



## Public Consultation Exercise by the Certification Bodies on behalf of FSC certificate holders in the UK

Issued by UKWAS Support Unit on behalf of the UK Certification Bodies – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015

End date for Consultation – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015

### What is the consultation about?

The UKWAS Steering Group is facilitating a consultation by the UK certification bodies, Control Union, SGS Qualifor and Soil Association Woodmark, on behalf of FSC certificate holders.

The consultation concerns proposals for renewing derogation from the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) so as to permit the use of a pesticide which is legal to use in the UK but is classed as ‘highly hazardous’ by FSC so can only be used in FSC-certified woodlands if there are no practicable alternatives. The chemical which is considered by its users to be necessary for control of pests in the UK currently has derogation allowing its use but which expires in May 2015.

Certificate holders consider its continued use to be necessary and are submitting a derogation application to FSC as set out below:

Active Ingredient	Product Name	Notes
Propyzamide	Kerb Granules, Kerb 50W, Kerb Flowable	Control of grass in forest plantations
<b>Current status: derogated until 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015</b>		
N.B. Current derogation is expected to continue until new applications are determined.		

## How can I find out more?

Draft derogation application is available for download here:

<http://www.ukwas.org.uk/documents>

## Invitation to comment

It is important to receive feedback from a full range of economic, environmental and social stakeholders and you are strongly encouraged to respond to this consultation exercise.

Some key issues to which responses are required are:

- Is this pesticide necessary in UK forestry? And if so why?
- Are there any viable alternatives currently available? And if so what are they?
- What would be the economic impact if derogations were not achieved?
- What actions are currently being taken to minimise usage of such pesticides?
- What opinions do other stakeholders (e.g. environmental, social) hold?

Your input will ensure that full account is taken of all the important issues.

The consultation period starts on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

Please send your consultation response to [ukwas@confor.org.uk](mailto:ukwas@confor.org.uk) by **26<sup>th</sup> March 2015**.

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