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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 forest certification of native and planted forests and for the traceability of related industries, located in Argentine territory.

CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina offers a credible and transparent framework for forest certification, based on the following globally agreed criteria for conformity assessment (certification) of forest management and the associated chain of custody:

- conformity with international frameworks for certification, accreditation and standards development;
- compatibility with internationally recognized principles that balance the economic, ecological and social dimensions of forest management;
- avoidance of unnecessary obstacles to trade;;
- based on objective and measurable standards that are adapted to local conditions;
- certification decisions made without conflicts of interest of parties;
- transparency in decision-making and preparation of public reports;
- independent and reliable assessment of forest management and chain of custody;
- - attention to the specific characteristics of the forestry sector in the country and following strict conformity assessment guidelines for the forestry sector that allow the international validation of the system.

The CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina was designed and developed in compliance with the technical and procedural requirements that allow achieving and maintaining international validation through the mutual recognition agreement with the international Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification schemes – PEFC. In this way, it is constituted with validity and international projection.

In 2010, at the 14th meeting of the General Assembly of the PEFC Council, the Civil Association that Administers the Argentine Forest Certification System – CERFOAR Association, was accepted as a National Governing Body by the General Assembly of the PEFC Council.

The CERFOAR system was completed and adopted by the CERFOAR Association in August 2013 and sent to the PEFC Council for evaluation and in July 2014, the PEFC Council approved it.

In February 2019 the Board of Directors of the CERFOR Association – PEFC Argentina approves the completion of a complete revision of the system with the aim of complying with the new requirements of the PEFC Benchmark and the feedback for the update and improvement of the IRAM standards of sustainable forest management and the Argentine Forest Certification System.

## 2. Argentine Forest Certification System | CERFOAR- PEFC Argentina

### 2.1 Guiding principles of the Argentine Forest Certification System

CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina, in its first review, adopts the following definition of sustainable forest management that is derived from Resolution 62/98 Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests of the United Nations Organization of the year 2008:

Dynamic and evolving management that aims to maintain and increase the economic, social and environmental value of all types of forests, for the benefit of present and future generations and that consists of the following characteristic aspects: extent of forest resources, diversity biological forestry, health and vitality of forests, productive functions of forest resources, protective functions of forest resources, socioeconomic functions of forests and the regulatory, institutional and policy framework.

And consequently, CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina maintains, as a basis for the definition of the certification requirements of sustainable forest management, the criteria of the Montreal Process signed by the Argentine Republic since 1995, together with the internationally recognized principles of forest management:

- compliance with all relevant laws;
- recognition and respect of legally documented or customary land tenure and use rights;
- effective planning of forest management;
- respect and contribution to the development of local communities;
- taking steps to maintain or enhance strong and effective community relations;
- knowledge and respect for workers' rights;
- use of the multiple benefits of forests and adoption of measures to maintain or strengthen their production (goods and services);
- conservation of biological diversity and ecological functions;
- prevention or minimization of adverse environmental impacts resulting from forest management;
- maintenance of critical forest and non-forest ecosystems and critical natural habitats affected by forest management;
- maintenance of areas of cultural, religious, economic and social value to local communities;
- establishment of plantations not related to the conversion of critical natural habitats;
- effective monitoring and evaluation (monitoring) of forest management.

In turn, the CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina Association assumes the commitment to support its governance and application in the following guiding principles:

- Quality: rigor in the definition and evaluation of compliance with the requirements of technical and professional competence to operate with CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina;
- Continuous improvement: incorporation of new knowledge and technological advances and timely response to changes in the demands of the interested parties;
- Consistency: adoption of internationally accepted sustainable forest management principles and criteria, adapted to local conditions and with internationally established criteria for conformity assessment and its related activities (standardization, accreditation and certification);
- Credibility: audits of sustainable forest management and the chain of custody carried out by independent, competent, authorized and accredited certification bodies by the national accreditation body or other accreditation bodies that operate in accordance with the standards and application guides of the internationally accepted International Organization for Standardization, ISO, and the guides and mandatory documents of the International Accreditation Forum, IAF;

- Transparency: record of standardization and certification processes available to interested parties;
- Profitability: minimize administrative and financial costs for users of CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina;
- Openness to interested parties: significant and balanced participation of the main interest groups in the processes of administration of the system, elaboration of norms and certification of forest management and the chain of custody;
- Accessibility: access to certification by the different types and scales of forestry and forestry-industrial producers.

## 2.2 Administration of the Argentine Forest Certification System

CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina is a key initiative of the Argentine forestry sector, the result of the joint work of the national chambers that represent all the links in the value chain of forest-based products and all the stakeholders that make up the forestry sector in Argentina.

In September 2009, the national forest chambers met to grant institutionality to the forest certification system, agreeing to create a non-profit civil association in order to administer and periodically update the rules and procedures of CERFOAR.

On September 1, 2009, the Argentine Forestry Association, AFoA, the Argentine Federation of Wood and Allied Industries, FAIMA, and the Association of Pulp and Paper Manufacturers, AFCP, formed the non-profit Civil Association for the Administration of the Argentine Forest Certification System committing to:

- Promote and disseminate sustainable forest management through the implementation in Argentina of CERFOAR;
- Promote the implementation in the country of the forest certification scheme, internationally homologated with the PEFC, a voluntary initiative of the international forest private sector that provides the framework to develop the common principles of forest certification, establishes the mechanisms for the mutual recognition of the certification systems developed by the different participating countries and offers a collective mark, the PEFC logo, which certifies that a certain forest product comes from a forest managed with sustainability criteria;
- Ensure the credibility of the CERFOAR at the national and international levels, participating in the development of the standards and seeking their acceptance by interested parties;
- Facilitate and coordinate the consultative processes for the elaboration and updating of the CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina standards;
- Ensure compliance and application of CERFOAR standards and to ensure conformity of certification processes with internationally agreed standards for them (accreditation);
- Act in the resolution of conflicts inherent in CERFOAR and provide mechanisms for the resolution of disputes and appeals;
- - Act, as far as CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina is concerned, as a link between public and private organizations at a national and international level;
- - Support the strengthening of institutional capacities related to sustainable forest management and forest certification of the private and public sectors;
- - Provide information about CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina and national and international markets;
- - Report on its activities through periodic publications, technical documents and outreach events at specialized events.

The Association that administers CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina is a non-profit civil entity with legal personality granted by Resolution No. 000429 of the General Inspectorate of Justice in May 2010.

Once the administrative structure of the System was consolidated, the founding members, AFoA, FAIMA and AFCP, invited the National Enforcement Authorities, their Technological Institutes and

other social and environmental NGOs in the sector, to join the Association that Administers the CERFOAR to participate in the development and implementation of the Argentine Certification System and in decision-making.

Currently, the following entities make up the CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina Association::

- Argentine Forestry Association ([AFoA](#))
- Argentine Federation of Wood and Allied Industries ([FAIMA](#))
- Pulp and Paper Manufacturers Association ([AFCP](#))
- National Institute of Agricultural Technology ([INTA](#))
- Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of the Nation ([MAGyP](#))
- [Ministry of Production of the Province of Corrientes](#).
- Argentine Institute for Standardization and Certification ([IRAM](#)).

The CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina Association is the entity responsible for developing the rules, general and internal procedures and the management structure for the operation of the different areas of the Argentine system:

- system standards: coordinates with the Argentine Institute for Standardization (IRAM) the development and revision of technical standards of voluntary application that constitute the basis of CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina
- accreditation protocols: coordinates with the Argentine Accreditation Body (OAA) the preparation of accreditation protocols that allow evaluating the competence of the certification bodies to carry out the specific tasks of conformity assessment (certification of sustainable forest management and of custody);
- administrative procedures of the system: it publishes and updates all the documents related to the administration and implementation of CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina;
- promotion: promotes sustainable forest management, the use of Argentine forest certification standards and the PEFC International Scheme, including chain of custody certification in accordance with the current PEFC ST 2002 international standard;
- international endorsement: manages and maintains the validation of CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina with the PEFC Scheme;
- notification of certification bodies: defines the requirements and procedures for the notification of certification bodies that operate in the Argentine Republic with CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina;
- registration of notified certification bodies: performs the registration of Notified and Registered Certification Bodies and controls compliance with accreditation criteria;
- registry of certificates: maintenance of the registry of all organizations certified under the CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina certification system;
- regulation of the use of the PEFC Trademarks: it establishes the procedures for granting licenses for the use of the PEFC Logo and Trademark;
- monitoring and control of the use of the PEFC Trademarks: it is responsible for the correct use of the PEFC Trademarks by the holders of licenses to use the PEFC Trademarks;
- complaints and disputes: attends to and resolves claims and conflicts related to the application of CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina, to the certification procedure for sustainable forest management and the chain of custody, which cannot be resolved through the dispute and conflicts resolution procedures of the accredited Certification Body or the Accreditation Body as appropriate. In turn, it responds to complaints and claims related to sustainable forest management standards and their process and procedures for development and revision;
- training and qualification: defines the training requirements and the contents of the system's auditor training programs (fundamental principles of sustainable forest

management, PEFC Certification Scheme and IRAM standards for sustainable forest management);

- communication: it disseminates its activities through academic and outreach events;
- revision: the CERFOAR Administration – PEFC Argentina takes responsibility for the development, administration and maintenance of the system standards, including its total and systematic revision at least every 5 years, or extraordinary revisions in view of new scientific knowledge and practical experience..

The organizational structure of the CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina Association consists of the following bodies:

- **General Assembly:** higher governing body of the CERFOAR, having the powers assigned to it in the statutes of the Association;
- **Board of Directors:** directs the administration of the cerfoar and assumes the functions of interpretation, supervision and control of the System and establishes the work commissions in accordance with the queries and resources received; its composition and functions are established in the statutes of the Association;
- **Supervisory Body:** controls the correct administration and compliance with the laws, statutes, regulations and commitments assumed, its composition and functions are established in the statutes of the Association;
- **Executive Secretariat:** constitutes the technical and administrative department, headed by the Executive Secretary, whose appointment and functions are assigned to him in the statutes of the association. The Secretariat is the repository of the registry of forest management certifications and of the chain of custody, of the accredited and notified certification entities, as well as of the provisions, texts and internal and external official communications.
- **Dispute resolution committee:** it is a body empowered to deal with those complaints and disputes related to the application of the System or the certification procedure, which cannot be resolved through the Conflict Resolution Procedures of the accredited certification entity or of the corresponding accreditation body. The members of the dispute resolution commission are independent and impartial and are appointed ad hoc by the CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina Association.

### 2.3 Documentary bases of CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina

CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina is based on the normative documentation of the PEFC Program approved by the PEFC Council and its corresponding guidelines.

The CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina establishes the requirements for the certification of forest management of native and planted forests, and the traceability of related industries located in the Argentine Republic. The documentary base of the system includes the CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina Technical Document (this document), the IRAM standards for sustainable forest management, the normative documentation of the PEFC Council, and the CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina General Procedures.

The technical standards of voluntary application that constitute the normative base of the Argentine Forest Certification System are the IRAM Standards of the 39800 Series of Sustainable Forest Management, which are cited below:

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

The CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina Association adopts as system standards the international standards established by PEFC for chain of custody certification and for the use of 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.

At the same time, through its general procedures and internal procedures approved by the Board of Directors, the CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina Association establishes the rules for the different areas of the system, such as requirements for forest management audits and notification procedures of certification bodies, the contract for the use of the PEFC Trademarks, tariffs, among others.

The CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina General Procedures are:

- PG01: in force. CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina notification of certification bodies to certify forest management and/or chain of custody in Argentina;
- PG02: in force. Procedure for conducting CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina forest management certification audits that shall be complied with by certification bodies;
- PG03: in force. Stakeholders consultation to be implemented by certification bodies during forest management certification;
- PG05: in force. Procedure for the preparation of forest management audit reports that shall be implemented by certification bodies;
- PG06: in force. Procedure for the resolution of disputes of the CERFOAR– PEFC Argentina Association;
- PG07: in force. Issuance of licenses for the use of PEFC Trademarks by the CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina Association;
- PG08: in force. Standard settings procedure of the Sustainable Forest Management standards of the Argentine Forest Certification System.

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

In addition to the requirements explicitly established by CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina, entities requesting forest management certification shall comply with applicable national and local laws and regulations, including those related to the fundamental ILO conventions and other ratified international conventions by the country and that have a relationship and direct impact on the principles of sustainable forest management or on the traceability of forest-based products. Any apparent violation of legislation shall be considered in the audit and certification processes.

As far as the conversion of native forests to other uses is concerned, including the conversion of native forests to planted forest, the system establishes that said conversion shall not be carried out except in duly justified circumstances in which the conversion:

- complies with local, provincial and national legislation applicable to land use and forest land use planning, including consultation with stakeholders; and
- implies a small proportion (less than or equal to 5%) of the type of forest within the certified area; and
- has no direct or indirect negative impacts on priority sites for conservation or other protected areas; and
- does not destroy areas of significantly high carbon stocks; and
- makes a long-term contribution to economic, social and conservation benefits.

## **2.4 CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina scope**

The purpose of the CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina Association is to promote sustainable forest management and ensure the traceability of forest-based products throughout the entire production chain, from the forest to the end user, through:

- Certification of sustainable forest management of native forests and planted forests of the Argentine Republic in accordance with inforce IRAM Standards of the 39800 series of sustainable forest management (IRAM 39801 and IRAM 39805);



- Certification of the chain of custody of forest-based products in accordance with the international standard ST PEFC 2002: in force - Chain of Custody of Forest and Tree Based Products – Requirements, and
- The administration and control within the territory of the Argentine Republic of the requirements for the use and license of the PEFC Trademark according to the requirements of the international standard PEFC ST 2001: in force - Trademarks Rules – Requirements

### 3. Standardization

The technical standards of voluntary application, which constitute the normative basis of the Argentine Forest Certification System, are the IRAM Standards of the 39800 Series of Sustainable Forest Management, they were prepared and reviewed by the IRAM in coordination with the Executive Secretariat of the CERFOAR - PEFC Argentina Association.

#### 3.1 Standardization Body

In the Argentine Republic, the activities of Standardization, Certification and Accreditation are included within the regulatory framework of the [PEN Decree. 1474/1994](#) NATIONAL SYSTEM OF STANDARDS, QUALITY AND CERTIFICATION. His creation. Organization. National Council. Functions. Integration. Standardization Body. Accreditation Body.

IRAM is recognized as the National Organization for Standardization by successive national laws and in 1994 it was ratified in its role by Decree PEN No. 1474/94 which confers the power of the sole body for the preparation 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, the government, and scientific and technical institutions. It is the entity responsible for the development and issuance of standards, for keeping a permanently updated record of them, to contribute to its diffusion and to implement the procedures that promote the full participation of all the interests and sectors involved in the standardization processes.

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

### 4. Certification

#### 4.1 Certification Application Levels

CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina has the same levels of application for forest certification as those established in the technical documentation of the PEFC Council.

Forest certification is made up of two clearly differentiated parts:

- Certification of forest management:
  - individual: in conformity with IRAM 39801 and PEFC ST 2001, in force
  - in group: in conformity with IRAM 39805, IRAM 30801 and PEFC ST 2001, in force
- Chain of Custody Certification: in conformity with PEFC ST 2002 and PEFC ST 2001, in force

## 4.5 Certification Body

The CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina certification shall be carried out by impartial and independent third-party certification bodies, and notified by the CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina Association.

These certification bodies shall be accredited by the Organismo Argentino de Certificación (OAA) which is a member of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF), or by another equivalent accreditation body member of the IAF, to demonstrate their competence and independence.

In turn, these certification bodies shall not participate in the standard setting process as a management or decision-making entity, must not participate in the implementation of forest management and/or the chain of custody, and must be independent of the certified entity.

The CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina notification establishes the necessary link between the accredited certification bodies and the owner of the system (CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina Association) and authorizes the certification bodies to issue certificates recognized by the CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina system.

Only those certificates that have been issued by accredited certification bodies and notified by the CERFOAR Association - PEFC Argentina will be recognized by the CERFOAR Association - PEFC Argentina.

The tasks of the certification body include:

- conducting independent audits;
- issuance, suspension and revocation of certificates referring to the appropriate standards recognized by the PEFC Council and/or the CERFOAR Association – PEFC Argentina and informing the CERFOAR Association – PEFC Argentina about them;
- control the use of forest management and chain of custody certificates and the use of the PEFC Trademarks.

## 4.6 Certification Procedures

The auditing and certification procedures applied within the CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina, are based on international standards for the evaluation of the conformity of management systems (in the case of the certification of sustainable forest management) and for the evaluation of the conformity of products and processes (in the case of chain of custody certification):

- CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina requirements for certification and competence of the certification bodies that carry out forest management certifications are defined in the document CERFOAR PG02 General Procedures: in force. Procedure for carrying out forest management audits and certification to be implemented by the certification bodies;
- CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina requirements for the certification and competence of the certification bodies that carry out chain of custody certifications are defined in the international standard PEFC ST 2003: current Requirements of certification bodies operating certification against the PEFC International Chain of Custody Standard.

## 5. Accreditation and notification

Only those forest management and chain of custody certificates issued by certification bodies accredited by the Argentine Accreditation Body or another equivalent Accreditation Body (being a member of the IAF and holder of a mutual recognition agreement in the fields of environmental management systems and/or or quality and product) and authorized by the PEFC Council or the CERFOAR– PEFC Argentina Association are recognized by the Argentine system:

- the requirements for notification are defined in the document Cerfoar General Procedures PG01: current CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina notification of certification bodies to certify forest management and/or chain of custody in Argentina;

Forest management and chain of custody certificates shall bear the accreditation symbol of the corresponding accreditation body.

## 5.1 Accreditation Criteria for Sustainable Forest Management

The accreditation of certification bodies that certify CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina forest management is based on the ISO/IEC 17021: in force for bodies that carry out the audit and certification of management systems within the scope defined by the standards Argentine IRAM 39801: in force and IRAM 39805: in force, together with the specific requirements defined by the following General Procedures CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina:

- PG02: in force. Procedure for carrying out audits and certification of forest management that shall be implemented by the Certification Bodies;
- PG03: in force. Stakeholders consultation procedure that shall be implemented by the certification bodies during the certification of forest management;
- PG05: in force. Procedure for the preparation of the reports of the forest management audits that shall be implemented by the Certification Bodies;

## 5.2 Accreditation Criteria for Chain of Custody

The accreditation of certification bodies that carry out chain of custody certifications is based on the international standard ISO/IEC 17095: in force within the scope defined by the international standard PEFC ST 2002: current — Chain of Custody of Forest and Tree Based Products – Requirements, together with the specific requirements defined by the PEFC Council in its international standard PEFC ST 2003: current — Requirements for Certification Bodies operating Certification against the PEFC International Chain of Custody Standard.

## 5.3 Accreditation Body in Argentina (OAA)

The [OAA](#) is the body designated by Decree Law 1474/1994 to establish and maintain the accreditation system at the national level, in accordance with international standards, following at all times the policies and recommendations established by the Argentine State.

The OAA is an organization declared to be of public interest, independent and non-profit, sponsored and supervised by the Secretary of Industry (enforcement authority), which carries out its mission with a clear vocation for public service, aimed at both the public sector and the market in general, guaranteeing that all its actions are based on principles of impartiality, independence and transparency, with a marked technical nature, adding value to all the agents who have an interest in the different aspects of accreditation.

Its mission is to assess the technical competence of conformity assessment bodies (laboratories, inspection and certification entities) in order to generate confidence in their activities to the state, the market and society in general.

The OAA is a member of the following international organizations: Interamerican Accreditation Cooperation -IAAC, International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation - ILAC, and IAF.

The OAA is a signatory with the IAF of mutual recognition agreements in the following fields:

- Quality Management Systems (Quality Management Systems Certification Bodies) since September 17, 2005
- Environmental Management Systems (Environmental Management Systems Certification Bodies) since September 17, 2005
- Product Certification Body (Product Certification Bodies) since September 17, 2005

The OAA implements the procedures established in the ISO/IEC 17011 Standard: in force, Conformity Assessment - General Requirements for Accreditation Bodies Accrediting Conformity Assessment Bodies and other documents established by the IAF.

## 6. Use of PEFC Trademarks

The PEFC Trademarks have been registered and are the property of the PEFC Council.

The PEFC Trademarks will be used only under contract in accordance with the PEFC rules, as communication tools, including the labeling of products, which come from forests certified under certification schemes recognized as meeting PEFC requirements.

Based on the contract signed with the PEFC Council, the Association CERFOAR - PEFC Argentina is the entity authorized by the PEFC Council to issue licenses for the use of PEFC trademarks in the Argentine Republic.

The rules of use of the PEFC Trademarks are established in the international standard PEFC ST 2001: in force — PEFC Trademarks Rules – Requirements, which is part of the Argentine Forest Certification System.

The requirements established by CERFOAR - PEFC Argentina for the issues of licenses for PEFC Trademarks are established in PG07: in force. Procedure for issuing licenses for the use of PEFC trademarks by the CERFOAR Association – PEFC Argentina.

## **7. Complaints and disputes**

The CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina Association has developed and documented the General Procedure PG06 establishing the process for handling complaints and resolving disputes related to the application of the Argentine System of Forest Certification or the process of certification of sustainable forest management and/or the chain of custody, which cannot be resolved through the conflict resolution procedures of the accredited Certification Body or the Accreditation Body, as appropriate.

## **8. System revisions**

When changes are made to the Argentine Forest Certification System as a result of a periodic review or by any initiative outside the periodic reviews, it is mandatory to define in the documentation the transition period and the form and date of implementation of said changes.

The duration of the transition period will take into account the time required for the changes to be implemented, the information to be disclosed and the required training to be completed, as well as the time required for the approval of said changes by the PEFC Council.

In ordinary circumstances, the transition period for sustainable forest management standards should not exceed one year from their publication and entry into force.

Due to the extraordinary circumstances linked to the post-pandemic (delays in the calendars established for certification and accreditation), the CERFOAR – PEFC Argentina Board of Directors approved extending the transition period to 18 months from the publication and entry into force of the IRAM standards. 39801 and IRAM 39801