

**FSC-DER-2022-15      Signing of Trademark License Agreement in Poland**

<b>Normative reference</b>	FSC-STD-20-001 V4-0 Clause 1.4.1a)
<b>Scope</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Generic (applicable by all certificate holders)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific (applicable only upon individual request and PSU confirmation)
<b>Approval</b>	16 November 2022, amended 08 May 2023, amended 03 November 2023
<b>Effective date</b>	30 November 2022
<b>Period of validity</b>	Until 31 August 2024
<b>References</b>	
<b>Certification Body</b>	n/a
<b>Request</b>	To allow certification bodies to grant recertification when their forest management certification clients of Polish State Forests (Państwowe Gospodarstwo Leśne Lasy Państwowe, PGL LP) 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.
<b>Rationale</b>	Exchanges between FSC International and certificate holders of PGL LP 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.
<b>PSU Conclusion</b>	This derogation is granted until 31 August 2024, 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.