Revision of the Controlled Wood System in Australia & New Zealand – Transition to new Risk Assessments

FSC Australia & New Zealand are providing this information to support the transition to applying the Controlled Wood Risk Assessments. This information relates to those Risk Assessment Categories that are nearing the final stages of development but are not yet ‘approved’ by 30 June 2019. The Guidance is complementary to but does not override existing FSC directives.

FSC International issued Advice Note-40-005-23 of FSC-DIR-40-005 FSC Directive earlier this year that says that in countries having a National Risk Assessment (NRA) developed according to FSC-PRO-60-002, organisations can continue to use ‘old NRA’s until they are replaced by an FSC risk assessment but only up until 30 June 2019.

Specifically, It provides the following advice:

1. For all countries and regions where an FSC risk assessment was scheduled by 30 December 2017, organizations sourcing material from these areas can continue to use company risk assessments in their DDS, but not beyond 30 June 2019 (unless as per Clause 3.2 of FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1).

2. If an FSC risk assessment according to FSC-PRO-60-002 V3-0 is not approved for these countries and regions by 30 June 2019, these areas shall subsequently become 'unassessed areas’. Organizations continuing sourcing material from these areas after this date are required to have extended company risk assessments (ECRA) in place for their DDS.

NOTE: As per Clause 3.2 of FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1, the organization shall adapt its DDS to use FSC risk assessments within six (6) months of the date of FSC risk assessment approval by FSC, unless an extension is justified and approved by the certification body.

New Zealand

CNRA Categories 1, 2, 4 & 5 are finalised and approved, only Category 3 is still being finalised. Ultimately, the NZ CNRA will replace the current NZ NRA.

Given that category 3 of the NZ CNRA is not complete prior to 30 June 2019, in accordance with Advice Note-40-005-23, companies looking to trade Controlled Wood sources will need to create an Extended Company Risk Analysis (ECRA) when assessing the indicators within category 3.

To this end, for category 1 please continue to refer the New Zealand CNRA Draft as is currently available in the FSC Document Centre to supplement your ERA: https://ic.fsc.org/en/document-center/id/237

For category 3, please continue to refer to Category 3 of the New Zealand Old NRA as is currently available in the FSC Document Centre to supplement your ECRA. FSC advises that companies develop an ECRA for Category 3 for their own supply chains and sourcing areas only: https://ic.fsc.org/en/document-center/id/139

Additionally, for Category 3, a 2019 draft exists that will be made available on the FSC ANZ Websites: https://nz.fsc.org/en-nz/policies/controlled-wood-risk-assessment
The completed CNRA Categories (1, 2, 4 and 5) are available at the FSC Document Centre. These Categories should be used as is and should represent the full risk associated within each of their indicators.

In summary, to implement the standard (FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1) please refer to:

- Category 1: New Zealand CNRA (2019)
- Category 2: New Zealand CNRA (2019)
- Category 3: New Zealand Old New Zealand NRA (2014)
- Category 4: New Zealand CNRA (2019)
- Category 5: New Zealand CNRA (2019)