

## Interpretation of the FSC normative framework (2 July 2015)

### Controlled Wood

- Interpretation of FSC-STD-40-005 V2-1

<http://ic.fsc.org/fsc-std-40-005-evaluation-of-controlled-wood.441-20.htm>

#### Question:

An FSC Chain of Custody (CoC) certified manufacturer is making furniture (final product) for sale to a large international retailer that does not hold a CoC certificate. According to FSC-STD-40-005 V2-1, Annex 4, Clause 1.4, the CoC certified manufacturer cannot make a Controlled Wood claim on sales documentation for the furniture, since the retailer does not hold a CoC certificate.

Is there any claim or statement that the CoC company can make on or off product? Such a claim or statement may be asked for, for example, by retailers with responsible procurement policies or by importers wanting to meet legality legislation.

#### Answer

No. FSC certificate holders are not allowed to promote Controlled Wood products or to make FSC Controlled Wood claims on sales documents issued to non-FSC certified customers.

Normative Reference	FSC-STD-40-005 V2-1, FSC-STD-50-001 V1-2
Requirement(s)	FSC-STD-40-005 V2-1 - Annex 4, FSC-STD-50-001 V1-2
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