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INTRODUCTION

Preferred by Nature is an international non-profit organisation working to support better land management and business practices that benefit people, nature and the climate. We do this through a unique combination of sustainability certification services, projects supporting awareness raising, and capacity building. Our self-managed division – Preferred by Nature OÜ – promotes and delivers assurance services across forestry, agriculture, biomass, textile, and tourism sectors. As of 1 October 2020, Preferred by Nature is the public-facing brand for NEPCon and its various registered entities under the NEPCon legal name.

Preferred by Nature OÜ is an accredited certifier/verifier for sustainability schemes such as

- FSC™ (Forest Stewardship Council™)
- PEFC (Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification)
- SFI (Sustainable Forestry Initiative)
- ATFS (American Tree Farm System)

- RSPO (Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil)
- Rainforest Alliance Sustainable Agriculture
- SBP (Sustainable Biomass Program)
- UEBT (The Union for Ethical BioTrade)
- POIG (Palm Oil Innovation Group)
- SRP (Sustainable Rice Platform)
- BCI (Better Cotton Initiative) and
- CanopyStyle.

We also verify to our own LegalSource™, Sustainable Tourism and Carbon Footprint Management standards.

The purpose of this report is to document conformance with the requirements of applicable the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) Chain of Custody (CoC) standard(s) by **PERI BeNeLux B.V.**, hereafter referred to as "Organisation". The report presents the findings of Preferred by Nature auditors who have evaluated the Organisation's systems and performance against the applicable requirements. Section 1 below provides the audit conclusions and any necessary follow-up actions by the Organisation through Corrective Action Requests. In order to achieve and maintain Chain of Custody certification, it is important that all non-conformances are resolved by their stated deadlines.

Preferred by Nature evaluation reports are kept confidential, except for a few details that are posted in public website databases; these details are not commercially sensitive and include the Organisation's contact, product names and descriptions, and certificate information.

Chain of Custody certification is a mechanism for tracking certified material from the forest to the final product in the marketplace – to ensure that the wood-based and non-wood-based forest produce contained in the product or product line can be traced back to certified forests.

If there are any necessary follow-up actions required by your Organisation, they are outlined in an Audit Conclusions section of this report.

Dispute resolution: If Preferred by Nature clients encounter organisations or individuals having concerns or comments about Preferred by Nature services, these parties are strongly encouraged to contact the relevant Preferred by Nature regional office or any member of the Preferred by Nature Chain of Custody Programme. Formal complaints and concerns should be sent in writing.

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1. AUDIT CONCLUSIONS

1.1. Auditor Recommendation

Based on Organisation's conformance with PEFC Chain of Custody requirements, the auditor makes the following recommendation:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Certification approved No NCRs issued
<input type="checkbox"/>	Certification not approved Choose auditor conclusion from drop down menu
General audit comments (optional):	All NCRs (both minor and major) shall be closed before issue of the certificate. Major NCRs shall be closed before reissue.

1.2. Certification Decision

Based on auditor's recommendation and Preferred by Nature quality review, the following certification decision is taken:

Preferred by Nature certification decision:	Certification approved
Certification decision by:	Katarzyna Biros
Date of decision:	03.03.2026

1.3. Non-Conformity Reports (NCRs)

NCRs describe evidence of Organisation non-conformities identified during audits. NCRs include defined timelines for the Organisation to demonstrate conformity. Organisation that has *PEFC 2002:2020* in their scope following apply: MAJOR and minor NCRs issued during assessments shall be closed prior to issuance of certificate. Major NCRs issued during reassessment shall be closed prior to issuance of certificate. MAJOR NCRs issued during annual audits shall be closed within timeline or result in suspension.

None

1.4. Closed Non-Conformity Reports (NCRs)

None

1.5. Observations

Note: Observations are issued for the early stages of a problem, which does not of itself constitute a non-conformance, but which the auditor considers may lead to a future non-conformance if not addressed by the Organisation.

None

1.6. Additional Notes on Audit Findings

None

1.7. Actions taken by Organisation Prior to Report Finalisation

None

1.8. Notes for Next Audit

None

2. AUDIT PROCESS

2.1. Audit Team

Auditor(s)	Role	Qualifications
Arnout Janssen	Lead auditor	Arnout is Supply Chain Specialist at Preferred by Nature since 2024. He is a qualified lead auditor for FSC-CoC, FSC-CW and PEFC-CoC. He has 15+ years experience in the international timber trade, CoC- and auditor experience since 2012 and holds a BSc. International Timber Trade.

2.2. Audit Overview

Site(s)	Audit date	Auditor(s)	Total on-site audit time (Hours)	Interviewed people (name, title)
Peri BeNELux B.V.	25.02.2026	AJ	4,75	Arno de Jonge - Manager Panel, Timber & Production Danny La Fors - Product manager & Marketing Anja Terneusen - Finance director Antwan van Erp - Customer services Erik Vinke - Preventie adviseur David Ksoll - Team leider montage

Note: more details about audit process are provided in a separate audit plan

2.3. Description of Overall Audit Process

During the audit the compliance of Organisation's implementation of the procedures is checked against the Chain of Custody Requirements by PEFC. A few days before the audit, all the relevant documents were sent to the auditor. The Organisation was audited according to the following audit plan:

- Opening meeting
- Discussing the audit itinerary and the audit rules
- Policy on confidentiality of collected information was presented to the organisation

- A presentation of the new developments at PEFC and/or Preferred by Nature
 - An overview of the standards that are used
 - Interviews with responsible persons
 - A presentation of the findings
 - Discussion of the follow-up
- Closing meeting

3. ORGANISATION DETAILS AND CERTIFICATION SCOPE

3.1. General Overview of the Organisation

PERI BeNeLux BV is a company specialised in formwork and scaffolding technology. They are part of an international organisation, worldwide 50 locations and 1200 employees. Several other locations also have FSC and/or PEFC certification. This company is mainly trading in steel products, but also has a wood and plywood division. Within this division they both trade, produce and rent products. They mainly buy from their mother organisation in Germany, but sometimes they also directly buy from inside Europe. They have their main site in the Netherlands, with a warehouse on site, where they store finished products and the raw materials used for production.

PERI BeNeLux BV also has a site in Belgium, which is included in the multisite certificate, but no CoC activities take place there.

3.2. Audit Background

Management system changes since the previous evaluation: None

Description of any complaints, disputes, or allegations of non-conformance with the standards raised against the Organisation during the audit period: None

Organisation has taken Physical Possession of PEFC-certified Materials: Yes

(Assessments without possession require notification to Preferred by Nature as soon as PEFC materials are on-site)

3.3. PEFC Notification Fee

Sum of the total turnover of all of the participants in the certificate in the participants financial reporting currency (Rounded to the nearest whole number): 40.106.000 EUR

- Collected by Preferred by Nature, based on the local PEFC tariffs the fee for current year is 971 EUR
- Collected by local PEFC NGB
- No fee

3.4. Scope Details

Scope Item	Check all that apply to the Certificate Scope	Change in scope (N/A for Assessments)
Certificate Type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-site <input type="checkbox"/> Group	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved Standards:	PEFC ST 2002:2020 PEFC ST 2001:2020	<input type="checkbox"/>
Primary Activity:	Secondary Manufacturer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total number of Participating Sites:	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
System for PEFC Claims:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Physical separation <input type="checkbox"/> Credit method <input type="checkbox"/> Percentage method	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inputs:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PEFC certified material <input type="checkbox"/> PEFC Controlled Sources material <input type="checkbox"/> Recycled material <input type="checkbox"/> Other material	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use of non-certified material:	<input type="checkbox"/> Negligible risk sources <input type="checkbox"/> Significant risk sources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outsourcing:	<input type="checkbox"/> PEFC certified contractors <input type="checkbox"/> Low risk <input type="checkbox"/> High risk	<input type="checkbox"/>
PEFC Logo Use:	<input type="checkbox"/> On-product <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Off-product	<input type="checkbox"/>

3.5. Site Details

For very large multi-sites or groups (more than 20 sites), the table below is replaced with a separate exhibit file that contains all the required information in a similar format. Exhibit # <enter exhibit number>

Legal entity + Site name + subcode (if applicable)	Primary responsible for CoC (name, position)	Address Tel/Fax/Email	Site activity	Number of workers	Audited during this evaluation
Peri BeNeLux B.V.	Arno de Jonge - Manager Panel, Timber & Production	Van Leeuwenhoekweg 23, 5482TK Schijndel Netherlands TEL: +31 73 3036415 A.terneusen@peri.nl	Secondary manufacturer	150	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

3.6. Product Group Details

For very large multi-sites or groups, table(s) below is replaced with separate exhibit file(s) that contain all the required information in a similar format. Exhibit # 2

Appendix A: CRITICAL CONTROL POINT ANALYSIS

Note: PEFC requirements for all regular evaluations include analyses of the organisation's critical control points in the control system covering all processes and product groups.

Critical control points are places within the operation where materials from non-certified/uncontrolled sources could enter the system or where certified/ controlled materials could leave the system.

When high risk areas in the CoC control system are identified, brief descriptions are included in the tables below. Complete details of the systems and any identified non-conformances are included in the standard checklist appendices of this report.

Evaluation of Critical Control Points and Risks

Evaluation and description of any critical control points with a risk that non-certified/uncontrolled wood or fibre may enter the Chain of Custody system or where certified/controlled materials could leave the system:	
Critical Control Point	High or Low Risk?
Purchasing/ sourcing eligible material/ product	Low Risk
Receiving and Storage	High Risk
Segregation	High Risk
Processing	Low Risk
Determination of claims (transfer, percentage or credit system; physical or temporal separation or percentage method)	High Risk
Sales and Shipping	Low Risk
Volume Control	Low Risk
Labeling	N/A
Outsourcing	N/A
Describe any high risks of mixing noted above, indicating mitigation measures that have been implemented and, if applicable, the corresponding NCR or OBS:	
<p>High risk for receiving and storing and for segregation, because identical certified and non-certified inputs are used. When products are received the warehouse receives a checklist and label for the products from the main office, this is used to check if the products, delivery documents and invoice match. The product then gets a sticker with the article number, which identifies the product and if it is certified or not, claim and product details. The bundles which are PEFC certified are marked with a yellow sticker with the text "PEFC". Non-certified bundles have a white sticker and FSC-certified bundles have a green sticker. The different claims on input material poses a risk for the determination of claims. Most of the volume is sold with an 70% PEFC certified claim, which is the lowest claim they buy, so this mitigates the risk. When requested by the customer, the organisation will supply also products with an 100% PEFC certified claim. When this is the case, they will only use products with an 100% PEFC certified claim which they have in</p>	

stock or order products with this claim. This special case is described in organisations procedures page 5.

Appendix B: STANDARD CHECKLIST (PEFC ST 2002:2020 Chain of Custody of Forest and Tree Based Products – Requirements)

1. Evaluation of Site: Peri BeNeLux B.V.

2. Standard Checklist

The following section summarises the Organisation's compliance with PEFC Chain of Custody (CoC) requirements. This checklist is directly based on the PEFC CoC standard PEFC ST 2002:2020 *Chain of Custody of Forest and Tree Based Products - Requirements*. PEFC standard requirement numbers are included in parentheses following each question/statement, e.g. (4.1.1)

Part I: Management system requirements

Standard Requirement	Compliance
1.1 General requirements	
1.1.1 The organisation shall operate a management system in accordance with the requirements of this standard, to ensure correct implementation and maintenance of the PEFC chain of custody process(es). The management system shall be appropriate to the type, range and volume of work performed, and cover outsourced activities relevant for the organisation's chain of custody and all sites in case of multi-site organisation. (4.1.1)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Findings: ISO 9001 is the management system in place in the Organisation. This ensures a correct implementation and maintenance of the CoC system and suits for the carried out activities of the Organisation. There is a Specific FSC & PEFC manual covering all aspects of the standard (Exh. 1).	
1.1.2 The organisation shall define the scope of its PEFC chain of custody by specifying the PEFC product groups for which the requirements of the PEFC chain of custody are implemented. (4.1.2)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Findings: The scope of the organizations PEFC CoC is defined by product groups (Exh. 2).	
1.1.3 The organisation shall only make PEFC claims and PEFC related statements that are correct to the best of its knowledge and covered by its PEFC chain of custody. (4.1.3)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Findings: The procedures for this are described in the organizations DCS, and staff was well aware about the requirements for PEFC claims and PEFC related statements during the audit.	
1.2 Documented procedures	
1.2.1 The organisation shall establish written documented procedures for its PEFC chain of custody. The documented procedures shall include at least the following elements: a) responsibilities and authorities relating to the PEFC chain of custody b) description of the raw material flow within the production/trading process(es), including definition of product groups	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<p>c) procedures for PEFC chain of custody process(es) covering all requirements of this standard, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. identification of material categories ii. physical separation of PEFC certified material, PEF controlled sources material and other material iii. definition of product groups, calculation of certified content, management of credit accounts, transfer to outputs (for organisations applying percentage or credit method) iv. sale/transfer of products and PEFC claims, including documentation in which PEFC claims are made, and other on- and off-product trademark use v. record keeping vi. internal audits and non-conformity control vii. the Due Diligence System viii. complaints resolution ix. Outsourcing. (4.2.1) 	
<p>Findings: The organisation has compiled written procedures covering all specific elements of the CoC, including requirements a-c above.</p>	
<p>1.3 Responsibilities and authorities</p>	
<p><i>General responsibilities</i></p>	
<p>1.3.1 The organisation's management shall define and document its commitment to implement and maintain the chain of custody requirements in accordance with this standard. The organisation's commitment shall be made available to the organisation's personnel, suppliers, customers, and other interested parties. (4.3.1.1)</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Findings: Commitment of the management is secured through the signed declaration, available to personnel on a shared folder and for other stakeholders upon request.</p>	
<p>1.3.2 The organisation's management shall appoint a member of the management who, irrespective of other responsibilities, shall have overall responsibility and authority for the organisation's PEFC chain of custody. (4.3.1.2)</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Findings: The Organisation has appointed Arno de Jonge, Manager Panel, Timber & Production, as the person that has overall responsibility and authority for the Organisation's compliance with the applicable requirements of this standard. All other responsible personnel is described in the Documented control System (Exh 1).</p>	
<p><i>Responsibilities and authorities for chain of custody</i></p>	
<p>1.3.3 Responsibilities and authorities for chain of custody The organisation shall identify the personnel performing activities for the implementation and maintenance of its PEFC chain of custody and shall establish personnel responsibilities and authorities for the implementation of the procedures 4.2.1 c) i-viii. Note: The responsibilities and authorities for the PEFC chain of custody given above can be cumulative. (4.3.2)</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Findings: The responsibilities of the staff members in the Chain of Custody are listed in their procedures and during interviews they all proved to be aware of the various responsibilities and tasks.</p>	
<p>1.4 Record keeping</p>	
<p>1.4.1 To provide evidence of conformity with the requirements of this standard, the organisation shall establish and maintain at least the following records relating to the product groups covered by its PEFC chain of custody:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Records of all suppliers of input material delivered with a 	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

<p>PEFC claim, including evidence of the suppliers' PEFC certified status. Note: Evidence can be a print-out from the PEFC website. b) Records of all input material, including PEFC claims and documents associated to the delivery of the input material, and for recycled input material, information demonstrating that the definition of recycled material is met. c) Records of calculation of the certified content, transfer of the percentage to output products and management of the credit account, as applicable. d) Records of all products sold/transferred, including PEFC claims and documents associated to the delivery of the output products. e) Records of the Due Diligence System, including records of risk assessments and significant risk supplies management, as applicable. f) Records of internal audits, periodic chain of custody review, non-conformities and corrective actions. g) Records on complaints and their resolution. (4.4.1)</p>	
<p>Findings: The organisation will store the above records in the locations specified in chapter "Beheer documenten" of the DCS. The records that were already present could quickly be shown during the audit.</p>	
<p>1.4.2 The organisation shall maintain the records for a minimum period of five years. (4.4.2)</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Findings: The organisation will store the above records for at least five years in the locations specified in chapter "Beheer documenten" of the DCS, in this chapter that timeline is also mentioned.</p>	
<p>1.5 Resource management</p>	
<p>1.5.1 Human resources/personnel The organisation shall ensure and demonstrate that all personnel performing activities affecting the implementation and maintenance of its PEFC chain of custody are competent on the basis of appropriate training, education, skills and experience. (4.5.1)</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Findings: During the audit, various persons were interviewed, and they proved to be well equipped with training and knowledge on the various matters. The most recent training took place on 12/02/2026 of which a list of people present was shown during the audit.</p>	
<p>1.5.2 Technical facilities The organisation shall identify, provide and maintain the infrastructure and technical facilities needed for effective implementation and maintenance of its PEFC chain of custody with the requirements of this standard. (5.5.2)</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Findings: Since the PEFC projects are separate from non-certified wooden inputs, the technical facilities are in place with regards to physical separation (yellow labels are used for PEFC product groups). For administration and training purposes, the infrastructure and technical facilities are in the office and during audit these were confirmed to be meeting this requirement.</p>	
<p>1.6 Inspection and control</p>	
<p>1.6.1. The organisation shall conduct internal audits at least annually, and prior to the initial certification audit, covering its compliance with all requirements of this standard applicable to the organisation, including activities covered by outsourcing, and establish corrective and preventive measures if required.</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Note: Informative guidance for performing internal audits is given in ISO 19011. (4.6.1)	
Findings: Their procedure described the procedures with regards to the internal audits. The internal audit took place and was shown and discussed during the audit. Exh 4.	
1.6.2 The organisation's management shall review the result of the internal audit and the organisation's PEFC chain of custody at least annually. (4.6.2)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Findings: This is combined with the annual management review and described in their procedures. The auditor concluded the CoC responsible person proved to be aware of this requirement during the audit (Exh. 4)	
1.7 Complaints	
1.7.1. The organisation shall establish procedures for dealing with complaints from suppliers, customers and other parties relating to its chain of custody, reflecting the requirements of 4.7.2. (4.7.1)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Findings: A complaints procedure is part of the processes described in the DCS and includes all requirements.	
1.7.2 Upon receipt of a complaint in writing, the organisation shall: a) formally acknowledge the complaint to the complainant within ten workdays b) gather and verify all necessary information to evaluate and validate the complaint and make a decision on the complaint c) formally communicate the decision on the complaint and of the complaint handling process to the complainant d) ensure that appropriate corrective and preventive actions are taken, if necessary . (4.7.2)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Findings: A complaints procedure is part of the processes described in the DCS and includes all requirements	
1.8 Nonconformity and corrective action	
1.8.1. When a nonconformity with the requirements of this standard is identified through internal or external auditing, the organisation shall: a) react to the nonconformity and, as applicable: i. take action to control and correct it ii. address the consequences b) evaluate the need for action to eliminate the causes of the nonconformity, in order that it does not recur or occur elsewhere, by: i reviewing the nonconformity ii determining the causes of the nonconformity iii determining if similar nonconformities exist, or could potentially occur c) implement any action needed d) review the effectiveness of any corrective action taken e) make changes to the management system, if necessary. (4.8.1)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Findings: The nonconformity procedures are part of the organisations QMS and were shown during the audit and comply with this requirement.	
1.8.2 Corrective action shall be appropriate to the effects of the nonconformities encountered. (4.8.2)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Findings: The company showed fine understanding of this requirement. See also point 1.8.1.	
1.8.3 The organisation shall retain documented information as evidence of: a) the nature of the nonconformities and any subsequent actions taken b) the results of any corrective action. (4.8.3)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Findings: The company will retain documentation in accordance with the requirement.	
1.9 Outsourcing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if section is not applicable (Organisation does not use or does not plan to use subcontractors)	
1.10 Social, health and safety requirements in chain of custody This clause includes requirements relating to health, safety and labour issues that are based on ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work (1998).	
1.10.1 The organisation shall demonstrate its commitment to comply with the social, health and safety requirements defined in this standard. (4.10.1)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Findings: The Preventie adviseur is responsible for Health and safety. They have procedures regarding H&S following RI&E guidelines of the company. The RI&E was updated in November 2024 and meets the ArBo requirements. All staff has had VCA training, regarding H&S. 7 trained and qualified BHV'ers are present at each workplace at all times and an AED is present on both locations.	
1.10.2 The organisation shall demonstrate that: a) workers are not prevented from associating freely, choosing their representatives and bargaining collectively with their employer b) forced labour is not used c) workers, who are under the minimum legal age, the age of 15, or the compulsory school attendance age, whichever is higher, are not used d) workers are not denied equal employment opportunities and treatment e) working conditions do not endanger safety or health. (4.10.2)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Findings: The Preventie adviseur is responsible for Health and safety. They have procedures regarding H&S following RI&E guidelines of the company. These requirements are part of Dutch legislation.	

Part II: Identification of inputs and declaration of outputs

Standard Requirement	Compliance
2.1 Identification of input material	
2.1.1 For each delivery of material used as input for a PEFC product group the organisation shall obtain documentation with the following information from the supplier: a) supplier identification b) product identification c) quantity of products d) delivery identification based on date of delivery, delivery period, or accounting period For inputs with a PEFC claim the document shall also include:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<p>e) the organisation's name as the PEFC customer of the delivery f) the applicable PEFC claim specifically for each claimed product covered by the documentation g) the certificate number of the supplier's PEFC recognised certificate</p> <p>Note 1: The certificate number is a numerical or alpha-numerical combination, which is a unique identifier of the certificate. Note 2: An example of delivery documentation is an invoice or delivery note providing the information required. (5.1.1)</p>	
<p>Findings: This is part of the procedure (Exh. 1). The responsible person for the material receipt is aware of this requirement. During the audit the following invoices a.o. were checked and contained the above requirements: Siga DR10478 – 23/1/26, Finnholz FH25-0349 – 31/7/25 and Gooskens 42501350 – 21/8/25.</p>	
<p>2.2 Identification at supplier level</p>	
<p>2.2.1 For all inputs delivered with a PEFC claim the organisation shall verify that the supplier is covered by a PEFC recognised certificate on the PEFC website. (5.1.2.1)</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Findings: See Exh. 2. It contains the requirement that the origin of the delivered material is asked from the supplier. The CoC responsible person proved to be aware of this requirement.</p>	
<p>2.2.2 For each delivery of material used as input for a PEFC product classify the material category of the procured material. (5.1.2.2)</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Findings: The organisation classifies the products upon delivery; the products are checked for being PEFC certified. The person responsible for material receipt proved to be aware of this requirement.</p>	
<p>2.3 Declaration of outputs</p>	
<p>2.3.1 For outputs from a PEFC product group for which the organisation makes a PEFC claim to a PEFC customer, it shall provide the customer with documentation providing the following information for each delivery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) PEFC customer identification b) the organisation's name as the supplier of the material c) product identification d) quantity of product(s) e) date of delivery / delivery period / accounting period f) the applicable PEFC claim specifically for each claimed product covered by the documentation g) the certificate number of the organisation's PEFC recognised certificate <p>Note: The certificate number is a numerical or alpha-numerical combination which is a unique identifier of the certificate. (5.2.1)</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Findings: During the interviews the responsible person proved to be aware of this requirement. The PEFC claim is automatically added when a PEFC certified article code is selected. PEFC sales have taken place and following invoices a.o. were checked and contained the above requirements: 20031817, 20028717 and 20030108.</p>	
<p>2.3.2 The organisation shall specify the type of documentation in which PEFC claims on outputs are made. (5.2.2)</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Findings: The Organisation has chosen the invoice to contain all the necessary elements, but also provides this information on all delivery notes. PEFC sales have taken place and these documents were checked and concluded to be in compliance with this requirement.

2.4 Trademark use

Check if section is not applicable (Organisation does not use or plan to use Trademark)

2.4.1 The use of the PEFC trademarks i.e. PEFC logo and labels, chain of custody claims on-product and PEFC initials, shall be in compliance with PEFC ST 2001, PEFC Trademarks Rules – Requirements. (5.3.1) Yes No

Findings: The organisation has described the use of the trademarks in its documented procedure. PEFC TM use has been checked during the audit and no nonconformities were detected.

2.4.2 In order to enable the organisation to use the PEFC trademarks in accordance with the PEFC Trademarks Rules, the organisation shall obtain a valid trademark license from the PEFC Council or another PEFC authorised body. (5.3.2) Yes No

Findings: The person responsible for PEFC logo usage was interviewed and proved to be aware of this requirement.

2.5 Content of recycled material

Check if section is not applicable

Part III: Chain of custody methods

Standard Requirement	Compliance
3.1 General	
3.1.1 There are three methods to implement the PEFC chain of custody, namely the physical separation method, the percentage method and the credit method. Depending on material flows and processes, the organisation shall choose the appropriate method. (6.1.1)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Findings: The Organization uses the physical separation method, which they have described in their procedures, and which is suited for their activity.	
3.1.2 The organisation shall implement the chosen chain of custody method(s) of this standard for specific PEFC product groups. (6.1.2)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Findings: The organization has implemented the physical separation method for all of their PEFC product groups.	
3.1.3 PEFC product groups shall be established for products with equivalent input material, with the same measurement unit or units that can be converted into a single measurement unit. (6.1.3)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Findings: The PEFC product groups, have both inputs and outputs measured in cbm.	
3.1.4 The organisation shall only use PEFC certified material and PEFC controlled sources material as input for PEFC product groups. (6.1.4)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Findings: The organisation only uses PEFC certified material as input for their PEFC product groups. This was confirmed during the interviews and is described in their DCS.	
3.2 Physical separation method	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if section is not applicable	
3.2.1 The organisation applying the physical separation method shall ensure that material with different material categories and different	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

certified content are kept separate or clearly identifiable at all stages of the production or trading process. Note: Physical separation can be achieved by any means ensuring that material category and certified content can be identified, for example, through separate storage, marking, distinguishing product characteristics or production time. (6.2.1)	
Findings: Physical separation is the only CoC method the Organisation uses. All the wood is kept separate by means of yellow labels indicating the PEFC status of the products. Normally any goods they buy are linked to a specific project. Described in exh 1, DCS.	
3.2.2 Where material with different certified content is used as input in the same PEFC product group, the organisation shall use the lowest certified content of the input as certified content of the output. (6.2.2)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Findings: The material is identified at all times and traceable through the article code in the organisations system Centrio.	
3.2.3 Where PEFC certified material and PEFC controlled sources material is used as input in the same PEFC product group under the physical separation method, the organisation shall claim the output as PEFC controlled sources. (6.2.3)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.3 Percentage based method <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if section is not applicable	
3.4 Credit method <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if section is not applicable	

Part IV: Due Diligence System (DDS) requirements

Standard Requirement	Compliance
4.1 General	
4.1.1 For all material used as input for a PEFC product group, except recycled material, the organisation shall exercise due diligence in line with the PEFC Due Diligence System (DDS) for the avoidance of material from controversial sources laid down in Appendix 1 of this standard. Thereby the organisation shall establish that for material used as input for PEFC product groups there is "negligible risk" that it originates from controversial sources and that it meets the definition of PEFC controlled sources material. (7.1.1)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Findings: This is part of Organisation's procedures and responsible person showed awareness on due diligence. Only PEFC certified materials will be used by the organization as inputs for PEFC products.	
4.1.2 or PEFC product groups where only input material used was delivered with a PEFC claim by a supplier covered by a PEFC recognised certificate, an organisation may implement the PEFC DDS by meeting the following requirements: a) In order to enable PEFC certified and uncertified entities further down the supply chain to implement a DDS, the organisation shall, upon request, provide the information specified in Appendix 1, 2.1 for material passed on with a PEFC claim. If the organisation does not possess the requested information, the request shall be passed on to relevant supplier(s) of the organisation (Appendix 1, 2.2).	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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| <p>b) Where internal or external substantiated concerns on the origin of input material from controversial sources are raised, the organisation shall follow up on these concerns following Appendix 1, 4.</p> <p>c) The organisation shall define, document and implement a commitment and a procedure, also covering forest and tree based material/products not covered by the organisation's PEFC chain of custody, ensuring that where it is known to the organisation, or where it has received substantiated concerns, that forest and tree based material/products originates in illegal sources (controversial sources, 3.7a), it shall not be placed on the market until the concern has been resolved in accordance with Appendix 1, 4. (7.1.2)</p> | |
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Findings: As the organization will only use PEFC certified materials as inputs for PEFC products. The organization follows the above requirement for their DDS, which is described in their DCS.

Appendix C: STANDARD CHECKLIST (PEFC ST 2001:2020 PEFC Trademark Rules - Requirements)

1. Standard Checklist

The following section summarises the Organisation's compliance with PEFC Trademark Rules requirements. This checklist is directly based on the PEFC Trademark Rules standard PEFC ST 2001:2020 *Trademark Rules - Requirements*. PEFC standard requirement numbers are included in parentheses following each question/ statement, e.g. (6.1.1).

Standard Requirement	Compliance
<i>I General</i>	
The Ground Rules for Using the PEFC Trademarks shall be met (6.1.1-6.2.5):	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Findings: The organisation has described the use of the trademarks in its documented procedure. No nonconformities were discovered during the audit and the responsible person seemed well aware of all the requirements.	
1.1 The PEFC trademarks shall be used with correct reference to the PEFC Council, PEFC members and their systems. (6.1.1)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
1.2 The PEFC logo and labels shall be obtained from the PEFC Label Generator. (6.1.2)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
1.3 The PEFC trademarks or any of its elements shall not be used as part of, or integrated into, other trademarks or labels or in combination with other images, words or symbols in a way that could create another mark or that could mislead the public as to what the PEFC trademarks stand for. (6.1.3)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
1.4 The PEFC trademarks shall not be used in a manner that could be misinterpreted or generate confusion with regard to PEFC systems, or that implies that PEFC participates in, supports, or is responsible for an activity by a certified entity outside the scope of its certification. The PEFC trademarks shall not be used in a manner that could result in erroneous interpretation or understanding of the entities operations with respect to its PEFC certificate, or diminished credibility of PEFC. (6.1.4)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
1.5 The PEFC trademarks shall not be used within product brand names, company names or website domain names, unless explicitly authorised by the PEFC Council. (6.1.5)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
1.6 The PEFC trademarks shall not be used together with other claims, messages or labels that can be misunderstood or misleading with regard to the qualities, characteristics, content, production process, etc. of the product they are accompanying, PEFC certification or PEFC in general. (6.1.6)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
1.7 If other messages, claims or labels are used on the same product as the PEFC trademarks, it shall be clearly identified which characteristics of the product the PEFC trademarks refer to. (6.1.7)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.8 The PEFC trademarks shall be used only with the messages provided by the PEFC Council. Any usage of the trademarks not foreseen in the PEFC Council documentation shall be approved by the PEFC Council. (6.1.8)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<p>1.9 Any usage of the PEFC trademarks shall be accurate and consistent with applicable legal requirements and law. Organisations are responsible for compliance with the applicable legislation when using the PEFC trademarks. (6.1.9)</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>1.10 PEFC Council reserves the right to refuse the use of any PEFC trademarks that does not align with PEFC's strategic vision and mission. (6.1.10)</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>1.11 The PEFC trademarks shall be used under the authority of a PEFC trademarks usage licence that is issued by the PEFC Council or a PEFC authorised body. The PEFC trademarks usage licence includes the issuance of a unique licence number. (6.2.1)</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>1.12 The licence shall be obtained through the signature of a licencing agreement (trademarks usage contract) between the organisation applying for trademarks usage and the PEFC Council or a PEFC authorised body. (6.2.2)</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>1.13 The licence number of the organisation using the PEFC trademarks shall accompany the PEFC trademarks whenever they are used, except for certified organisations when passing on claims for the implementation of the PEFC chain of custody.</p> <p>Note 1: When using the PEFC initials for promotional purposes within a text where the PEFC initials are used more than one time, the PEFC licence number may appear only the first time the PEFC initials are used. In cases where a PEFC label with the licence number is used next to the text or in the same page as the text in such a way that the organisation using the initials is clearly identifiable, the initials may be used without the licence number.</p> <p>Note 2: When using the PEFC trademarks in press articles or for scientific research articles it is not necessary to use and/or hold a PEFC licence number. (6.2.3)</p>	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>1.14 For the purposes of off-product PEFC trademarks usage, the PEFC Council or the corresponding PEFC authorised body may issue permission for one-off trademarks usage. This licence shall be limited to one use. The disclaimer: "Reproduced with the permission of [authorised body]" shall be visibly placed together with the PEFC trademarks. (6.2.4)</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>1.15 The PEFC labels may be used exceptionally without the licence number, with prior approval by the PEFC authorised body that issued the licence, under the following circumstances:</p> <p>a) where the size of the PEFC label would result in the licence number being illegible</p> <p>b) the applied technology would not allow the licence number to be used together with the PEFC label</p> <p>c) in addition to that, for on-product usage, where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the PEFC trademarks with the licence number is used on other parts of the product (e.g. packaging, larger boxes, a leaflet or manual on the product) - the user of the PEFC trademarks can be clearly and unambiguously identified from other on-product information. <p>(6.1.5)</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

Standard Requirement	Compliance
II On-product	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if section not applicable (Organisation does not, and does not plan to apply PEFC labels)	

Standard Requirement	Compliance
III Off-product	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if section not applicable (Organisation does not, and does not plan to use the PEFC trademarks off-product)	
The off-product PEFC trademark rules shall be met (7.2.1.1-7.2.2.1):	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Findings: The organisation has described the use of the trademarks in its documented procedure. No nonconformities were discovered during the audit and the responsible person seemed well aware of all the requirements.	
The PEFC off-product label	
3.1 The PEFC promotional label is used. (7.2.1.1)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
3.2 The generic label message that shall accompany the PEFC promotional label is: "Promoting Sustainable Forest Management". (7.2.1.2)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
3.3 Additional label messages for promotional purposes can be found on the Appendix A to this standard. (7.2.1.3)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.4 The PEFC off-product label messages may be used for promotional purposes without the PEFC label under the same requirements as the label. In those cases, and whenever the PEFC label is not used close to the message, the PEFC trademarks licence number shall be placed next to the message. (7.2.1.4)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
3.5 Organisations holding a PEFC forest management or PEFC chain of custody recognised certificate (PEFC trademarks user Groups B and C) may use the PEFC promotional label on: a) Letterheads, catalogues or any other promotional material, as long as there is no ambiguity as to what is certified. See also 7.2.1.6. b) Invoices or delivery documents. The products that are delivered with a PEFC claim shall be clearly identified. (7.2.1.5)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
3.6 The PEFC label may be used for promotional purposes on non-commercial products. It shall be clear what the PEFC label refers to on the non-commercial products. The promotional label message shall be included. Note: For the usage of the PEFC label on catalogues, brochures or products lists by non-certified retailers, see 6.3.4.4. (7.2.1.6)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The PEFC initials	
3.7 The usage of the PEFC initials off-product is allowed under the same conditions and requirements as the PEFC promotional label. It shall always be accurate and refer to PEFC in the correct terms. (7.2.2.1)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Standard Requirement	Compliance
VI Graphic requirements of the PEFC labels	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if section not applicable (Organisation does not, and does not plan to use the PEFC labels and logo)	
The graphic rules for labelling and promotion shall be met (8.1-8.4.1):	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Findings: The organisation has described the use of the trademarks in its documented procedure. And had good knowledge of the requirements during the audit. Trademark use during the previous year was checked and conformed to these requirements.	
Elements of the PEFC label	
4.1 Required elements of the PEFC labels are used. (8.1.1 -8.1.6.1)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Graphic specifications	
4.2 All graphic requirements related to PEFC label and logo are met. (8.2.1-8.4.2)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Appendix D: LIST of REPORT EXHIBITS

For reasons of efficiency and overview, it may happen that the documents below are summarised in one (1) or more documents, in which case the document numbering below is omitted.

Number	Section
1	DCS
2	PGS
3	Supplier list
4	Internal audit and management review

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