IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FSC PESTICIDES POLICY
(FSC-POL-30-001 V3-0)

The FSC International Board of Directors recently approved the revised FSC Pesticides Policy. The new version will be effective 1 August 2019. The FSC Pesticides Policy lays out FSC’s position for managing the use of chemical pesticides in FSC-certified management units in consistency with Criterion 10.7 of FSC-STD-01-001 V5-2 FSC Principles and Criteria, which requires, inter alia, the use of integrated pest management. The revised FSC Pesticides Policy is now available in the FSC Document Centre. The policy incorporates a risk-based approach. It considers not only the hazard of the active ingredient, but also under what circumstances chemical pesticides is used. You can find a list of prohibited, highly restricted and restricted pesticides in INT-POL-30-001a EN.

FSC is providing the following information and decision tree to assist with the interim implementation of the Pesticides Policy. The information is based on the May 22, 2019 FSC Forest Management Interpretation (INT-POL-30-001_07, as updated June 19, 2019)

1. Does the Certificate Holder (CH) use chemicals in the FMU (Forest Management Unit)?
   - If No, no further action needed
   - If Yes, go to 2

2. Is the chemical an FSC Highly Hazardous Pesticide (HHP) from the newly revised list?
   - If No, the chemical may be used without an environmental and social risk assessment (ESRA) or derogation through August 1, 2020. After August 1, 2020, an ESRA must be completed prior to use of the chemical.
   - If Yes, go to 3

3. Is the chemical an FSC prohibited HHP?
   - If No, go to 4
   - If Yes, does the CH have an approved derogation for the prohibited HHP?
     - If No, beginning August 1, 2019, use is prohibited except in emergency situations or by governmental order. If one of these situations occurs, conformance with Annex 3 is required (including completion of a site-specific ESRA, and (once available) incorporation of requirements from the most recent published draft of the relevant HHP-International Generic Indicators (IGIs) is also required.
     - If Yes, go to 3

4. Does the CH have an approved derogation for the restricted or highly restricted HHP?
   - If No, go to 5
   - If Yes, the existing approved derogation and its conditions remain valid until August 1, 2020, even if there is no emergency situation or governmental order. After August 1, 2020, use of the HHP is prohibited except in emergency situations or by governmental order, as described above.

5. Is the HHP: a) newly listed with the approved Pesticide Policy (FSC-POL-30-001 V3-0); or b) previously listed, but did not require a derogation for use (i.e., those marked in green in FSC-STD-30-001A)?
   - If No, go to 6
   - If Yes, the HHP may continue to be used without a derogation or ESRA until August 1, 2020 and after that the requirements in 6 below must be followed prior to use of the HHP. (NOTE: all derogations with original expiry dates between March 31, 2019 and August 1, 2020 have been extended until August 1, 2020.)

6. Beginning August 1, 2019, the CH must complete an ESRA prior to using the HHP as required in the revised Policy, incorporating any conditions from the most recently approved of any existing approved derogations in the country for the HHP, and (once available) incorporating the requirements from the most recent published draft of the relevant HHP-IGIs.
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PESTICIDES POLICY DECISION TREE

1. Does the CH use chemicals?

   Yes
   2. Is the chemical an HHP?

      Yes
      3. Is the chemical a prohibited HHP?

         Yes
         3(a). Does the CH have an approved derogation for the prohibited HHP?

            Yes
            3(a)(ii). Before August 1, 2020, the existing approved derogation and its conditions remain valid. After August 1, 2020, use is prohibited except in emergency situations or by governmental order.

            No
            3(a)(i). Beginning August 1, 2019, use is prohibited except in emergency situations or by governmental order.

         No
         2(a). Before August 1, 2020, the chemical may be used without an ESRA or derogation. After August 1, 2020, an ESRA is required prior to use.

   No
   1(a). No further action

4. Does the CH have an approved derogation for the restricted or highly restricted HHP?

   Yes
   4(a). The existing approved derogation and its conditions remain valid. After the expiry date, or the incorporation of the HHP-IGIs into the national standard (whichever comes first), the requirements in 6 below must be followed prior to use.

   No
   5. Is the HHP newly listed, or previously listed but without a derogation requirement for use?

      Yes
      5(a). Before August 1, 2020, the HHP may be used without an ESRA or derogation. After August 1, 2020, the requirements in 6 must be followed prior to use.

      No
      6. Beginning August 1, 2019, the CH must complete an ESRA prior to using the HHP, incorporating any conditions from the most recent applicable approved derogation and any requirements from published draft HHP-IGIs.