



FSC® Advice Note

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ADVICE-60-006-03	Advice Note on cut-off date for transfer of national standards (National Forest Stewardship Standards, Regional Forest Stewardship Standards and CB Standards) from P&C V4 to P&C V 5-2 (or higher).
Normative reference	FSC-STD-01-001 V5-2 <i>Principles and Criteria for Forest Stewardship</i> FSC-STD-60-006 V2-0 <i>International Generic Indicators</i>
Scope	This Advice Note applies to national standards which are based on P&C V4 and have not been transferred to P&C V 5-2 (or higher).
Approval	FSC Director General, 16 December 2021.
Effective date	As of the approval date.
Period of validity	Until 31 st December 2024 or until replaced by other normative documents.
Background	<p>As per the requirements of FSC-STD-60-006 and FSC-PRO-60-007, the national standards are required to develop indicators based on latest P&C version. However even after rolling out P&C V5 in 2012, there are still significant number of national standards that are not yet transferred to P&C V5-2, either because the process was never registered, or the registered process failed before the completion of the process. Hence, the requirement to enter a transfer process has not been fully implemented. Additionally, FSC does not had an expiry date for CB standards operating based on P&C V4.</p> <p>As a result, in its 87th meeting, the FSC Board established a cut-off date for national standard based on P&C V4 to transfer all the existing national standards to the latest P&C V5-2 and mitigate any potential credibility risk for FSC.</p> <p>This Advice Note formally implements the decision made by the FSC Board in March 2021.</p>



Advice	<p>A national standard (National Forest Stewardship Standards, Regional Forest Stewardship Standard or CB standard) which is based on P&C V4 will be considered invalid by FSC if it is not going to be replaced by a revised version based on P&C V5-2 (or higher) that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) is submitted to PSU for final review by 31 January 2024; andb) is approved by PSC or the PSG by 31 December 2024. <p>Expiry dates will be announced well in advance to affected certification bodies and certificate holders.</p>
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