



New FSC interpretation of the normative framework (March 11, 2015)

Interpretation on FSC-POL-30-401 FSC Certification and the ILO conventions

Question:

Is it mandatory for all forest managers to comply with the eight core (fundamental) ILO conventions and with all the ILO conventions that have an impact on forestry operations and practices (as listed in FSC-POL-30-401:2002) when the Policy reads that 'FSC expects forest managers to comply'?

Answer:

Yes, it is mandatory for all forest managers to comply with the eight core (fundamental) ILO conventions and with all the ILO conventions that have an impact on forestry operations and practices (as listed in FSC-POL-30-401:2002).

Rationale:

FSC-STD-20-001 V3-0 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FSC ACCREDITED CERTIFICATION BODIES: THE APPLICATION OF ISO/IEC GUIDE 65:1996, Clause 4.1

4.1 FSC specification to ISO/IEC Guide 65: 1996 (E) Clause 4.3

In carrying out certification within the scope of its FSC accreditation the certification body shall comply with the requirements of all applicable FSC policies, standards, directives, guidance documents and advice notes as published on the FSC International Center website (www.fsc.org).

FSC-STD-20-002 (V3-0) STRUCTURE, CONTENT AND LOCAL ADAPTATION OF GENERIC FOREST STEWARDSHIP STANDARDS, Clause 9.3

9.3 The locally adapted standard shall comply with all applicable approved FSC international policies, standards, directives, guidelines and advice notes.

FSC-STD-60-002 (V1-0) STRUCTURE AND CONTENT OF NATIONAL FOREST STEWARDSHIP STANDARDS, Clause 3.5 b)

3.5 The standard shall include as annexes:

b) a list of the multilateral environmental agreements and conventions that the country has ratified and the ILO Conventions listed in FSC-POL-30-401 FSC and the ILO Conventions which must be complied within all FSC certified forests.

Normative Reference: FSC-POL-30-401

Requirement: Clause 2

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<https://ic.fsc.org/fsc-pol-30-401-fsc-certification-and-the-ilo-conventions.441-35.htm>

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