

No.	PEFC requirement	BFCS Standard & Document	Assessor's comment	Response submitted	Amendments to address NC (Incorporating feedback from PEFC)
BFCS 02:2020, Standard setting and revision procedures					
1	6.3.1 The standardising body shall make a public announcement of the start of the standard-setting process and include an invitation to stakeholders to participate in the process. The announcement shall be made in a timely manner through suitable media, as appropriate, to give stakeholders an opportunity for meaningful contributions.	<u>5.2.1 Public announcement</u> The initiation of the documentation development process or its revision shall be announced on the website of the NGB's from the Balkan Region and other appropriate media in order to enable the stakeholders to actively contribute to the process.	It is insufficiently ensured that the announcement shall be made public at least 4 weeks before the start of the standard setting process, as indicated in the footnote of the requirement.	In the part of the chapter 5.2.1 is additionally added a provision that is providing compliance with the clause 6.3.1 of the PEFC ST 1001:2017 Standard-setting – Requirements.	The initiation of the documentation development process or its revision shall be announced on the website of the NGB's from the Balkan Region and other appropriate media at least four weeks before the first standard-setting activity is scheduled to occur in order to enable the stakeholders to actively contribute to the process.
2	6.4.6 Where a vote is used in decision-making, the standard-setting procedures shall determine and include decision-making thresholds that quantifies consensus. The threshold must be consistent with the consensus definition (refer to 3.1). However, a majority vote cannot override sustained opposition in order to achieve consensus.	<u>5.3.2 Building consensus</u> If the process of resolution of disputes is not executed within 4 weeks from beginning, than the threshold for consensus building will be at least that there shall be majority of votes positive in every single stakeholders interest group identified during the process of stakeholders mapping.	No reference is found where thresholds are determined (that quantify consensus).	A provision was added in the chapter 5.3.2 related to the threshold needed for reaching consensus.	If the process of resolution of disputes is not executed within 4 weeks from beginning, then the threshold for consensus building will be at least that there shall be simple majority of votes (50+1%) positive within every single stakeholders interest group identified during the process of stakeholders mapping.
3	6.4.8 When a substantial issue cannot be resolved and sustained opposition persists, the standardising body shall	<u>5.3.2 Building consensus</u> In case of a negative vote which represents permanent and sustained opposition to any important part of the concerned	It is insufficiently ensured that the dispute resolution shall be initiated in accordance with PEFC	The chapter 8 of the PEFC BS 02:2020 contains the same procedure as in the PEFC BS 08:2020.	a) discussions and talks for the issue for which there is no agreement in the WG in order to reach a compromise,

	initiate dispute resolution in accordance with its procedures for impartial and objective action.	<p>interests and to substantial issues, the following mechanisms shall be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) discussions and talks for the issue for which there is no agreement in the WG in order to reach a compromise, b) direct negotiations between concerned parties which objected and those who hold an opposing view in order to reach a compromise, c) additional round(s) of public consultation (if necessary) d) process of disagreement resolution by mediation. 	Balkans complaints and dispute resolution procedures (PEFC BS 08:2020).	The paragraph (e) of the PEFC BS 02:2020 is providing reference to that procedure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) direct negotiations between concerned parties which objected and those who hold an opposing view in order to reach a compromise, c) additional round(s) of public consultation (if necessary) d) process of disagreement resolution by mediation e) use of complaints and appeals procedures as foreseen in the chapter 8 of this Standard.
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