and use rights related to the tenure of the forest management unit 6.3.3 Fundamental Conventions of the International Labour Organization. 6.3.4 Health, safety and working conditions.
<b>2021 02 25</b> - Citation - 2021 01 27_ Minute	- Evaluation of the comments received from the members of the Forestry Commission <b>- Revision of the IRAM 39801 standard</b> 7 Support

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2021 02 24_Esquema IRAM 39805.doc (working draft)</li> <li>- Comunicado a Integrantes OE-2102.pdf</li> <li>- codigo_de_conducta.pdf</li> <li>- 2021 02 24_Esquema IRAM 39801.doc (working draft)</li> </ul>	<p>7.1 Resources 7.2 Competition 7.3 Communication 7.4 Complaints 7.5 Documented information</p> <p><b>- Revision of the IRAM 39805 standard</b></p> <p>1. Scope 2. Normative documents for consultation 3 Terms and definitions 3.1 corrective action. 3.2 preventive action. 3.3 audit. 3.4 group sustainable forest management certificate. 3.5 audit criteria. 3.6 forest management audit criteria. 3.7 document.</p>
<p><b>2021 03 31</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Citation</li> <li>- 2021 02 25_ Minute</li> <li>- 2021 03 31_Esquema IRAM 39805.doc (working draft)</li> <li>- 2021 03 31_Esquema IRAM 39801.doc (working draft)</li> </ul>	<p><b>- Revision of the IRAM 39801 standard</b></p> <p>8. Operation 8.1 Criterion 1: Adequate maintenance or improvement of forests and their contribution to the global carbon cycle 8.1.1 The organization shall safeguard the quantity and quality of the forest resources of the forest management unit and their ability to store and sequester carbon in the medium and long term, using appropriate silvicultural treatment. 8.1.2 The organization shall promote positive environmental practices in forestry operations, which aim at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and efficient use of resources. 8.1.3 The organization shall not carry out forest conversion unless it is carried out in justified and verified circumstances in which the forest conversion: (a) complies with provincial and national legislation applicable to land use and forest land use, including consultation with stakeholders; and (b) involves a small proportion (not exceeding 5%) of forest type within the certified area; and (c) has no direct or indirect negative impacts on priority conservation sites or other protected areas; and (d) does not destroy areas of significantly high carbon stocks; and (e) makes a long-term contribution to economic, social and conservation benefits. 8.1.4 The organisation shall not carry out afforestation at priority conservation sites unless it is in justified and verified circumstances where the conversion: (a) complies with local, provincial and national legislation applicable to land use; and (b) is established on a decision-making basis where affected stakeholders have opportunities to contribute to decision-making on conversion through transparent and participatory consultation processes; and (c) has no negative impacts on other threatened non-forest ecosystems (including vulnerable, rare or endangered), culturally and socially significant areas, important habitats of threatened species or other protected areas; and (d) involves a small proportion of the existing priority conservation site within the forest management unit; and (e) does not destroy areas of significantly high carbon stocks; and (f) makes a long-term contribution to economic, social and conservation benefits.</p>
<p><b>2021 04 28</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Citation</li> <li>- 2021 03 31_ Minute</li> <li>- 2021 04 28_Esquema IRAM 39801.doc (working draft)</li> <li>- 2021 04 21_Esquema IRAM 39805.doc (working draft)</li> </ul>	<p>- Eng. Juan Manuel García Conde, coordinator of the Delta Consortium for forest fire management and control, a specialist in the field, was invited to discuss the requirements related to fire management</p> <p><b>- Revision of the IRAM 39801 standard</b></p> <p>8. Operation 8.2 Criterion 2: Maintaining the health and vitality of forest ecosystems 8.2.1 The organization shall maintain or improve the health and vitality of forest</p>



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	<p>ecosystems and should recover or restore degraded forests where and when technically possible and economically feasible, making the best use of natural structures and processes and using preventive biological measures.</p> <p>8.2.2 The organization shall promote or maintain genetic, species and structural diversity appropriate to improve the stability, vitality and resistance of forests to adverse biotic and abiotic factors and strengthen natural regulatory mechanisms.</p> <p>8.2.3 The use of fire shall be limited to regions where fire is an essential tool in forest management for regeneration, protection against forest fires and habitat management or a recognized practice of indigenous people. In these cases the organization shall implement all appropriate management and control measures for the use of fire.</p> <p>8.2.4 The organization shall implement forestry practices appropriate to local and justified peculiarities throughout management that ensure the health and vitality of forest resources.</p> <p>8.2.5 The organization shall implement a program for the reduction, reuse or proper treatment of waste of all kinds.</p> <p>8.2.6 The organization shall plan and carry out the management of harmful biological agents following the guidelines of an integrated management, in order to evaluate and prefer appropriate forestry alternatives and other cultural and/or biological management measures, seeking to minimize the use of phytosanitary products.</p> <p>8.2.7 The organization shall adopt a program of responsible use of phytosanitary products that ensures the maintenance of the health and vitality of forest resources</p> <p>8.2.8 When the use of fertilisers is justified, the organisation shall apply them in a controlled manner and with due regard for the environment. The use of fertilizers should not be an alternative to the proper management of soil nutrients.</p> <p><b>- Revision of the IRAM 39805 standard   Extraordinary meeting 2021 04 21</b></p> <p>3 Terms and definitions</p> <p>3.9 group entity.</p> <p>3.10 certification group manager.</p> <p>3.11 forest certification group.</p> <p>3.12 documented information.</p> <p>3.13 member of the forest certification group.</p> <p>3.14 nonconformity.</p> <p>3.15 Stakeholder.</p> <p>3.16 management plan of the forest certification group.</p> <p>3.17 certification group policy for sustainable forest management.</p> <p>3.19 Affected Stakeholder.</p> <p>3.20 procedure.</p> <p>3.21 program.</p> <p>3.22 record.</p> <p>3.23 certified surface.</p> <p>3.24 forest worker.</p> <p>3.25 Forest management unit.</p> <p>4 Context of the forest certification group</p> <p>4.1 Understanding the forest certification group and its context</p> <p>4.2 Understanding the needs and expectations of stakeholders</p> <p>4.3 Forest certification group management system</p> <p>5. Leadership</p> <p>5.1 General requirements</p> <p>5.2 Roles, responsibilities and organizational authorities</p>
<p><b>2021 05 26</b></p> <p>- Citation</p> <p>- 2021 04 28_ Minute</p> <p>- 2021 05 26_Esquema IRAM 39801.doc (working draft)</p> <p>- 2021 05 19_Esquema IRAM 39805.doc (working draft)</p>	<p><b>- Revision of the IRAM 39805 standard</b></p> <p>8. Operation</p> <p>8.3 Criterion 3: Maintenance and promotion of the productive functions of forests</p> <p>8.3.1 The organization shall maintain the capacity of forests to produce a variety of products and other services in a sustainable manner.</p> <p><b>8.3.2</b> The organisation shall implement forestry operations, including harvesting and forestry, reforestation and/or regeneration at a time and in a manner that does not reduce the productive capacity of the site.</p> <p><b>8.3.3</b> The organisation shall establish levels of harvest or extraction of both wood and non-</p>

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	<p>wood forest products that do not exceed a rate that can be maintained in the long term, and optimal use should be made of the harvested products.</p> <p><b>8.4 Criterion 4: Maintenance, conservation and/or adequate enhancement of biological diversity in forest ecosystems</b></p> <p><b>8.4.1</b> The organisation shall identify the priority sites for conservation present in the forest management unit.</p> <p><b>8.4.2</b> For the identified priority conservation sites, the organisation shall define the conservation objectives and implement specific requirements, included in the management plan and based on the precautionary approach, that ensure the maintenance or increase of their values.</p> <p><b>8.4.3</b> The organisation shall define and implement specific non-harvesting measures for commercial purposes and protection for rare, vulnerable, endangered and critically endangered species, as well as their habitats, that contribute to their conservation.</p> <p><b>8.1.2</b> The organization shall ensure adequate regeneration and/or reforestation in any area of forest harvested from the forest management unit in order to maintain the quality and quantity of forest resources.</p> <p><b>- Revision of the IRAM 39805 standard   Extraordinary meeting 2021 05 19</b></p> <p>5.2 Roles, responsibilities and organizational authorities</p> <p>5.2.1 Roles and responsibilities of the group entity</p> <p>5.2.2 Roles and responsibilities of group members</p> <p>5.3 Commitment and policy</p> <p>6. Planning</p> <p>7. Support</p> <p>8. Operation</p> <p>9. Performance evaluation</p> <p>9.1 Monitoring, measurement, analysis and evaluation</p> <p>9.2 Internal audit</p> <p>9.3 Selection of the members of the forest certification group to be audited in the internal audit program</p>
<p><b>2021 06 23</b></p> <p>- Citation</p> <p>- 2021 05 26_ Minute</p> <p>- 2021 06 23_Esquema IRAM 39801.doc (working draft)</p> <p>- 2021 06 16_Esquema IRAM 39805.doc (working draft)</p>	<p><b>- Revision of the IRAM 39805 standard</b></p> <p><b>8.4 Criterion 4: Maintenance, conservation and/or adequate enhancement of biological diversity in forest ecosystems</b></p> <p><b>8.4.5</b> The organisation shall use for afforestation and reforestation native or introduced species that are adapted to the conditions of the site. Only those introduced species, provenances or varieties whose impacts on the ecosystem and on the genetic integrity of native species and local origins have been scientifically assessed shall be used, and whether the negative impacts can be avoided.</p> <p><b>8.4.6</b> La organización debe planificar y ejecutar la forestación, reforestación y otras actividades de la unidad de gestión de manera tal que contribuyan al mantenimiento, mejoramiento y/o restauración de la conectividad ecológica.</p> <p><b>8.4.7</b> The organisation shall carry out forest operations in such a way as to minimize damage to the ecosystems present in the forest management unit and when technically and economically feasible practical measures are taken to maintain or improve biological diversity.</p> <p><b>8.4.8</b> The organisation shall plan and construct infrastructure in a manner that minimizes damage to priority conservation sites, native ecosystems and forest resources presented in the forest management unit.</p> <p><b>8.5 Criterion 5: Adequate maintenance or improvement of the protective functions of forests in forest management, in particular soil and water.</b></p> <p><b>8.5.1</b> The organisation shall identify and maintain or improve the forest protective functions of the forest management unit.</p> <p><b>8.5.2</b> The organisation shall adopt effective measures to maintain and/or improve the soil quality of the forest management unit;</p> <p><b>8.5.3</b> The organisation shall plan and implement forestry operations to maintain the quality and availability of water resources</p> <p><b>- Revision of the IRAM 39805 standard   Extraordinary meeting 2021 06 16</b></p> <p>9.4 Management review</p> <p>10. Improvement</p>

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	<p>10.1 Nonconformity and corrective action</p> <p>10.2 Continuous improvement</p> <p>Annex A (Normative). Admission of new members</p> <p>Annex B (Normative). Exit from the forest certification group</p> <p>Annex C (Normative). Internal chain of custody of the forest certification group</p> <p>Annex D (Informative). Forest Certification Group Manual</p> <p><b>- Public Discussion of IRAM 39805</b></p> <p><b>Having concluded the revision of IRAM 39805, the WG2 approve by consensus to send it to an expanded public discussion to multiple stakeholders for a period of not less than 60 days. It is recommended that the two draft standards (39801 and 39801) be sent together for public discussion.</b></p>
<p><b>2021 07 28</b></p> <p>- Citation</p> <p>- 2021 06 23_ Minute</p> <p>- 2021 07 28_Esquema IRAM 39801.doc (working draft)</p>	<p><b>- Revision of the IRAM 39805 standard   Extraordinary meeting 2021 07 21</b></p> <p>- Evaluation of the comments received from the members of the Forestry Commission</p> <p>3.6 degraded forest.</p> <p>3.11 biological diversity.</p> <p>3.15 afforestation.</p> <p>3.21 landscapes.</p> <p>3.28 plant protection product.</p> <p><b>- Revision of the IRAM 39805 standard   Meeting 2021 07 28</b></p> <p>8. Operación</p> <p>8.6 Criterion 6: Maintenance or adequate improvement of socio-economic functions and conditions</p> <p>8.6.1 The organization shall know and respect the uses, customs and rights of the local community and/or the indigenous people where the forest management unit is inserted and shall seek to improve the quality of life of forest workers, the local community and indigenous people.</p> <p>8.6.2 The organization shall know and respect the rights of possession and management of the lands and resources of the indigenous people who inhabit the area of influence of the forest management unit.</p> <p>8.6.3 The organization shall promote actions that lead to the development of local communities and/or indigenous people.</p> <p>8.6.4 The organization shall contribute to and/or support research activities and data collection necessary for sustainable forest management or support relevant research activities carried out by other organisations, as appropriate.</p> <p>9. Performance evaluation</p> <p>9.1 Monitoring, measurement, analysis and evaluation</p> <p>9.2 Internal audit</p> <p>10. Improvement</p> <p>10.1 Non-conformity and corrective action</p> <p>10.2 Mejora continua</p> <p>Annex A (Normative) PEFC Declarations</p> <p>Annex B (Informative) National Legal Framework applicable to the forest management unit.</p> <p><b>Having concluded the revision of all the points of the IRAM 39801 working draft, the WG2 members agree not to send it to Public Discussion until they have reviewed the social and labor requirements with representatives of forest workers and indigenous peoples.</b></p>
<p><b>2021 08 25</b></p> <p>- Citation</p> <p>- 2021 07 28_ Minute</p> <p>- 2021 07 28_Esquema IRAM</p>	<p><b>- Revision of the IRAM 39801 standard   Extraordinary meeting 2021 08 18</b></p> <p><b>Review of social and occupational health and safety regulatory requirements with representatives of UATRE and SRT (INAI representative also participated in this meeting)</b></p> <p>3 Terms and definitions</p>

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39801 (working draft)	<p>3.7 local community..</p> <p>3.9 fundamental Conventions of the International Labour Organization (ILO).</p> <p>3.22 stakeholder.</p> <p>3.29 organization.</p> <p>3.38 forest worker I.</p> <p>4 Context of the organization</p> <p>4.1 Understanding the needs and expectations of stakeholders</p> <p>6 Planning</p> <p>6.3 Compliance Requirements</p> <p>6.3.1 Legal compliance</p> <p>6.3.4 Health, safety and work conditions.</p> <p>7 Support</p> <p>7.2 Competition</p> <p>7.3 Communication</p> <p>7.4 Complaints</p> <p>9. Performance evaluation</p> <p>9.1 Monitoring, measurement, analysis and evaluation</p> <p><b>- Revision of the IRAM 39801 standard   Meeting 2021 08 25</b></p> <p><b>Review of social requirements related to local communities, including indigenous peoples, together with representatives of the National Institute of Indigenous Affairs (INAI) and a forestry engineer specialized in social issues and linking companies and forest producers with local communities and indigenous peoples.</b></p> <p>3 Terms and definitions</p> <p>3.32 Native peoples.</p> <p>3.23 Affected Interested Party.</p> <p>6 Planning</p> <p>6.2 Forest management plan</p> <p>6.3.2 Legal, traditional and use rights related to the tenure of the forest management unit</p> <p>8.6 Criterion 6: Maintenance or adequate improvement of socio-economic functions and conditions</p> <p>8.6.1 The organisation shall know and respect the uses, customs and rights of the local community and/or the indigenous people where the forest management unit is inserted and shall seek to improve the quality of life of forest workers, the local community and indigenous people.</p> <p>8.6.2 The organisation shall know and respect the rights of possession and management of the lands and resources of the indigenous people who inhabit the area of influence of the forest management unit.</p> <p>8.6.3 The organisation shall promote actions that lead to the development of local communities and/or indigenous people.</p> <p>8.6.4 The organisation shall contribute to and/or support research activities and data collection necessary for sustainable forest management or support relevant research activities carried out by other organisations, as appropriate.</p> <p>- Review of the proposed definition of 3.35 ecosystem services.</p> <p>3.38 ecosystem services.</p> <p><b>- Public Discussion of IRAM 39801</b></p> <p><b>Having evaluated all the requirements of the IRAM 39801 (working draft), the WG 2 members approve by consensus to send it to extended public discussion for a period of not less than sixty days.</b></p> <p>The following dates are agreed for submission for public discussion:</p> <p>IRAM 39801 Sustainable forest management. Criteria and indicators of the management unit</p> <p>Public Discussion Period: 17/09/2021 to 16/11/2021</p> <p>IRAM 30805 Sustainable forest management. Group Certification</p> <p>Public Discussion Period: 14/09/2021 to 13/11/2021</p>

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<b>2021 09 22</b> - Citation - 2021 08 25_ Minute	- The highlights of the public discussion process of the revision of IRAM standards 39801 and IRAM 39805 are reversed with the WG2 members The dates of the Public Discussion Period are remembered IRAM 39801 Sustainable forest management. Criteria and indicators of the management unit Public Discussion Period: 17/09/2021 to 16/11/2021 IRAM 30805 Sustainable forest management. Group Certification Public Discussion Period: 14/09/2021 to 13/11/2021 And the modality of evaluation of the comments product of the public discussion process is reviewed: The comments received will be evaluated at the end of the PD period from the meeting of November 24. All organizations and or individuals who have submitted comments will be invited to participate in the review of the comments.
<b>2021 10 27</b> - Citation - 2021 09 22_ Minute	- The highlights of the public discussion process of the revision of IRAM standards 39801 and IRAM 39805 are reversed with the WG2 members The dates of the Public Discussion Period are remembered IRAM 39801 Sustainable forest management. Criteria and indicators of the management unit Public Discussion Period: 17/09/2021 to 16/11/2021 IRAM 30805 Sustainable forest management. Group Certification Public Discussion Period: 14/09/2021 to 13/11/2021 And the modality of evaluation of the comments product of the process of public discussion is reviewed - It is communicated that the next meeting will be held on November 24, 2021 from 2 to 5 p.m., virtually and for having finished the period of Public Discussion of both norms under review, the organizations / people who have submitted comments will be invited to participate in this meeting and the evaluation of the same will begin

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##### - 19\_Minutes WG2 SFM\_IRAM.pdf:

Minutes of the 19 meetings of the standards study body IRAM Forestry Commission (WG2)

##### - 20\_SIPO\_IRAM WG2\_citations.pdf:

Registration on the IRAM SIPO platform of all citations to WG2 meetings

### 3.7 Public discussion of final drafts

At the meeting of June 23, 2021, the members of the IRAM WG2 approved by consensus the sending to public discussion of the Draft IRAM Standard 39805. Sustainable Forest Management. Group certification.

IRAM WG2 members request that the two draft standards be sent together for public discussion (IRAM 39805 and IRAM 39801) to facilitate their dissemination and evaluation.

At the meeting of August 25, 2021, the members of the IRAM WG2 approved by consensus the sending to public discussion of the Draft IRAM Standard 39801. Sustainable Forest Management. Criteria and indicators of the management unit

The following dates were agreed for submission for public discussion:

- IRAM 39801 Sustainable forest management. Criteria and indicators of the management unit  
Public Discussion Period: 17/09/2021 to 16/11/2021
- IRAM 30805 Sustainable forest management. Group Certification  
Public Discussion Period: 14/09/2021 to 13/11/2021

The public consultation included the identified multiple stakeholders and was conducted for a period of 60 days.

Once the public consultation was published on the IRAM website, the identified stakeholders were sent an invitation to participate in the public discussion.

Halfway through the public discussion period, a reminder of the invitation was sent by email to the identified stakeholders.

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**- 21\_PD\_stakeholder groups.xlsx:**

stakeholders invited to participate in the public discussion process

**- 22\_WEB IRAM\_public discusión.pdf:**

printing the IRAM website during the public consultation <https://iram.org.ar/en/what-is-a-standard/> ->Documents for public consultation

**- 23\_Public Discussion mails invitations.pdf:**

invitations and reminder of invitations to participate in the public discussion

Below is a summary of the outcome of the Public Discussion:

- IRAM 39805 Schema 1 (Enquiry draft): No comments received

- IRAM 39801 Scheme 1 (Enquiry draft): 66 comments (2 general, 37 technical and 32 editorial) were received from the following persons/ organizations:

- Forest Engineer Patricia Stopp, freelancer (invited to submit her comments)
- Papel Prensa S.A. (WG2 member)
- Superintendence of Occupational Risks (WG2 member)
- INTA (WG2 member)
- National Directorate of Industrial Forestry Development – MAGyP (WG2 member)
- CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina (WG2 member)

Interested parties who submitted comments were invited to participate in the IRAM WG2 meeting where those comments were evaluated.

IRAM WG2 and all commenting entities received all comments prior to the meeting.

After the evaluation of the comments, all the members of the Forestry Commission and the validated participants of the PD received the minutes of the meeting with the result of that analysis. (See Minutes of 2021 11 24)

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**- 24\_IRAM\_Template\_public discussion\_obs.doc:**

Set of comments received during the period of public discussion

**- 25\_SIPO\_Participants DP\_invitations.pdf:**

SIPO record of invitations to entities that submitted comments to participate in the meeting of the Forestry Commission where those observations were evaluated

**- 26\_SIPO\_mails obs PD.pdf:**

SIPO register of mails to the forestry commission and the people/entities that sent comments with the sending of the observations of the DP

### 3.8 Consensus on the final drafts of the IRAM GFS standards

In the meetings held on November 24 and 26, they evaluated the 66 comments on IRAM 39801, received during the public discussion period.

NOTE: IRAM 39805 had no comments during the public discussion period

The resolution on 63 of the received observations was adopted by unanimous consensus of the WG2 members. On three of the observations (2 editorials and one technical) the agreement was reached by a simple majority of the WG2 members in the absence of a sustained and well-founded opposition

The IRAM WG2 after evaluating all the comments received during the period of public discussion approves by unanimous consensus:

- not to submit the IRAM 39801 to a new instance of public discussion,
- the IRAM 39801 final draft and the submission to the IRAM General Standards Committee for formal evaluation and subsequent formal approval and publication by the IRAM
- the IRAM 39805 final draft and the submission to the IRAM General Standards Committee for formal evaluation and subsequent formal approval and publication by the IRAM

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**- 27\_2020 11 24\_Acta WG GFS IRAM.pdf:**

minutes of the WG2 meeting where the observations resulting from the public discussion were evaluated and the Draft IRAM Standard 39801 was approved by unanimous consensus and its submission to the CGN

**- 28\_2021 11 26\_evaluation DP comments.doc:**

result of the evaluation of the observations resulting from the Public Discussion

NOTE: During the process there were no conflicts in the decisions that required a vote, all decisions were made by agreement among the members of WG2 after exhaustive consideration and exchange of informed opinions.

### 3.9 Formal approval and publication of the new editions of the GFS IRAM standards

On April 28, 2022, the IRAM General Standards Committee approved IRAM Standards Projects 1 39801 and 39805 as IRAM standards.

On May 5, 2022, the IRAM General Directorate formally approves the IRAM 39801 and IRAM 39805, publishes them and makes them available to interested parties at the IRAM Documentation Center located at Perú N° 552/6, (C1068AAB) Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires <https://iram.org.ar/centro-de-documentacion/>

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### 3.10 Approval and adoption of the revised system documentation by the Board of Directors of the CERFOAR Association – PEFC Argentina

At the meeting on May 6, 2022, the members of the Board of Directors, after evaluating the documentation presented, agree:

1.- Adopt the IRAM Standards for Sustainable Forest Management, 2nd edition, as CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina standards:

- IRAM 39801:2022. Sustainable forest management. Criteria and indicators of the management unit. (2da edition)
- IRAM 39805:2022. Sustainable forest management. Group Certification (2da edición)



2.- Adopt as standards of CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina the international standards of chain of custody and PEFC trademarks:

- PEFC ST 2001: in force — PEFC Trademarks Rules – Requirements
- PEFC ST 2002: in force — Chain of Custody of Forest and Tree Based Products – Requirements,
- PEFC ST 2003: in force — Requirements for Certification Bodies operating Certification against the PEFC International Chain of Custody Standard.

3.- Approve and adopt the revised Technical Documentation of CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina:

- Technical document - First revision
- PG01:06. CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina notification of certification bodies to certify forest management and/or chain of custody in Argentina;
- PG02:04. Procedure for conducting CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina forest management certification audits that shall be complied with by certification bodies;
- PG03:03. Stakeholders consultation to be implemented by certification bodies during forest management certification;
- PG05:03. Procedure for the preparation of forest management audit reports that shall be implemented by certification bodies;
- PG06:03. Procedure for the resolution of disputes of the CERFOAR– PEFC Argentina Association;
- PG07:07. Issuance of licenses for the use of PEFC Trademarks by the CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina Association;

4.- They approve sending the revised CERFOAR - PEFC Argentine system to the PEFC Council for its evaluation and re endorsement.

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