



FSC® Advice Note

Title:	Advice Note on Cut-off date for transfer of national standards from P&C Version 4 to P&C version 5-2.
Document Code:	ADVICE-60-006-03 (V1-0) EN
Approval date:	16 December 2021
Publication date:	11 January 2022
Status:	Final

© 2022 Forest Stewardship Council, A.C. All rights reserved.

No part of this work covered by the publisher's copyright may be reproduced or copied in any form or by any means (graphic, electronic, or mechanical, including photocopying, recording, recording taping, or information retrieval systems) without the written permission of the publisher.

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>



<p>Advice</p>	<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>
----------------------	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------