



**DIRECTIVE TO ACCREDITED CERTIFICATION BODIES AND RESPONSIBLE WOOD CERTIFICATE  
HOLDERS**

**Re: Extended Moratorium on the Use/Acceptance of Genetically Modified Forest Based  
Organisms**

**Background**

PEFC has recently published an amendment to the PEFC International Chain of Custody Standard (PEFC ST:2002:2013). <http://pefc.org/resources/technical-documentation/pefc-international-standards-2010/2006-chain-of-custody-of-forest-based-products-requirements-pefc-st-2002-2013-second-edition>

This amendment extends the policy on the exclusion of genetically modified forest based organisms under the PEFC system to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

The Board of the Responsible Wood, likewise endorsed this extension for operations under the Responsible Wood Certification Scheme.

**Action required by Certification Bodies and Certificate Holders**

All Certification Bodies and Responsible Wood Certificate Holders are to consider the policy on the exclusion of genetically modified organisms listed in Clause 3 (Terms and Definitions) of AS 4707 Chain of Custody for Forest Products under "Controversial Sources", extended to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

Please feel free to contact Responsible Wood on (07) 3359 1758 or [info@responsiblewood.org.au](mailto:info@responsiblewood.org.au) if further information is required.

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