

GUIDANCE NOTE TO CERTIFICATION BODIES

HARMONISATION OF RESPONSIBLE WOOD (AS 4707)

CERTIFICATE IDENTIFICATION WITH PEFC REQUIREMENTS

BACKGROUND

PEFC in their Standard for Certification Bodies auditing Chain of Custody systems - PEFC ST 2003:2020 have introduced a mandatory format to uniquely identify certificates of conformity for Chain of Custody.

The mandatory format takes the following form.

CB-PEFC-CoC-Certificate number

Where

CB = The abbreviation of the name of the Certification Body as assigned by PEFC

PEFC-CoC = The identification for the PEFC International Chain of Custody

Certificate number = A unique certificate number assigned by the certification body to a specific certificate. In the case of multi-site certification, this may include sub-numbering to identify individual sites.

The purpose of this Guidance Note is to provide guidance to certification bodies on how certificates issued to the Australian Chain of Custody Standard AS 4707:2021 should be identified to ensure consistency with PEFC requirements.

GUIDANCE

Certificates issued against Australian Standard AS 4707:2021 Chain of Custody for Forest and Tree-Based Products should be uniquely identified as follows.

CB-RW-CoC-Certificate number

CB = The abbreviation of the name of the Certification Body assigned by PEFC

RW-CoC = The identification for the Australian Standard for Chain of Custody AS 4707:2021 recognised under the Responsible Wood Certification Scheme.

Certificate number = A unique certificate number assigned by the certification body to a specific certificate. In the case of multi-site certification, this may include sub-numbering to identify individual sites.

IMPLEMENTATION

Certification Bodies are requested to apply the identification to all certificates issued for AS 4707:2021

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