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| <p style="text-align: center;">CTN 162 - Sustainable Forest Management</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WORKING PROGRAM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Revision of the UNE 162 Standards for Sustainable Forest Management</p> | <p>Approval Date CTN 162:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">October 13,2020</p> |
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1. Introduction

In Spain, since the year 2000, there has been an open normal revision involving the entire society regarding the Criteria and Indicators agreed upon in the various FOREST EUROPE Ministerial Conferences. This revision also encompassed national laws, policies, and programs aimed at developing the **Spanish Standards for Sustainable Forest Management**.

This open forum was established as a Technical Standardization Committee (**CTN 162**) upon a motivated request from PEFC Spain, through the Ministry of Industry's Resolution of January 12, 2000, published in the Official State Gazette no. 37. This resolution authorized the national standardization entity, formerly AENOR and now UNE, to undertake **standardization in the realm of Sustainable Forest Management**.

Note: The Royal Decree 2200/1995 designated AENOR as the national standardization entity. However, on January 1, 2017, the Ministry of Economy, Industry, and Competitiveness designated the Spanish Standardization Association (UNE) as the national standardization body.

All stakeholders interested in the sustainability of forest management are invited to participate in this forum or CTN. The final assembly must maintain a balanced structure and be highly representative of the different interest groups.

Within the Standardization Committee, various Subcommittees have been formed, each responsible for drafting and reviewing different UNE Standards for Sustainable Forest Management.

The first UNE Standards for Sustainable Forest Management were drafted and ultimately approved by the CTN plenary and the AENOR governing bodies on June 4, 2001, and were published in the BOE no. 247, Resolution of September 10, 2001.

Since then, they have been revised twice. The 2007 version resulted from a comprehensive revision of indicators based on those approved during the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe held in Vienna in 2003. The current version, approved in 2013, leveraged the experience from the application of previous standards to enhance their applicability to smaller forest lands.

Given that the current Standards were approved in 2013, it is time to initiate a new normal revision process.

List of Standards under revision:

- UNE 162.001:2013; Sustainable Forest Management. Vocabulary, terminology, and definitions.
- UNE 162.002:2013; Sustainable Forest Management. Criteria and Indicators.
- UNE 162.003:2001; Sustainable Forest Management. Auditor Qualification Criteria.

2. Scope

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| Scope | UNE Sustainable Forest Management Standards UNE 162.001 / UNE 162.002 / UNE 162.003 |
| Activities regulated by the documents | Standardization of sustainable management of forest land in Spain. |
| Document users | Managers of public and private forest lands in Spain. Certification and accreditation entities. Other stakeholders in sustainable forest management. |
| Motivation for Revision | The current Standards were approved in February 2013. The UNE Technical Standardization Committees' procedural manual, Section 6.3, states that all UNE Standards must be reviewed at least every five years. |
| Application | Sustainable management of forest land and potential use for forest certification. |
| Development and Approval | Development by CTN, SC, and GT, public consultation, and subsequent approval by CTN 162 plenary, final approval by UNE, and announcement in BOE. |

3. Fundamental Aspects for the Revision Work

The standard formulation process is guided by the subsequent core principles:

1. Stakeholder Inclusion: Facilitate the engagement of all stakeholders through participation in working groups and public consultations.
2. Balanced Representation: No interest group should dominate or be dominated during the process. While each party is free to decide their level of involvement, the committee will ensure all relevant interest groups are adequately represented.
3. Consensus: Standards are ratified by consensus. Any sustained opposition to specific issues aims to be resolved through dialogue.
4. Continuous Improvement: Periodic reviews of the standards seek ongoing enhancement, ensuring they continue to meet stakeholders' expectations.
5. Transparency: Pertinent documents are publicly accessible so stakeholders can track developments both during and after the process.

The review of the UNE Sustainable Forest Management Standards aims to:

1. Integrate the experience from the application of the current and previous versions.
2. Incorporate requirements for sustainable forest management agreed upon in various national and international processes and regulations that are significant to Spanish forest lands.
3. Account for the latest scientific advancements and emerging issues.

4. Organization of the Revision Work

4.1 Plenary CTN 162

Standardization tasks will be executed according to the respective UNE regulations and procedures and the specific agreements adopted by CTN 162. Among them:

1. Procedures Manual for the works of the Standardization Technical Committees approved on March 6, 2017.
2. Regulations of the UNE Standardization Technical Committees approved on January 17, 2019.
3. CTN 162 operational agreement approved by CTN 162 on October 13, 2020.
4. Conflict resolution procedure approved by CTN 162 on October 13, 2020.

All documentation is available for CTN 162 members on the UNE's "ecomite" online platform.

As indicated by the UNE Standardization Regulation, the composition of a CTN should ensure representation of stakeholders involved in its domain. Given the area to be standardized and following the precedent set by the UNCED Agenda 21 in Rio de Janeiro in 1992, the following interest groups are significant for CTN 162:

- Enterprises and industry
- Youth and children
- Forest landowners
- Local authorities
- Non-governmental organizations
- Scientific and technological community
- Women
- Workers and unions

The Committee will promote the involvement of all interest groups, with a particular emphasis on key and disadvantaged players, and those directly impacted by the Standards or who can influence their implementation.

Acceptance or denial of CTN membership applications will be based on the need to maintain a balanced representation of interests, considering the relevance of the organization, individual expertise, and aiming for gender balance.

Decision-making is based on consensus among parties and interest groups, ensuring no group can dominate or be dominated by others. In the event of a conflict, the Conflict Resolution Body can be consulted.

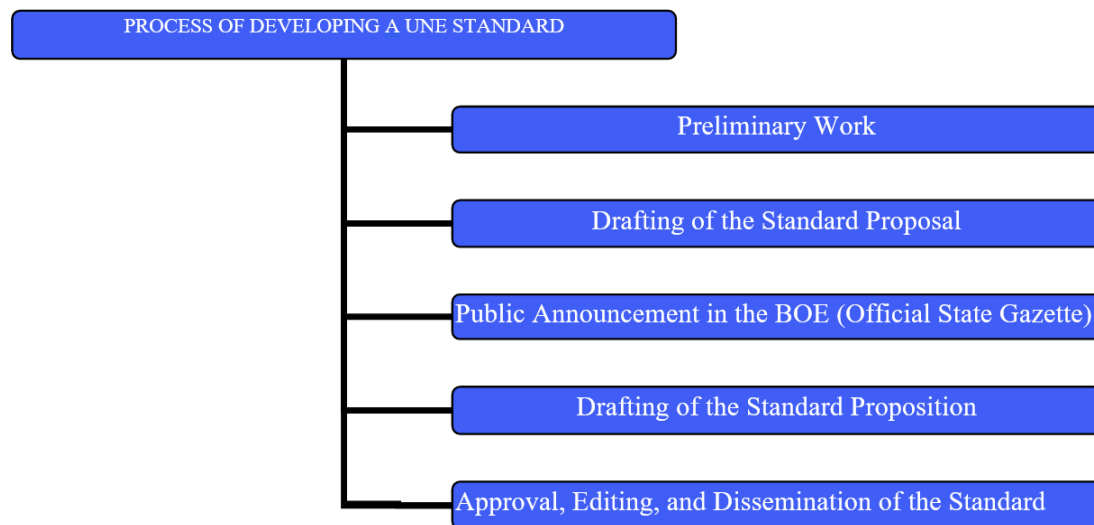
The plenary can establish Technical Subcommittees or Working Groups responsible for studying specific sections of its working program.

Currently, CTN162 has the following Subcommittee structure:

- SC 1 Vocabulary, terminology, and definitions
- SC 2 Criteria and indicators of management units
- SC 3 Auditor qualification criteria and certifying entity
- SC 5 Chain of custody of forest products

5. Development Stages

The Standardization process unfolds in accordance with the stipulations of the relevant UNE Regulations of the Technical Standardization Committees, following the subsequent process:



Phase 1: Preliminary Work

| Objective | Activities | Outcome |
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| Define the Standard Revision Proposal | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drafting the standard revision work program proposal, including scope, justifying the necessity, and outlining expected outcomes and anticipated schedule. 2. Gathering of information, foundational documentation, and needs analysis. 3. Public announcement of CTN 162 activation with at least a four-week notice through suitable media (https://www.une.org/ , email..) 4. Mapping of interest groups and stakeholders, ensuring that the likely key issues for each stakeholder group are identified, and identifying key and disadvantaged agents, if applicable. 5. Reactivation and call of the CTN. Invitation to CTN 162 members and other interested parties. 6. COVID 19 Impact: Delay in the commencement of Phase 2 and CTN reconstitution. Schedule modification. | Preliminary Work Report |

Phase 2: Drafting of the Standard Project

| Objective | Activities | Outcome |
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| Achieve consensus on the content of the PNE standard projects | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CTN reconstitution. Inclusion of new members. 2. Request to members for information distribution and/or proposition of new members. 3. Presentation of the standard revision work program proposal and its approval. 4. Assigning the corresponding SC or GT the study of parts of the work program deemed appropriate. 5. Preparation of PNE standard project proposals, enabling the contribution of all members. 6. Achieving consensus among its members for the approval of the PNE standard projects | Updated list of members Work Program Standard Standard project |

Phase 3: Public Consultation

| Objective | Activities | Outcome |
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| Consult standard projects with a broad range of stakeholders | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure a minimum period of 60 days from its public announcement to receive observations. 2. Public announcement of the start and end date of the public consultation through Press Releases, PEFC News Bulletin, UNE Reports, or PEFC Spain website. Direct invitation to all interest groups and stakeholders identified in the mapping. The announcement will be made at least one day before the start date. 3. Official announcement in the BOE of the public consultation. 4. Recording of the observations received through the tool at https://srp.une.org and action proposals from the secretariat. 5. If applicable, conduct an additional public consultation, within the timelines agreed by the members, to gather more information facilitating the resolution of disagreements. | Public Consultation Report |

Phase 4: Drafting of the Standard Proposal

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| Approval of the UNE Standard Proposals | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Open and transparent consideration of comments received during the public consultation period. 2. Preparation of the UNE Standard Proposals. 3. Assign the corresponding SC or GT the study of parts of the work program deemed appropriate. 4. Achieve consensus among CTN 162 members for the approval of the UNE Standard Proposals | UNE Standard Proposals |

Phase 5: Approval, Editing, and Dissemination of the Standard

| Objective | Activities | Outcome |
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| Publish UNE Standards | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of the Standards by the UNE governing bodies. Editing of the UNE Standards, including the identification and contact of the standardization entity, standard language, approval date, and date of the next periodic revision. Public announcement of its publication through Press Releases, PEFC News Bulletin, UNE Reports, or PEFC Spain website. Official announcement in the BOE. Informing involved agents and entities certified in Sustainable Forest Management about the new Standards and main changes. | Approved UNE Standards Publication of Standards |

6. Timeline

| | | 2019 | | 2020 | | | | 2021 | | | | 2022 |
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| REVISIÓN NORMA UNE | Trabajos preliminares | | | * | | | | | | | | |
| | Elaboración proyecto norma PNE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Consulta pública | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Elaboración propuesta de norma UNE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Publicación | | | | | | | | | | | |

*Affected by COVID 19