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FSC-STD-40-006 V2-0 EN
FSC Standard for Project Certification

Version comparison

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Report

Introduction

The FSC-STD-40-006 V2-0 FSC Standard for Project Certification became effective as of the 1st of February 2020. The new version of the standard contains a range of options for the certification of organizations of all sizes that manage projects, from small to large entities, as well as a variety of project types (e.g. a single wooden boat or a large complex of buildings).

The version comparison provides a comparison of the main elements and characteristics of both versions of the standard, V1-0 and V2-0.

In case you have any additional questions/queries/clarifications regarding the implementation of this standard, please reach out to us at **chainofcustody@fsc.org**.

Certificate characteristics	FSC-STD-40-006 V1-0	FSC-STD-40-006 V2-0
Effective date	1st of July 2006.	1st of February 2020
Scope	The certificate is issued to the project only. The organization managing the project is not certified.	The certificate is issued to the organization that manages the project. The projects managed by this organization can be also certified if produced according to this standard, allowing organizations to manage several projects on a continual basis, instead of having to obtain individual certificates for each project.
Certificate duration	One-off certification.	The certificate holder has two options under the new version of the standard: continuous certification (valid for 5 years, with the possibility of renewing it after this period) or one-off certification, which is now named one-time project certification.
References	FSC-DIS-40-006 Building & Construction Sector Discussion Paper FSC-DIS-40-007 Stakeholder feedback and proposals FSC-STD-01-002 FSC glossary of terms FSC-STD-30-010 FSC controlled wood standard for forest management enterprises FSC-STD-40-005 FSC standard for company evaluation of controlled wood	The standard FSC-STD-40-006 may be combined with other standards of the FSC normative framework depending on the scope of the organization's certification, as specified in Table A of the standard. The standards FSC-STD-40-004 and FSC-STD-40-006 cannot be combined in project certification.

Number of projects that can be FSC-certified	Single project. However, the project can cover multiple building or objects if they are considered as part of the same project.	Multiple independent projects can be certified under the scope of the same certificate. This is different from the previous version in which multiple independent projects could not be certified under the same certificate.
Types of projects that can be certified	Any object that is made of or contain forest-based products or any size or scale can be certified as a project.	The types of projects that are applicable by this standard are: i) Renovation or construction or civil engineering projects (e.g. building). ii) Individual art or decorative objects (e.g. sculpture). iii) Transportation vehicles (e.g. boat). iv) Other items or products not listed in this standard may become eligible to be certified as a project upon specific approval by FSC International.
Applicability in relation to sites	Single CoC certificate.	Project certification may be applied to Single, Group and Multi-site CoC certificates. It can also be combined with the FSC-STD-40 003, enabling its application by participating sites of the group and multi-site certificates that manage multiple projects. In addition, the standard offers the possibility of continuous certification allowing organizations to manage several projects continually, instead of having to obtain individual

		certificates for each project.
Possible FSC claims	Full project certification and partial project certification can be issued under the FSC promotional claim.	There are three options for the claims that can be issued under the V2-0 of the standard: 1) Full project certification claim 2) FSC claims on specific components of a project 3) Percentage claims
Inclusion of non-certified contractors	All projects may include non-FSC certified contractors under the scope of the certificate, working on or off the project site.	For one-time project certification, non-certified contractors can be included in the scope of the certificate and have an agreement with the CH as per Clause 3.2. For continuous project certification, contractors need to be FSC-certified, as per Clause 3.1.
Uncertified/ Uncontrolled materials	Accepted in the case of partial project certification since the claims only relate to the FSC-certified components of a project.	Accepted in the case of full certification and when claims are made on specific components of a project designed to attend projects with very small non-certified components (e.g. dowels, paper layers). Please note that in the full project certification, the organization shall add the following disclaimer to the project statement: "This project contains up to 2% of non-FSC-certified materials".
Proof of project certification	An FSC certificate is issued to the project by the certification body.	The organization shall issue a Project Statement as an evidence that projects are FSC-certified.

Public information and FSC Codes	Information about the project and certificate scope are published at: www.info.fsc.org	Information about the project and certificate scope are published at: www.info.fsc.org
	The following code is issued to projects: XX-PRO-000000.	All finalized and certified projects shall be available and listed on the FSC website. Please note that the project members' information is not visible on the FSC website.
		The following code is issued to projects: XXX-COC-123456 - (unique identifier).