



APPENDIX A. RELEVANT LAWS, TREATIES, AND AGREEMENTS. RELEVANT LAWS, TREATIES, AND AGREEMENTS

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The following list of laws, treaties, agreements, and other policies are provided to facilitate use of the regional standards, including in relation to FSC Principle 1. While a reasonable effort has been made to be inclusive for laws pertaining to the U.S., the following lists should not be assumed to be exhaustive. The status of these laws and other policies are also subject to change over time. Landowners, certifiers, and other parties who are concerned with these and other policies should consult with the appropriate public agencies and private counsel. These lists neither constitute legal advice, nor obviate the need for landowners and certifiers to conduct their normal due diligence.

The lists provided below do not generally include regulations that have been written to implement these and other laws, nor do they include administrative orders, or court decisions and case law. While these regulations and decisions are as important as the treaties and laws listed below, it is not feasible to list them here. State and local policies are also too numerous and varied to list here individually. Therefore, landowners, forest managers, certifiers, and other interested parties should contact the state and county offices for the areas in which they operate. The following lists do not include laws, regulations, and other policies that pertain specifically to the management of Federal lands, other public lands, or tribal lands held in trust by the Federal government.

International Treaties and Agreements to Which the U.S. is a Signatory:

- Convention on Nature Protection and Wild Life Preservation in the Western Hemisphere (Washington, DC, 1940).
- Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (Ramsar, Iran, 2 Feb 1971).
- United Nations Conference on the Human Environment (UNCHE) (Stockholm, Sweden, June 1972).
- Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage; (Paris, France, 16 Nov 1972).
- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) (Washington DC, 1973).
- International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) (1979 Revised Text) (Rome, Italy, 1979).
- Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Bonn, Germany, 23 Jun 1979).

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- Amendment to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (Art.XI) (Bonn, Germany, 23 Jun 1979).
- Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo, Finland, 1991).
- Convention for the Conservation of Anadromous Stocks in the North Pacific Ocean (Moscow, Russia, 11 Feb 1992).
- Agenda 21, United Nations Convention on Environment & Development UNCED, (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 1992).
- Forest Principles (UNCED) (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 1992).
- Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCED) (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 5 Jun 1992).
- Framework Convention on Climate Change, (UNCED) (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 1992).
- Rio Declaration on Environment and Development (UNCED) (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 1992).
- International Tropical Timber Agreement (Geneva, Switzerland, 1994).
- Withdrawn, Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Kyoto, Japan, 1997).

Treaties with Tribes:

- Varied treaties with American Indian Nations, Tribes, and Bands in the United States. Particular note should be made of treaties which established off-reservation treaty rights.

Federal Laws and Policies:

- Lacey Act (concerning trade in illegally taken fish, wildlife, or plants) (1900, 1969, 1981, 1989, 2008).
- Federal Insecticide Act (1910).
- Plant Quarantine Act (1912).
- Migratory Bird Treaty Act (1918, 2006).
- Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA)/Federal Environmental Pesticide Control Act (FEPCA) (1947, 1972).
- Federal Plant Pest Act (1957).
- Wilderness Act (1964).
- National Historic Preservation Act, including in relation to American Indian sites (1966).
- National Environmental Policy Act (1969, 1975, 1982).
- Occupational Safety & Health Act (OSHA) (1970).
- Federal Water Pollution Control Act/Clean Water Act (1972, 1977).
- Endangered Species Act (1973, 1978, 1979, 1982).
- Resource Conservation & Recovery Act (RCRA) (1976, 1984).
- Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA, commonly known as "Superfund") (1980, 1986).
- Coordinated Framework for the Regulation of Biotechnology, Office of Science & Technology (1986).
- Pollution Prevention Act (1990).

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- Executive Order (EO) 12898 - Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations (1994).
- Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (2002).
- Energy Policy Act (2005).
- Federal policy on income taxes, capital gains taxes, inheritance taxes, reforestation tax credits, and other relevant taxes.
- Federal business practices law.
- US Farm Bill (every 5 years).

State Laws and Policies:

- Forest practices acts
- Endangered species acts
- Environmental quality acts
- Wildlife laws
- Water quality protection laws
- Water resources laws
- Land use laws
- Cultural protection acts
- Business practices laws
- Fire practices laws
- River compacts and wild and scenic rivers acts
- Natural communities conservation acts
- Tax policies

Local Policies:

- County rules or guidelines regarding particular habitat types
- County land use policies, including general plans (or their functional equivalents) and zoning ordinances (or their functional equivalents)
- Regional (multi-county) land use policies.
- County building codes.
- County tax policies, including policies for income taxes, property taxes, and special assessment districts.

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