

ADVICE-40-005-07	Minimum content of publicly availableControlled Wood public summaries on risk assessments results-(Annex 2) and stakeholder consultation (Annex 3)
Normative reference	FSC-STD-40-005 V2-1 Clause 11.2, <u>Annex 2 and Annex 3, Clauses 1.5 and 3.2 b</u>
Effective date	<u>Draft version</u>
Terms & definitions	<i>Company</i> : the legal entity that must comply with FSC STD-40-005 V2-1 which is either the certificate holder or an applicant for certification.
Background	The content requirements for the publicly available results of risk assessments <u>and stakeholder consultation</u> are not specified in FSC-STD-40-005 V2-1. This advice note defines FSC's interpretation of the public availability requirement, based on the need for transparency of the implementation of the FSC Controlled Wood Standard but at the same time considering the need for business confidentiality. The following advice is related to a membership decision from the General Assembly 2008 through Motion # 24 <u>and the recommendations developed by the Controlled Wood Technical Committee (CWTC), established to revise the FSC Controlled Wood system (see GA Motion 2011:51).</u> <u>This Advice note introduces requirements for public summaries of stakeholder consultation results as part of the company verification program for sourcing wood from areas not designated as low risk.</u>
Advice	<p><u>Risk Assessment:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 The publicly available results<u>summary</u> of risk assessments shall include at a minimum the following information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Name and address of the approving FSC accredited certification body b) Date of the risk assessment c) Date of review by the FSC accredited certification body d) Names of district(s) for which the risk assessment has been conducted e) Risk conclusion for each of the five FSC Controlled Wood categories (refers to FSC-STD-40-005 V2-1 Annex 2) for each of the districts f) Brief justification for each of the controlled wood categories considered low risk g) Listing of sources of information used to assess the indicators 2 Companies are expected to review their risk assessments at least once per year to verify the continued correctness of their risk designations for each indicator of the five FSC Controlled Wood categories. This should be conducted before the annual surveillance by the certification body in which the certification body is expected to verify the revision process. <u>The company shall also review its risk assessment w</u>hen<u> significant changes to the risk profile of a country become evident (i.e. changes in the law, breakdown in rule of law through civil unrest, etc)</u>the company shall review its risk assessment. <p><u>Stakeholder Consultation results:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3 <u>Companies sourcing material from areas that cannot be classified as low risk for Controlled Wood Category 2 (Wood harvested in violation of traditional and civil rights) and Controlled Wood Category 3 (Wood harvested in forests in which high conservation values are threatened by management activities) shall include at a minimum the following stakeholder consultation information in their Controlled Wood public summaries:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <u>Geographical areas for which the stakeholder consultation has been conducted (e.g. geo-reference data, state, province, FMU);</u>

	<p><u>b) List of stakeholders consulted by the company</u></p> <p><u>c) Summary of the stakeholder comments received. Comments shall only be published with prior documented consent from the consulted stakeholder.</u></p> <p><u>d) Demonstration of how the company has taken stakeholder comments into account;</u></p> <p><u>e) Company's justification for concluding that the wood sourced from these geographical areas is controlled.</u></p>
4	<p><u>Companies required to comply with Clause 3 above shall update their Controlled Wood public summaries by 31 December 2013 and submit to their Certification Body for upload on the FSC Database.</u></p>

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