



The Council for sustainable forest management in the Republic of Macedonia

To PEFC Council

Skopje, 04.01.2023

Subject: official information related to decisions of the Council for SFM in RM

As part of the process after received minor non-conformities during the assessment and proposed improvements in the content of PEFC BS 02:2020 and PEFC MK 03:2021, the President of the Council for SFM in Macedonia conducted phone calls with the members of the Assembly as the body responsible for making decision, explaining the need to respond officially. After that, the e-mail was sent on 25.07.2022, requesting formal acceptance on proposed changes by August 01:

"Dear colleagues,

With this message, I would first like to inform you about the recognition process of the Balkan Forest Certification System according to PEFC.

After consultations at the national level, the system was subject to an assessment conducted by an independent consultancy firm Form International from the Netherlands. The review process lasted from the end of 2021 to the end of February 2022.

As part of this assessment, the system received comments that were corrected, sent and accepted by Form International. Currently the system is in the process of internal recognition at PEFC members and it will be completed on August 12, when we expect to receive a formal recognition message.

In the meantime, I would like to ask you to read the changes that were made to the documents in accordance with the improvement requests and to declare their formal adoption, which will make the documents a formal part of the PEFC Balkan Forest Certification System. For your reminder, all the documents in this system are identical for the participating countries (Slovenia, Macedonia and BiH), only the standards for sustainable forest management have been prepared separately for each country, in accordance with the national context.

Attached to this letter are the documents in which we made changes and they are underlined in green accordingly (additions that come into force).

I am asking for your statement by email as of August 1, 2022.

With respect,

*The Council for SFM in RM
Vladimir Stojanovski"*

The corrected versions of both documents, PEFC BS 02:2020 and PEFC MK 03:2021 were shared with the members of the Assembly. In the given period, 4 members (from the 5) of the Assembly voted positive for proposed corrections and that was by the Statute formal acceptance of the changes in the documentation PEFC BS 02:2020 and PEFC MK 03:2020.

The votes received positive by the members of the Assembly were from:

1. Valentina Cvetkovska, representative of the Chamber of Commerce
2. Pande Trajkov, representative of the Forest Faculty
3. Vojo Sokolovski, representative of the National Association of Private Forest Owners
4. Sasho Petrovski, representative of REFORD

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