

Training and informational materials on the revised controlled wood standard

Introduction

As a result of the revision of the FSC controlled wood system the controlled wood standard FSC-STD-40-005 was revised. The revised version (V3-0) was approved by the FSC Board of Directors on 11 November 2015 and then published on 18 December 2015. A key challenge to the successful implementation of the standard is the awareness and knowledge of stakeholders of the changes to the system introduced by the revised standard, and the concepts it uses. Recognising this, FSC has established a training programme, consisting of a series of webinars and corresponding informational materials, to assist stakeholders to understand the revised standard.

Who will the training be useful for?

The training will be useful for any stakeholder with an interest in learning about the standard FSC-STD-40-005 V3-0. It will be most useful for current certificate holders and future applicants for FSC controlled wood certification, but other stakeholders, such as certification bodies and auditors, and environmental and social organizations, will find the material useful as well.

Aim of the training

The aim of the training is to ensure that stakeholders have a solid understanding of:

- The objective, scope and functionality of the revised controlled wood standard
- The most important changes to standard requirements compared to the previous version of the standard, and
- The specific requirements for a due diligence system.

Contents and schedule

Informational material will be organized into separate modules, on different topics. Each module will comprise a presentation provided as a live webinar, and supportive materials, including fact sheets, FAQs and case studies.

Module 1: Introduction to the revised controlled wood standard

Webinar dates: 10-11 February 2016

Contents:

- Introduction to the FSC controlled wood system
- Objective and scope of the revised standard
- The standard's requirements, and changes from the previous version
- Use of FSC risk assessments
- Transition to the revised standard





Module 2: Risk assessment of the origin of material

Webinar dates: 16-17 March 2016

Contents:

- The development of FSC risk assessments
- The use of FSC risk assessments
- Risk assessment by the organization for the origin of material

Module 3: Due diligence and supply chains

Webinar dates: 13-14 April 2016

Contents:

- Introduction to due diligence and due diligence systems
- General requirements for implementing a due diligence system
- Obtaining information on material and supply chains
- Assessing the risk of mixing in the supply chain

Module 4: Risk mitigation

Webinar dates: 11-12 May 2016

Contents:

- Introduction to risk mitigation and the use of control measures
- Mitigation of risk related to the origin of material
- Mitigation of risk specific to traditional and human rights, and high conservation values
- Mitigation of risk related to supply chains

Access to materials, and further information

Notice of webinars, including specific times and links for registering, will be contained in news items on the <u>FSC International webpage</u>, and newsletter (<u>sign up here</u>). Emails will also be sent to registrants to previous webinars.

Information on webinars will also be contained on the <u>FSC Controlled Wood standards</u> <u>webpage</u>. It is on this webpage that all training related material will be published and available for download.

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