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Application for re-endorsement of the PEFC Norway certification scheme

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1. Background

PEFC Norway was established the 21st June 1999 and was among the national organisations that founded PEFC Council the 30th June the same year. PEFC Norway became a PEFC Council member from the start. In December 1999, PEFC Norway applied for endorsement by PEFC Council, and the Norwegian PEFC scheme became formally endorsed 24th May 2000.

PEFC Norway, as the PEFC national governing body, is a service organisation managing the Norwegian forest management and chain of custody certification system. The PEFC Norway Council governs the organisation where all members of PEFC Norway have the right to have a seat. All national organisations associated with interest in forest management in Norway may become members.

The majority of the forest holdings in Norway are relatively small, but well organised. Nearly 120.000 forest holdings are registered with an average size of 50 hectares. The vast majority of holdings are family forestry, personally owned properties that are handed over from generation to generation. 80 per cent of the wood trade goes through forest owners' cooperatives or similar associations. Group certification is therefore of outmost importance in Norway, where practically all production forest is certified through group certification.

2. Application for re-endorsement

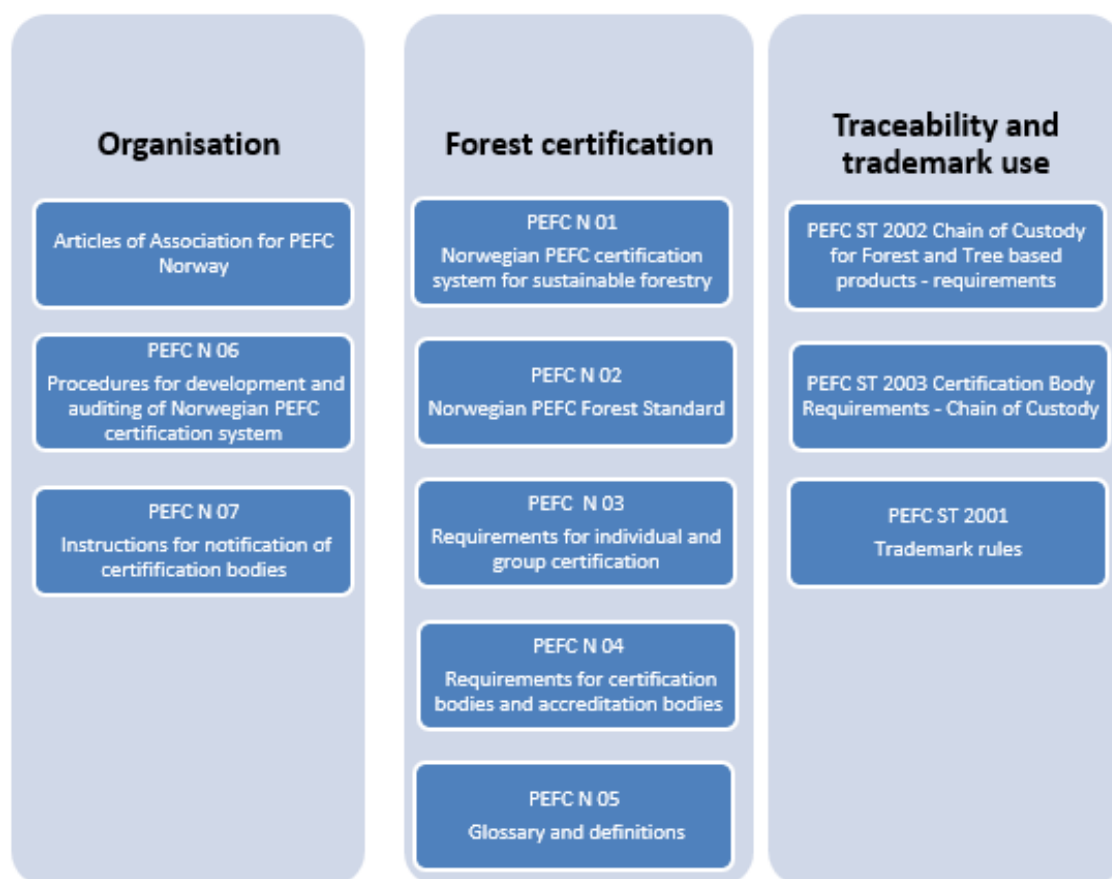
PEFC Norway hereby apply for the re-endorsement of the PEFC Norway scheme.

PEFC Norway assures the correctness of the information given in the application and the attached documents. The PEFC Norway secretariat will give any additional information required. Contact person in the secretariat is the national secretary Thomas Husum.

3. Structure of the application documentation

Appendix 1 – The Norwegian PEFC certification system for sustainable forestry

The figure below shows the structure and the standards that constitute the Norwegian certification system. The standards is attached as annexes to appendix 1.



- Annex 1: PEFC N 01
- Annex 2: PEFC N 02
- Annex 3: PEFC N 03
- Annex 4: PEFC N 04
- Annex 5: PEFC N 05
- Annex 6: PEFC N 06
- Annex 7: PEFC N 07
- Annex 8: Articles of Association for PEFC Norway
- Annex 9: PEFC ST 2002 Chain of Custody for forest and tree based products – requirements
- Annex 10: PEFC ST 2003 Certification Body Requirements – Chain of Custody
- Annex 11: PEFC ST 2001 Trademark rules

The PEFC Norway chain of custody certification is built on the international chain of custody rules without Norwegian scheme specific requirements. The chain of custody system is given in the certification system as PEFC ST 2003 Chain of custody for forest and tree based products – requirements. The same goes for requirements to certification bodies certifying Chain of Custody, where the requirements are given in the international standard PEFC ST 2003 Certification Body Requirements – Chain of Custody.

The PEFC Norway requirement for trademark use is also built on the international standard for trademark rules without Norwegian scheme specific requirements. The trademark rules is given in the international standard PEFC ST 2001– Logo usage rules. The specific requirements for logo usage and issuance of Logo licenses is given in PEFC N 01, chapter 10.

Appendix 2 – Development report

Appendix 2 is the standard revision development report with attachments. The requirements for the standard setting process is founded in the standard PEFC N 06 – Procedures for development and revision of the Norwegian PEFC certification system. The standard setting report verifies that the revision process has followed the requirements for standard revision.

Appendix 3 – PEFC Standard and System Requirement Checklists

Appendix 3 gives the result of checking the PEFC Norway requirements, processes and performed activities against the PEFC Checklists.

The checklist refer to the documentation in the technical documentation and the evidence given in the standard setting report.

4. Concluding remarks

The standard setting process has accomplished a true consensus process with the agreement of all relevant stakeholders.

The PEFC Norway scheme, through the group certification system, has succeeded in certifying almost all production forest in Norway and the experience through more than 20 years of practice shows that the system works. We strive, however, at the further development of the system – focusing on the assurance of sustainable forest management in all sizes of forest holdings.

We hereby apply for the re-endorsement of the PEFC Norway scheme, and would like to offer all kind of assistance providing additional information and will appreciate all advice on how to improve our system in order to meet the present and future demands for verifying sustainable forest management.

Best regards



Chair of PEFC Norway

Attachments

Appendix 1 – Technical Documentation

Appendix 2 – Development report

Appendix 3 – The PEFC Standard and System Requirement Checklists