



New COC Standards Interpretations published on 23 April 2013

1. [Is the FSC Mix 100% claim allowed?](#)

Yes, the FSC Mix 100% claim is allowed on sales and delivery documents only.

Normative Reference: FSC-STD-40-004 V2-1

Requirement(s): Clause 6.1.1

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2. [Which output claim shall be used when inputs with different FSC claims are combined in the Transfer System?](#)

The table below presents the possible combinations of FSC input claims and resulting output claims when applying the Transfer System.

Inputs	FSC 100%	FSC Mix Credit	FSC Mix x%	FSC Recycled Credit	FSC Recycled x%	Pre-Cons. Reclaimed ^I	Post-Cons. Reclaimed ^{II}	Controlled Wood ^{III}
FSC 100%	FSC 100%	FSC Mix Credit	FSC Mix x%	FSC Mix Credit	FSC Mix x%	No FSC Claims are allowed	FSC Mix 100%	FSC Controlled Wood
FSC Mix Credit		FSC Mix Credit	FSC Mix x%	FSC Mix Credit	FSC Mix x%	No FSC Claims are allowed	FSC Mix Credit	FSC Controlled Wood
FSC Mix x%			FSC Mix x%	FSC Mix x%	FSC Mix x%	No FSC Claims are allowed	FSC Mix x%	FSC Controlled Wood
FSC Recycled Credit				FSC Recycled Credit	FSC Recycled x%	No FSC Claims are allowed	FSC Recycled Credit	FSC Controlled Wood
FSC Recycled x%					FSC Recycled x%	No FSC Claims are allowed	FSC Recycled x%	FSC Controlled Wood
Pre-Cons. Reclaimed						No FSC Claims are allowed	No FSC Claims are allowed	No FSC Claims are allowed
Post-Cons. Reclaimed							FSC Recycled 100%	FSC Controlled Wood
Controlled Wood*								FSC Controlled Wood

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^I Pre-consumer reclaimed materials are not eligible inputs in the transfer system.

^{II} In the transfer system, post-consumer reclaimed materials can only be mixed with FSC Recycled inputs.

^{III} This category includes wood sourced with FSC Controlled Wood claim and wood sourced as controlled according to FSC-STD-40-005.



3. [Clause 2.2.1 of FSC-STD-20-011 specifies the criteria for high risk outsourcing. Are there any exceptions to that rule?](#)

Yes. Even when one or more of the high risk indicators indicated in Clause 2.2.1 apply to the outsourced activity, the Certification Body may approve the low risk categorization if a low risk of contamination may be demonstrated through:

- a) The product is permanently labelled or marked in a way that the contractor cannot alter or exchange products (e.g. heat brand, printed materials);
- b) The product is palletized, or otherwise maintained as a secure unit that is not broken apart during outsourcing;
- c) There is no risk of contamination, as the contractor handles exclusively the materials from the contracting organization in its facilities during outsourcing;
- d) The contractor is employed for services that do not involve manufacture or transformation of certified products (e.g. warehousing, storage, distribution, logistics)

NOTE: Outsourcing across national borders to countries with Corruption Perception Index (CPI) lower than 5 is always considered high risk activity.

Normative Reference: FSC-STD-20-011 V1-1

Requirement(s): Clause 2.2.1

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4. [Is it acceptable to audit loggers through desk audit when the logger does not have a log yard to visit?](#)

Yes. The desk audit is applicable to loggers holding a FSC Chain of Custody certificate and that do not have a log yard. The desk audit shall cover all applicable standard requirements of FSC-STD-40-004 V2-1, except the ones that only apply to COC certificates with physical possession of products, namely Clauses 2.2, 3.4, 5.1, Part II (8 Percentage System, 9 Credit System) and Part IV. Evaluation against the standard requirements related to labeling of products are only required when the FSC label is used by the logger.

Normative Reference: FSC-STD-20-011 V1-1

Requirement(s): Clause 9.4

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