

## FSC® PROCEDURE ADDENDUM

List of approved national Group Chain of Custody eligibility criteria

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## LIST OF APPROVED NATIONAL GROUP CHAIN OF CUSTODY ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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## **A Objective**

This addendum lists the national group COC eligibility criteria which have been developed in accordance to the process specified in *FSC-PRO-40-003 Development of national Group Chain of Custody eligibility criteria* and which have been evaluated and approved by FSC.

## **B Effective date**

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## **C References**

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

*FSC-POL-40-002 (2004) Group Chain of Custody certification*  
*FSC-PRO-40-003 Development of national Group Chain of Custody eligibility criteria*  
*FSC-STD-01-002 FSC glossary of terms*  
*FSC-STD-40-003 Chain of Custody certification of multiple sites*

## **D Terms and definitions**

Terms and definitions are provided in *FSC-STD-01-002 FSC glossary of terms*.

**Participating Site:** Site included in the scope of a Multi-site or Group COC certificate. Subcontractors that are used within the terms of outsourcing agreements are not considered Participating Sites.

## **1 National eligibility criteria for Group COC certification**

### **1.1 Table of approved nationally developed eligibility criteria:**

| <b>Country<br/>Region</b> | <b>Approval<br/>Date</b> | <b>Eligibility Criteria</b> |  |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
|                           |                          | <b># of employees</b>       | <b>Annual Turnover</b>   |
| USA                       | 20 July 2010             | No restriction              | Any small business with annual forest product sales less than \$ 5,000,000 (USD) |

NOTE: The generic Group COC eligibility criteria specified in FSC-POL-40-002 and FSC-STD-40-003 remains unchanged.