

Code FSC-DER-2022-15

Normative reference	FSC-STD-20-001 V4-0 Clause 1.4.1a)
Scope	<input type="checkbox"/> Generic (applicable by all certificate holders) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific (applicable only upon individual request and PSU confirmation)
Approval	16 November 2022, amended 08 May 2023
Effective date	30 November 2022
Period of validity	Until 31 December 2023
References	
Certification Body	n/a
Request	To allow certification bodies to grant recertification when their forest management certification clients of Polish State Forests (Państwowe Gospodarstwo Leśne Lasy Państwowe, PGLLP) have <u>not</u> signed the most recent version of the 'License Agreement for the FSC Certification Scheme' but hold a valid license agreement where the right to use the FSC trademarks is not suspended.
Rationale	Exchanges between FSC International and certificate holders of PGLLP in Poland are ongoing concerning certain legal requirements in the most recent version of the 'License Agreement for the FSC Certification Scheme'. In these circumstances, FSC allows additional time for the parties to discuss and seek clarification on the licence agreement, considering that clients continue to hold a valid license agreement.
PSU Conclusion	This derogation is granted until 31 December 2023, allowing certification bodies to grant recertification in cases where their clients hold a valid 'License Agreement for the FSC Certification Scheme' even if it is not the most recent version.