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## PEFC PORTUGAL

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### PEFC Portugal Notification Fees for 2023

#### To the PEFC Certification Bodies,

PEFC Portugal is committed to providing quality services to all parties involved in PEFC certification in Portugal, with emphasis on maintaining the international recognition of the Portuguese Forest Certification System, managing the databases of certified entities and the communication and interaction with the industry to promote PEFC certification and the PEFC brand in the marketplace.

Several changes in the relationship with PEFC International, as well as the growth of certification in Portugal, brought new challenges to PEFC Portugal, namely the changes on the database of certified entities and the increased demand for public information, which resulted in the need to increase the resources for administering the certificates and, also, in the increasing of the contribution of the notification fee, which reverts to PEFC International.

In view of the above, PEFC Portugal feels the need to review its notification fees, which has remained unchanged since 2018. Because we are aware of the global economic context, we would like to share the principles that underlie the review:

- Continue to encourage the growth of the certified forest area, which is only possible by keeping the contribution for this component at a residual level, and which currently stands at around 5% of the global value of the notification.
- Balance the cost structure of PEFC Portugal, maintaining the sharing of the fee that reverts to PEFC International at around 30% to 35% of the total notification revenue. This objective will be achieved through two main measures of the new tariff:
  - 1) adjusting the tariff structure applied to Chain of Custody (CdC) certificates of companies with a Turnover (VN) below 2 million euros, starting to distinguish in this class certificates from groups of producers and individual certificates and multisite;
  - 2) applying a 5% update on the tariffs applied to the remaining Chain of Custody (CoC) and Sustainable Forest Management (GFS) certificates.

Thus, under the terms of the Notification Contract in force, this document serves to communicate to the Certification Bodies operating in Portugal, the new PEFC Notification Tariff for 2023, annex.

This tariff comes into effect on January 1, 2023, replacing and canceling previous versions.

Attachment:

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We remain at your disposal for any clarification.

Kind regards,

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