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## Introduction

PEFC has developed the module standard, PEFC ST 2002-1:2024, PEFC EUDR DDS (here in after, the PEFC EUDR DDS module), to support organisations in demonstrating compliance with the EUDR. It comprises the requirements for the implementation of a PEFC EUDR adapted Due Diligence System (PEFC EUDR DDS). This standard is not a standalone but a voluntary, module standard to be used in addition to the PEFC Chain of Custody standard.

PEFC notified certification bodies can provide the certification services against this module standard, PEFC ST 2002-1:2024, by fulfilling all requirements laid out in PEFC ST 2003:2020 as well as the additional guidance laid out in this bridging document.

The requirements on this document will be included in a future version of a complementary documentation to PEFC ST 2003 for certification bodies providing certification against the PEFC ST 2002, Chain of custody standard and the PEFC EUDR DDS module.

# 1. Guidance for certification bodies providing certification services against PEFC EUDR DDS ST 2002-1:2024

Only requirements from PEFC ST 2003:2020 with additional clarifications are included in this document. The supplementary text to existing requirements is highlighted in green.

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<b>4. General requirements</b>	
<p>The criteria against which the client organisation's chain of custody is evaluated are those outlined in the latest version of the Chain of Custody standard and of the PEFC Trademarks standard.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The latest version of the Chain of Custody standard and the PEFC Trademarks standard, their amendments and corresponding transition periods, are available from the PEFC website <a href="http://www.pefc.org">www.pefc.org</a>.</p>	<p>The criteria against which the client organisation's chain of custody is evaluated are those outlined in the latest version of the Chain of Custody standard, the PEFC Trademarks standard, <b>and the PEFC EUDR DDS module.</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> The latest version of the Chain of Custody standard, the PEFC Trademarks standard, <b>and the PEFC EUDR DDS module</b>, their amendments and corresponding transition periods, are available from the PEFC website <a href="http://www.pefc.org">www.pefc.org</a>.</p>
<b>6.1 Certification body personnel</b>	
<p><b>6.1.1.2.3 PEFC chain of custody training</b></p> <p>The certification body shall ensure that new auditors have received initial training on the PEFC system and the Chain of Custody standard, that is recognised by the PEFC Council.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The PEFC website <a href="http://www.pefc.org">www.pefc.org</a> provides further information on training options.</p>	<p><b>6.1.1.2.3 PEFC chain of custody training</b></p> <p>The certification body shall ensure that new auditors have received initial training on the PEFC system, the Chain of Custody standard, <b>and the PEFC EUDR DDS module</b>, that is recognised by the PEFC Council.</p>
<p><b>6.1.1.2.6.2</b> The certification body shall ensure that auditors demonstrate ability to apply terminology, knowledge, understanding and skills in the following areas of the PEFC chain of custody:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) principles and requirements of the Chain of Custody standard (PEFC ST 2002)</li> <li>b) products (including non-wood forest products and products from recycled material), processes and practices in the specific sector, applied raw material flow, measurements and control measures</li> <li>c) the application of management systems to forest and tree based and related industries and interaction between their components</li> </ul>	<p><b>6.1.1.2.6.2</b> The certification body shall ensure that auditors demonstrate ability to apply terminology, knowledge, understanding and skills in the following areas of the PEFC chain of custody and <b>PEFC EUDR DDS module:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) principles and requirements of the Chain of Custody standard (PEFC ST 2002) and <b>PEFC EUDR DDS module (PEFC ST 2002-1)</b></li> <li>b) products (including non-wood forest products and products from recycled material), processes and practices in the specific sector, applied raw material flow, measurements and control measures</li> <li>c) the application of management systems to forest and tree based and related industries and interaction between their components</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d) information systems and technology for authorisation, security, distribution and control of documents, data and records</li> <li>e) application of PEFC trademarks and other product labels and claims</li> <li>f) application of the measures to avoid procurement of raw material from controversial sources, including the relevant risk assessment methodology and indicators</li> <li>g) social, health and safety requirements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d) information systems and technology for authorisation, security, distribution and control of documents, data and records</li> <li>e) application of PEFC trademarks and other product labels and claims</li> <li>f) application of the measures to avoid procurement of raw material from controversial sources <b>and/or of non-compliant products</b>, including the relevant risk assessment methodology and indicators</li> <li>g) social, health and safety requirements</li> </ul>
<p><b>6.1.1.4.3 PEFC chain of custody training</b></p> <p>The certification body shall ensure that the reviewer and certification decision maker have received initial training on the PEFC system and the Chain of Custody standard, that is recognised by the PEFC Council.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The PEFC website <a href="http://www.pefc.org">www.pefc.org</a> provides further information on training options.</p>	<p><b>6.1.1.4.3 PEFC chain of custody training</b></p> <p>The certification body shall ensure that the reviewer and certification decision maker have received initial training on the PEFC system, the Chain of Custody standard, <b>and the PEFC EUDR DDS module</b>, that is recognised by the PEFC Council.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The PEFC website <a href="http://www.pefc.org">www.pefc.org</a> provides further information on training options.</p>
<p><b>6.1.1.4.6.1</b> The certification body shall ensure that the reviewer and certification decision maker demonstrate ability to apply knowledge and skills in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The objectives and core processes of the PEFC system including the requirements from the PEFC Sustainable Forest Management standard (PEFC ST 1003) covered in the PEFC chain of custody definition of controversial sources, (PEFC ST 2002, clause 3.7 paragraphs b, c, d and e).</li> <li>b) Audit principles, procedures and techniques (see 7.2.3.2.a of ISO 19011:2018).</li> <li>c) Organisation situations (see 7.2.3.2.c of ISO 19011:2018), including organisational size, structure, functions and relationships, general business processes and related terminology, and cultural and social customs.</li> </ul>	<p><b>6.1.1.4.6.1</b> The certification body shall ensure that the reviewer and certification decision maker demonstrate ability to apply knowledge and skills in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The objectives and core processes of the PEFC system including the requirements from the PEFC Sustainable Forest Management standard (PEFC ST 1003) covered in the PEFC chain of custody definition of controversial sources, (PEFC ST 2002, clause 3.7 paragraphs b, c, d and e), <b>and the definition of non-compliant products (PEFC ST 2002-1, clause 3.20)</b></li> <li>b) Audit principles, procedures and techniques (see 7.2.3.2.a of ISO 19011:2018).</li> <li>c) Organisation situations (see 7.2.3.2.c of ISO 19011:2018), including organisational size, structure, functions and relationships, general business processes and related terminology, and cultural and social customs.</li> </ul>

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<p>d) Applicable international legislation and country specific forest governance and law enforcement system relevant to forest and tree based raw material procurement and avoidance of raw material from controversial sources. Knowledge and understanding of this area shall cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. contracts and agreements, including labour contracts and or collective bargaining agreements</li> <li>ii. forest governance and law enforcement system of countries of the uncertified raw material origin, including those covering social, health and safety issues of workers</li> <li>iii. international conventions relating to worker rights (ILO core conventions)</li> <li>iv. international treaties and conventions relating to the trade of forest and tree based products</li> </ul>	<p>d) Applicable international legislation and country specific forest governance and law enforcement system relevant to forest and tree based raw material procurement and avoidance of raw material from controversial sources. Knowledge and understanding of this area shall cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. contracts and agreements, including labour contracts and or collective bargaining agreements</li> <li>ii. forest governance and law enforcement system of countries of the uncertified raw material origin, including those covering social, health and safety issues of workers</li> <li>iii. international conventions relating to worker rights (ILO core conventions)</li> <li>iv. international treaties and conventions relating to the trade of forest and tree based products</li> </ul>
<p><b>6.1.2.2</b> When there is a new issuance of the Chain of Custody standard or/and the PEFC Trademarks standard, the certification body shall ensure that qualified reviewers, certification decision makers and auditors have participated in refresher training recognised by the PEFC Council that covers the new version of the standards, before starting operating against them.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The PEFC website <a href="http://www.pefc.org">www.pefc.org</a> provides further information on training options.</p>	<p><b>6.1.2.2</b> When there is a new issuance of the Chain of Custody standard or/and the PEFC Trademarks standard, <b>or/and of PEFC EUDR DDS module</b>, the certification body shall ensure that qualified reviewers, certification decision makers and auditors have participated in refresher training recognised by the PEFC Council that covers the new version of the standards, before starting operating against them.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The PEFC website <a href="http://www.pefc.org">www.pefc.org</a> provides further information on training options.</p>

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<b>7.2 Application</b>	
<p><b>7.2.1</b> The certification body shall obtain from the client organisation, as a minimum, the following information and documentation as a part of the application for certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) corporate entity, name, address and legal status</li> <li>b) documented procedures of the client organisation as defined in the Chain of Custody standard</li> <li>c) descriptive identification of the products covered by the PEFC chain of custody sufficient to identify product groups</li> <li>d) sites covered by the PEFC chain of custody in the case of multi-site certification (as defined in the Chain of Custody standard)</li> </ul>	<p><b>7.2.1</b> The certification body shall obtain from the client organisation, as a minimum, the following information and documentation as a part of the application for certification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) corporate entity, name, address and legal status</li> <li>b) documented procedures of the client organisation as defined in the Chain of Custody standard and <b>in the PEFC EUDR DDS module</b></li> <li>c) descriptive identification of the products covered by the PEFC chain of custody <b>and by the PEFC EUDR DDS module</b> sufficient to identify product groups <b>for which the PEFC Chain of Custody standard and/or the PEFC EUDR DDS module standard is applied.</b></li> <li>d) sites covered by the PEFC chain of custody <b>and by the PEFC EUDR DDS module</b> in the case of multi-site certification (as defined in the Chain of Custody standard)</li> </ul>
<p><b>7.2.2</b> The certification body shall obtain from the client organisation, as a minimum, for products covered by the PEFC chain of custody, the following information relating to the application of the optional requirements of the Chain of Custody standard, for each site and/or product group as applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) chain of custody method</li> <li>b) intended application of the PEFC trademarks</li> </ul>	<p><b>7.2.2</b> The certification body shall obtain from the client organisation, as a minimum, for products covered by the PEFC chain of custody <b>and by the PEFC EUDR DDS module</b>, the following information relating to the application of the optional requirements of the Chain of Custody standard <b>and of the PEFC EUDR DDS module</b>, for each site and/or product group as applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) chain of custody method</li> <li>b) intended application of the PEFC trademarks</li> </ul>



<p><b>7.4.4</b> The purpose of the audit is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Determine the conformity of the client organisation's: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. chain of custody process with the requirements of the Chain of Custody standard and its effective implementation</li> <li>ii. management system with the requirements of the Chain of Custody standard and its effective implementation</li> <li>iii. chain of custody process with requirements for the avoidance of procuring raw material from controversial sources where applicable (PEFC DDS requirements) and its effective implementation</li> <li>iv. usage of the PEFC trademarks with the PEFC Trademarks standard and its effective implementation and that the trademarks licence contract, which shall be signed between the client organisation and the PEFC Council or a PEFC authorised body in order for the client organisation to be allowed to use the PEFC trademarks, is valid</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> The usage of the PEFC trademarks and PEFC claims is to be evaluated at the time of the surveillance and recertification audits. At initial audits, any proposed or intended use of the PEFC trademarks and PEFC claims is to be evaluated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) Collect data as required by the PEFC notification contract.</li> </ul>	<p><b>7.4.4</b> The purpose of the audit is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Determine the conformity of the client organisation's: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. chain of custody process with the requirements of the Chain of Custody standard <b>and the PEFC EUDR DDS module standard</b>, and their effective implementation</li> <li>ii. management system with the requirements of the Chain of Custody standard <b>and the PEFC EUDR DDS module standard</b>, and their effective implementation</li> <li>iii. chain of custody process with requirements for the avoidance of procuring raw material from controversial sources <b>and/or non-compliant products</b> where applicable (PEFC DDS <b>and PEFC EUDR DDS</b> requirements) and its effective implementation</li> <li>iv. usage of the PEFC trademarks with the PEFC Trademarks standard and its effective implementation and that the trademarks licence contract, which shall be signed between the client organisation and the PEFC Council or a PEFC authorised body in order for the client organisation to be allowed to use the PEFC trademarks, is valid</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> The usage of the PEFC trademarks and PEFC claims, <b>including the PEFC-EUDR claim</b>, is to be evaluated at the time of the surveillance and recertification audits. At initial audits, any proposed or intended use of the PEFC trademarks and PEFC claims, <b>including the PEFC-EUDR claim</b>, is to be evaluated. <b>During scope extension audits to add PEFC EUDR DDS module to the organisation's certification scope, any proposed or intended use of the PEFC-EUDR claim is to be evaluated.</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> The output claims differ between the product groups for which PEFC Chain of Custody standard and/or PEFC EUDR DDS module standard applies. For the claim of the output products under the product groups for which PEFC EUDR DDS module standard applies, all claims will be prefixed with "PEFC-EUDR" to distinguish them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) Collect data as required by the PEFC notification contract.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>7.4.5</b> The certification body shall conduct the audit following the relevant guidance provided in ISO 19011:2018, clause 6.4. In general, audits (initial, surveillance and recertification) shall be conducted on-site, except in those cases where requirements 7.4.6 or 7.9.2 of this standard apply, where certification bodies may decide to conduct remote audits.</p>	<p><b>7.4.5</b> The certification body shall conduct the audit following the relevant guidance provided in ISO 19011:2018, clause 6.4. In general, audits (initial, surveillance and recertification) shall be conducted on-site, except in those cases where requirements 7.4.6 or 7.9.2 of this standard apply, where certification bodies may decide to conduct remote audits. <b>When an audit to extend the scope of the organisation's chain of custody certificate to cover the PEFC EUDR DDS module happens outside of initial, surveillance or recertification audits, the certification body may use remote audit techniques to conduct such scope extension audit, provided it can demonstrate the credibility of doing such an audit remotely, and requirements 7.4.6 or 7.9.2 of this standard apply.</b></p>
<p><b>7.7 Certification documentation</b></p>	
<p><b>7.7.1</b> The certification document shall include at least the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) identification of the certification body</li> <li>b) name and address of the client organisation, and where applicable its sites/legal entities, whose chain of custody is subject to certification</li> </ul> <p><b>Note 1:</b> The name and address of the client organisation may be the name and address of a legal entity where no PEFC chain of custody activities are taking place (e.g., a mailbox address). The name and address of the client organisation whose chain of custody is subject to certification shall be included on the certification document as well.</p> <p><b>Note 2:</b> In the case of PEFC chain of custody certification for specified projects, or 'project certification' (refer to PEFC GD 2001, Annex 1), "name and address" refers to the name and address of the controlling entity. The name of the project can be included in the scope of the project certificate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) type of certificate (individual, multi-site or producer group)</li> <li>d) scope of the certification granted (see 7.7.2)</li> <li>e) the PEFC logo with the certification body's PEFC trademarks licence number</li> </ul>	<p><b>7.7.1</b> The certification document shall include at least the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) identification of the certification body</li> <li>b) name and address of the client organisation, and where applicable its sites/legal entities, whose chain of custody is subject to certification</li> </ul> <p><b>Note 1:</b> The name and address of the client organisation may be the name and address of a legal entity where no PEFC chain of custody activities are taking place (e.g., a mailbox address). The name and address of the client organisation whose chain of custody is subject to certification shall be included on the certification document as well.</p> <p><b>Note 2:</b> In the case of PEFC chain of custody certification for specified projects, or 'project certification' (refer to PEFC GD 2001, Annex 1), "name and address" refers to the name and address of the controlling entity. The name of the project can be included in the scope of the project certificate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) type of certificate (individual, multi-site or producer group).</li> <li>d) scope of the certification granted (see 7.7.2).</li> <li>e) the PEFC logo with the certification body's PEFC trademarks licence number</li> </ul>

<p>f) accreditation mark of the accreditation body (including accreditation number where applicable)</p> <p>g) the date of granting, extending or renewing certification and the expiry date or recertification due date (see 7.7.6). The effective date on a certification document shall not be before the date of the certification decision</p>	<p>f) accreditation mark of the accreditation body (including accreditation number where applicable)</p> <p>g) the date of granting, extending or renewing certification and the expiry date or recertification due date (see 7.7.6). The effective date on a certification document shall not be before the date of the certification decision. In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>The certification body may reissue the organisation chain of custody certificate when adding the PEFC EUDR module to the organisation's chain of custody certificate's scope. In the case the certificate is not reissued, the certification documentation shall indicate clearly the date from which the scope of the PEFC Chain of custody is extended to include the PEFC EUDR DDS module.</b></li> <li>ii. <b>If the certificate is reissued, the new valid date of the PEFC Chain of Custody standard and PEFC EUDR DDS module standard shall be the same. The certification body shall indicate in the certification documentation the reason for the reissuance, e.g., 'Scope extension added for PEFC EUDR DDS module standard'.</b></li> <li>iii. <b>The expiry date of the organisation chain of custody certificate shall remain the same.</b></li> <li>iv. <b>The organisation's chain of custody certificate cycle shall remain the same.</b></li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Note:</b> An example certificate with PEFC EUDR DDS module included in the organisation's certificate scope, with some anecdotal explanation, can be found in appendix 1 of this document.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>7.7.2</b> The scope of certification shall include the following information:</p> <p>a) reference to PEFC ST 2002, <i>Chain of Custody of Forest and Tree Based Products – Requirements</i>, and where relevant the national identification of this standard as adopted by a PEFC endorsed national forest certification system</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The identification of the Chain of Custody standard shall refer to the version of the Chain of Custody standard against which the audit was carried out and that was valid at the time when the certification was granted.</p> <p>b) reference to PEFC ST 2001, <i>PEFC Trademarks Rules – Requirements</i>, and where relevant the national identification of this standard as adopted by a PEFC endorsed national forest certification system</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The identification of the PEFC Trademarks standard shall refer to the version of the PEFC Trademarks standard against which the audit was carried out and that was valid at the time when the certification was granted.</p> <p>c) applied chain of custody method</p> <p>d) products covered by the chain of custody, according to the PEFC product categories</p>	<p><b>7.7.2</b> The scope of certification shall include the following information:</p> <p>a) reference to PEFC ST 2002, <i>Chain of Custody of Forest and Tree Based Products – Requirements</i>, and where relevant the national identification of this standard as adopted by a PEFC endorsed national forest certification system, <b>and the PEFC ST 2002-1:2024, Requirements for the Implementation of PEFC EUDR Due Diligence System (PEFC EUDR DDS)</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> The identification of the Chain of Custody standard shall refer to the version of the Chain of Custody standard against which the audit was carried out and that was valid at the time when the certification was granted.</p> <p>b) reference to PEFC ST 2001, <i>PEFC Trademarks Rules – Requirements</i>, and where relevant the national identification of this standard as adopted by a PEFC endorsed national forest certification system</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The identification of the PEFC Trademarks standard shall refer to the version of the PEFC Trademarks standard against which the audit was carried out and that was valid at the time when the certification was granted.</p> <p>c) applied chain of custody method</p> <p>d) products covered by the chain of custody, according to the PEFC product categories, <b>and products covered by the PEFC EUDR DDS module according to the PEFC product categories. In addition:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>i. If the products covered under the PEFC EUDR DDS module standard differ from those covered only by PEFC Chain of Custody standard, the certification bodies shall indicate such differentiation.</b></li> <li><b>ii. All the products covered under the PEFC EUDR DDS module standard must also be covered under PEFC Chain of Custody standard.</b></li> <li><b>iii. For the products covered under the PEFC EUDR DDS module standard, the certification body shall indicate in writing on the certification documentation that the product lists</b></li> </ol>
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	covered by the PEFC EUDR DDS module standard as mentioned in the certification documentation are verified as conforming to the PEFC EUDR DDS module. The certification body shall indicate in writing on the certification documentation that it does <u>not verify</u> those products as compliant against the EUDR legislation.
<b>7.11 Termination, reduction, suspension or withdrawal of certification</b>	
<p>All the requirements given in clause 7.11 of ISO/IEC 17065:2012(E) apply.</p> <p><b>7.11.1</b> If certification is terminated, suspended or withdrawn, the certification body shall inform the client organisation that any further use of PEFC trademarks and claims is not allowed. In case of suspension, the certification body shall monitor whether the client is in compliance.</p>	<p>All the requirements given in clause 7.11 of ISO/IEC 17065:2012(E) apply.</p> <p><b>7.11.1</b> If certification is terminated, suspended or withdrawn, the certification body shall inform the client organisation that any further use of PEFC trademarks and claims is not allowed. In case of suspension, the certification body shall monitor whether the client is in compliance. <b>The validity of PEFC EUDR DDS module scope shall be subject to the validity of the organisation's chain of custody certificate.</b></p>
<b>Appendix 2 (normative): Accreditations accepted by the PEFC Council for PEFC notification</b>	
<p>The scope of the accreditation shall explicitly cover PEFC ST 2002, <i>Chain of Custody of Forest and Tree Based Products – Requirements</i> and PEFC ST 2001, <i>PEFC Trademarks Rules – Requirements</i> in its valid version as presented at the PEFC website <a href="http://www.pefc.org">www.pefc.org</a>.</p>	<p>The scope of the accreditation shall explicitly cover PEFC ST 2002, Chain of Custody of Forest and Tree Based Products – Requirements and PEFC ST 2001, PEFC Trademarks Rules – Requirements and <b>PEFC ST 2002-1:2024, Requirements for the Implementation of PEFC EUDR Due Diligence System (PEFC EUDR DDS module)</b> in its valid version as presented at the PEFC website <a href="http://www.pefc.org">www.pefc.org</a>.</p>
<b>Appendix 3 (normative): Multi-site chain of custody certification</b>	
<p><b>3.5.2</b> If the individual sites are applying different chain of custody methods, the application of the Chain of Custody standard shall be clearly stated in the certificate and any appendix for the individual sites.</p>	<p><b>3.5.2</b> If the individual sites are applying different chain of custody methods, the application of the Chain of Custody standard shall be clearly stated in the certificate and any appendix for the individual sites. <b>In addition, the certification documentation shall make it clear what chain of custody methods and which product groups and which scopes (PEFC ST 2002, and/or PEFC 2002-1) are available at each individual site (especially for producer groups).</b></p>

## **2. Guidance for certification bodies providing unaccredited certification services against PEFC EUDR DDS ST 2002-1:2024**

Whilst PEFC awaits approval of the EA 1/22 process for accreditation of certification bodies within the European Accreditation area, PEFC will allow certification bodies to carry out unaccredited audits and issue unaccredited certificates only in the following circumstances, which shall override any guidance contained in Appendix 1:

- 2.1** Certification bodies shall communicate clearly to certified organisations that they would be offering unaccredited services relating to PEFC ST 2002-1:2024.
- 2.2** Any certificates issued shall be separate certificate to any accredited chain of custody certificates, along with any associated unaccredited certification documentation.
- 2.3** The unaccredited certificates and certification documentation shall not contain any accreditation marks.
- 2.4** The maximum validity of the certificate shall be 12 months from the date of issue.
- 2.5** On or before the expiry of the unaccredited certificate the certification body shall seek accreditation for delivery of services against PEFC ST 2002-1:2024, and transfer the certification to an accredited certificate, otherwise the unaccredited certificate shall expire.

## Appendix 1 (Informative): Example of certificate with PEFC ST 2002-1:2024 in the organisation's certificate scope



PEFC promotional logo granted to the Certification Body

Certification body logo

Accreditation mark of Accreditation Body – against ISO 17065]

### Certificate of Compliance

This is to certify that **[Company name]** [Company address]

Has been independently audited and certified as meeting the requirements of the following standards, in its valid version as presented at the PEFC website [www.pefc.org](http://www.pefc.org):

- PEFC ST 2002:2020, Chain of Custody of Forest and Tree Based Products – Requirements, dated 14/02/2020
- PEFC ST 2001:2020, PEFC Trademarks Rules – Requirements, dated 14/02/2020
- PEFC ST 2002-1:2024, Requirements for the Implementation of PEFC EUDR Due Diligence System (PEFC EUDR DDS), dated 20/07/2024 **#1**

**Scope of certification: Production and trade of particleboard for furniture and veneered panels for flooring**

**CoC method(s): physical separation and percentage method**

Products:

PEFC ST 2002:2020 CoC Product(s) **#2**

- **050500 Particleboard**
- **050200 Plywood**

**PEFC ST 2002-1:2024 EUDR DDS Product(s) **#3** NOTE: For the products covered under PEFC EUDR DDS module standard, the certification body shall indicate in writing on the certification documentation that the product lists covered by PEFC EUDR DDS module as mentioned in the certification documentation are verified as conforming to PEFC EUDR DDS module. The certification body shall indicate in writing on the certification documentation that it does not verify those products as compliant against the EUDR legislation.**

- <b>050500 Particleboard</b>
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**Certificate number: AAAAA-PEFC-COC-123456**

**Certificate type: Individual **#4****

*Note: The validity of this certificate shall be verified through the PEFC Find Certified: [www.pefc.org/find-certified](http://www.pefc.org/find-certified).*

Issued by:

[Certification body name]

[Certification body address]

PEFC CoC Issue Date: 30 September 2020	PEFC EUDR Issue Date: 24 April 2025
PEFC CoC Expiry date: 29 September 2025	PEFC EUDR Expiry date: 29 September 2025

Signed on behalf of [Certification  
body name] [Name & Position]  
[Signature]

Seal of Certification Body



## Notes for example certificate

All certification documentation shall follow requirements of PEFC ST 2003:2020 and any relevant guidance issued in PEFC GD 2001. A separate guidance document may be developed in the future for the PEFC ST 2002-1:2024 standard.

#1 The PEFC ST 2002-1:2024 shall be inserted into the list of standards where the scope extension has been issued by a CAB accredited to issue such an extension.

#2 #3 – Where the certified organisation separates out its products to PEFC ST 2002:2020 and PEFC ST 2002-1:2024 then the two separate scopes shall be listed separately. If the certified organisation takes it whole product scope into both standard scopes then this shall be clear on the certificates, e.g. “The following products are available under both PEFC ST 2002:2020 and PEFC ST 2002-1:2024”.

Any product covered under the PEFC ST 2002-1:2024 shall also be covered under the PEFC ST 2002:2020. However, not all the products covered under the PEFC ST 2002:2020 may be covered by the PEFC ST 2002-1:2024.

A note shall be included to make it clear that this is not indicating conformity against the EUDR legislation.

#4 The certificate type shall be clear. This example shows an individual certificate. For Multisite and producer groups the certification documentation shall make it clear what COC control methods and which product groups and which scopes are available at each participating site (especially for producer groups).

#5 The commencement of the date of scope extension to PEFC ST 2002-1:2024 shall be clear. This shall either be by the method shown on the example, or if the certification body follows a process of reissuing certificates with a new “valid from” date, the reason for the issue shall be clearly explained, e.g., “Scope extension added for PEFC ST 2002-1:2024”.

The expiry date of the certificate shall not change, and the PEFC ST 2002-1:2024 scope validity shall depend on a Certified organisation holding a valid PEFC ST 2002:2020 scope.