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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 References

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

FSC-STD-01-002 FSC glossary of terms

FSC-STD-40-003 Chain of Custody certification of multiple sites

FSC-PRO-40-003 Development of national Group Chain of Custody eligibility criteria

C 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.

Total Annual Turnover: Total revenue of an Organization derived from the provision of goods and services, less trade discounts, VAT, and any other taxes based on this revenue. In the context of Group CoC certification, turnover refers to the total annual revenue (gross annual sales) from all goods and services of an Organization, not just certified forest-based products (wood and non-timber forest products). The annual turnover refers to the most recently completed fiscal year.

1 National eligibility criteria for Group CoC certification

1.1 Table of approved nationally developed eligibility criteria:

Country Region	Approval Date	Eligibility Criteria	
		# of employees	Annual Turnover
USA	20 July 2010	No restriction	No more than \$ 5,000,000 (USD) total annual forest products turnover
Germany	12 December 2014	No more than 15 employees (full time equivalent); or	No more than € 3,000,000 (Euro) total annual turnover
Italy	25 March 2016	No more than 15 employees (full time equivalent); or	No more than € 2,000,000 (Euro) total annual turnover
Finland	19 October 2017	No more than 15 employees (full time equivalent); or	No more than € 3,000,000 (Euro) total annual turnover

NOTE: The generic Group CoC eligibility criteria specified in FSC-STD-40-003 and FSC-STD-40-004 V3-0 remain unchanged.

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