



Australian Standard AS4707–2014 Chain of custody for forest products

Amendments August 2016

The following amendments to AS4707–2014 were approved and are effective from 1 September 2016.

1. Preface:

Add after the first sentence of the first paragraph:

AS4708–2013 is referred to in AS4707 as the Australian Forestry Standard, or by the abbreviation AFS.

Insert the following additional paragraph after paragraph 1:

The AFS certification scheme is endorsed by the international Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification. Products eligible for AFS claims are therefore also eligible for PEFC claims.

2. Scope: replace sentence 1 of paragraph 5:

The chain of custody shall be used in connection with the definition of specific AFS claim(s) (“X% AFS Certified” and “AFS Controlled Sources”) or claims of AFS endorsed forest certification schemes, which include criteria for the recognition of certified material.

with:

The chain of custody shall be used in connection with the definition of specific AFS and/or PEFC claim(s) (“X% AFS/PEFC Certified” and “AFS/PEFC Controlled Sources”) which include criteria for the recognition of certified material.

3. Terms and definitions: replace the definition of Claim

Information which indicates certain aspects of a product. The term “claim” used in this standard indicates use of the official chain of custody claims (see, for example, Appendix 1) relating to the AFS claim.

with:

Information which indicates certain aspects of a product. The term “claim” used in this standard indicates use of the official chain of custody claims (see, for example, Appendix 1) relating to the AFS/PEFC claim.

4. Terms and definitions: add the definition

Australian Forestry Standard (AFS): For convenience, AS4708–2013 Australian Standard® for Sustainable Forest Management is referred to in AS4707 as ‘Australian Forestry Standard’, or by the abbreviation ‘AFS’

5. Terms and definitions: change the advisory footnote under the definition of ‘Controversial sources from:

Note: The policy on the exclusion of material from genetically modified forest based organisms remains in force until 31 December 2015.

to:

Note: The policy on the exclusion of material from genetically modified forest based organisms remains in force until 31 December 2022.

6. Clause 5.1.3: replace

The organisation may choose to implement the DDS for input forest based material which is not covered by the organisation’s chain of custody to enable the organisation to make a claim that the material is from “AFS Controlled Sources” in accordance with an appendix to this standard.

with:

The organisation may choose to implement the DDS for input forest based material which is not covered by the organisation’s chain of custody to enable the organisation to make a claim that the material is from “AFS/PEFC Controlled Sources” in accordance with Appendix 1 to this standard.

7. Appendix 1: insert additional clauses 1.5, 2.4 and Note as follows:

1.5 The claims “x% PEFC certified” or “x% AFS/PEFC certified” can also be applied to AFS certified material.

2.4: The claims “PEFC Controlled Sources” or “AFS/PEFC Controlled Sources” can also be applied to AFS Controlled Sources material.

Note: “x%” refers to the percentage calculated as described in clause 6.3.3.1.

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