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ABOUT US

One of the main objectives of the Forest Conservation Council (FPC) is to work to maintain the continuity of natural life by protecting forests. In this context, the Forest Conservation Council (FPC) aims to protect and reproduce forests by developing various standards regarding forest protection and forest management, encouraging producers and consumers to sustainable forestry.

The Forest Protection Council (FPC) is an independent, non-government organization established to support environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial, and economically viable management of the world's forests.

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1- THE BASIC PRINCIPLE

a) Forest management certificate issued by a certification body accredited by FPC Provides a reliable guarantee that there are no major failures in compliance any applicable FPC requirements within the scope of the certificate.

b-) In order to provide such guarantees, the certification body shall:

Confirm that the management system is in place to ensure that all requirements of the designated forest standards are implemented within the scope of the assessment;

Analyze and describe the forest area to be assessed from one or more aspects

Forest management unit;

Sampling of sites, documents, management records, interviews, consultations with stakeholders, and direct fact observations is sufficient to verify that the performance thresholds specified in the applicable forest management standards are not subject to major non-conformance assessments in any range.

c-) If the regional, national or sub-national forest protection standards have been received After the formal FPC approval has been issued since the certificate, this standard shall Replace any locally adapted general forest protection standards previously used The evaluation standard is in accordance with the effective date specified in the "Measures" Approved standards.

d) FPC forest protection standards are mainly designed for applications at the forest management unit level. In the case of a forest management group, the specified requirements can be applied at the group level through the group entity.

2- PRE EVALUATION

- Before conducting a major assessment of any forest management in the following categories, the certification body shall complete the pre-assessment in accordance with the requirements of Section 2 of this standard:
 - a-) The plantation area exceeds 10,000 hectares;
 - b-) All non-planted forest types greater than 50,000 hectares, unless the entire area meets the requirements for classification as "low-intensity management forest"
- Before any major assessment, the certification body may decide on its own to conduct a pre-assessment of any forest management that does not meet the above-mentioned specifications.
- In the case of re-evaluation, no pre-evaluation is required.
- The pre-assessment should include the following elements:
 - a) Review and discuss the required assessment scope with forest managers in accordance with related FPC specifications such as group certification, partial certification of large-scale management enterprises, and joint forest management certification and
 - b) Review and discuss standard requirements for assessment with forest managers, including procedural requirements such as stakeholder consultation.
- Based on the information provided by the applicant, determine whether the applicant meets the main gaps or possible problem areas of any requirements of the standard
- The certification body shall prepare a written report on the pre-evaluation and shall provide it to the applicant. A summary of the main results should then be included in the main evaluation report.
- The certification body shall use the results of any pre-assessment when preparing the subsequent main assessment.

- The certification body shall make a clear analysis of the discrete forest management units and their management structure and systems within the scope of the assessment.
- The certification body shall conduct a clear analysis of the key aspects of management control to ensure that the applicable forest standards are implemented in the following aspects:
 - a) Comprehensive management and operation.
 - b) The complete geographic area assessed;
- The evaluation should include an evaluation of the documents and records applicable to managers at all levels, sufficient to confirm that the managers are operating effectively as described.
- The certification body shall assess the tracking and tracing of forest products in the assessed forest area, as well as the procedures for identifying products from the assessed forest area, as part of the analysis of the assessed forest area Forest management system.
- Only when the certification body is satisfied with the tracking and tracing system implemented by the forest can it issue a joint forest certificate.
- The management company is sufficient to ensure that all products invoiced by the forest management company come from the assessed forest area.
- The certification body shall classify the forest management within the assessment scope as a collection of "similar" forest management for the purpose of sampling. The collections should be chosen to minimize the variability within each collection:
 - a) Applicable country or region Forest Protection Standard.
 - b) Forest type
 - c) Forest Management class

- In the case of evaluating all other groups, the certification body shall evaluate each forest management that is part of the sample in accordance with all the requirements of the applicable forest protection standards at the group membership level.
- In the case of evaluating all types of forest management groups, the certification body shall evaluate the group entities in accordance with all the requirements of the applicable forest protection standards at the group entity level.
- The auditor shall identify and evaluate the management documents and records of sufficient types and quantities of each forest management selected for evaluation to conduct direct and factual observations to verify the applicable forest protection being evaluated in the forest management. The compliance of all indicators of the standard and such documents are necessary means of verification.
- The auditor should visit sufficient types and numbers of sites in each forest management selected for assessment to make a direct and true observation of the compliance of all indicators of the applicable forest protection standards that FMU is assessing and for such inspections. It is a necessary means to verify the scope of the operating conditions of the forest management enterprise applying for it.
- The auditor should select the inspection location based on the assessment of the key points of risk in the management system.
- The auditor shall conduct interviews with persons who are affected by or participate in the forest management of each forest management with sufficient types and numbers of personnel to directly and truthfully observe whether the forest management meets all the indicators of the applicable forest standard under evaluation. This kind of negotiation is a necessary means of verification for the scope of business conditions.
- The certification body shall conduct supervision and evaluation to supervise that the certificate holder continues to meet the applicable certification requirements in the following locations. At least once a year.

- If a regional, national or sub-national forest management standard has been formally approved by the FPC since the last major or supervisory evaluation, the standard shall replace the previous adaptation of the certification body in its applicable area in accordance with any place applicable to the Convention. General standards. The effective date of the standard specified in the approved standard.
- Minor non-conformities shall be fully corrected within six (6) months.
- Major non-conformities shall be fully corrected within one(1) months.

3-Documented

- The certification body shall record and implement its system and procedures/policy for evaluating forest management enterprises in accordance with the requirements specified in this standard.
- The certification body shall allow sufficient time for the auditor in the assessment to fully implement the requirements specified in the certification body's procedures/process.