

Appendix 6: Specification of the origin for the purposes of PEFC label and declarations covering recycled raw material

(Normative for organisation wishing to make PEFC claims covering recycled raw material)

1 Introduction

The definition of the origin defined by this Appendix shall be used together with the requirements of this standard when the organisation establishes a chain of custody to use the PEFC logo and/or declarations covering recycled raw material.

The Appendix was amended by the PEFC Council General Assembly on 27 October 2006.

The organisation shall calculate and communicate separately information on:

- content of PEFC certified wood based raw material (chapter 2),
- content of recycled raw material (chapter 3).

2 Declarations on PEFC certified wood based raw material

2.1 Certified raw material (Vc)

- (i) wood based raw material sold as “PEFC certified”:
 - (a) by the supplier with the valid forest management certificate issued by a PEFC notified accredited certification body as being in the compliance with the requirements of the forest certification scheme which has been endorsed by the PEFC Council
 - (b) by the supplier with the document confirming participation in a region or group with a valid forest management certificate as specified in (a),
 - (c) by the supplier with the valid chain of custody certificate issued by a PEFC notified accredited certification body as being in compliance with this chain of custody standard used together with this PEFC Council definition of the raw material origin or other PEFC Council recognised definition of the origin,
 - (d) by the supplier with a document confirming participation in multisite organisation with valid chain of custody certificate as specified in (c),
 - (e) by the supplier without a chain of custody certificate which is passing on a raw material / product in the original packaging, which (s)he has received from his /her supplier where the certified status can be verified according to bullets (a), (b), (c) or (d). In this case the on-product information shall include an identification of the original certified supplier and certified status.

Note: PEFC Council’s requirements for PEFC notified accredited certification/registration bodies are specified in Annex 6 of the PEFC Council Technical Document. The accredited certificates shall include accreditation symbol of the relevant accreditation body

2.2 Neutral raw material

Non wood based raw material (e.g. agricultural fibre and rags), starch, pigments and wood harvested from housing areas (urban wood).

2.3 Other raw material (Vo)

Wood based raw material other than specified under the certified and neutral raw material in chapter 2.1 and 2.2.

3 Declarations on recycled raw material (“PEFC recycled” raw material)

3.1 Certified raw material (Vc)

(i) Post-consumer wood raw material and fibres procured directly from recycling facilities or collection centres:

- (a) where non-chemical contaminants are absent,
- (b) whose chemical characterisation is known and complies with existing regulations for chemical contamination when and where they apply.

Note 1: The absence of non-chemical contaminants such as soil, concrete, slate, stones, textile, plastic, rubber or metal is ensured by: (1) avoiding of collecting the non-chemical contaminants, (2) visual control and removal of the non-chemical contaminants on the entry of waste pre-processors centres and (3) visual control and removal of the non-chemical contaminants on the entry of reclaimed raw material processors (wood based panels units, pulp mills, etc.). National specification, when and where they apply, shall be used for the determination of the relevant amount of non-chemical contaminants (e.g. UK specification document PAS 104 published by British Standards Institution, BSI - 2004).

Note 2: As the technology is still being developed to allow post consumer wood raw material users to carry out practical testing to detect low levels of chemical contamination, the post-consumer reclaimed raw material shall be tested for the chemical contamination using the available and cost effective methods.

The limit values of chemical contamination shall comply with existing regulations. Other specifications for chemical contamination of post-consumer raw material shall be considered if available and applicable (e.g. European Panel Federation standard on the use of recycled wood in wood-based panels).

- (ii) Wood based raw material sold as “PEFC recycled”:
 - (a) by the supplier with the valid chain of custody certificate issued by a PEFC notified accredited certification body as being in compliance with this chain of custody standard used together with this PEFC Council definition of the raw material origin or other PEFC Council recognised definition of the origin,
 - (b) by the supplier with a document confirming participation in multisite organisation with valid chain of custody certificate as specified in (a),
 - (c) by the supplier without a chain of custody certificate which is passing on a raw material / product in the original packaging, which (s)he has received from his /her supplier where the certified status can be verified according to bullets (a), (b). In this case the on-product information shall include an identification of the original certified supplier and certified status.

Note: PEFC Council’s requirements for PEFC notified accredited certification/registration bodies are specified in Annex 6 of the PEFC Council Technical Document. The accredited certificates shall include accreditation symbol of the relevant accreditation body.

3.1 Neutral raw material

Neutral raw material includes:

- (i) Non wood based raw material (e.g. agricultural fibre and rags), starch, pigments and wood harvested from housing areas (urban wood).

3.2 Other raw material (Vo)

Wood based raw material other than specified under the certified and neutral raw material in chapters 3.1 and 3.2.

4 Usage of chain of custody methods

For the purposes of declarations based on the definition of the origin of this Appendix, the organisation can use the following chain of custody methods:

- (i) physical separation (Section 2 of the chain of custody standard),
percentage based – average percentage method - (Section 3 of the chain of custody standard, excluding chapter 3.4.2).