

## FSC Advice

<b>ADVICE-40-004-xy</b> <b>[TBD]</b>	<b>Use of uncontrolled co-products</b>
Normative reference	FSC-STD-40-004 V2-0, Clauses 3.1.2, 3.3.1 and 3.4.1a, Footnote 10
Effective date	[as of publication] until 31 December 2012.
Terms & definitions	The definitions for key terms provided in “FSC-STD-40-004 Version 2: FSC Standard for Chain of Custody Certification” apply.
Background	<p>When the new Chain of Custody standard “FSC-STD-40-004 (Version 2): FSC Standard for Chain of Custody Certification” was approved in November 2007 the following previously established exemption was maintained by means of an Advice Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exemption of co-products from uncertified virgin material input to be confirmed as controlled material.</li> </ul> <p><b>Timelines</b>            31-DEC-2009: Original expiry date of exemption            31-DEC-2010: Extended expiry date following a decision by the FSC Board of Directors to conduct a policy and market impact analyses and to develop a phase-out mechanism            07-APR-2010: FSC Board of Directors approved a restricted extension of the exemption based on a grandfather clause, i.e. limiting its application to those products that will have been produced under the exemption by the time of the extended expiry date.</p>
Advice	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The organization may request an authorization to continue using uncontrolled co-products from their certification body.</li> <li>Authorization may only be granted for those products that are clearly identifiable by unique product identifiers (e.g. product article numbers, Stock Keeping Units SKUs) and have been documented as being commercially produced using uncontrolled co-products as part of an FSC Mixed product group before 01 January 2011.</li> <li>Certification bodies shall maintain a list of products that have been authorized for using uncontrolled co-products as part of their client files. No products can be added to this list after 31 December 2010.</li> <li>Similar products using uncontrolled co-products shall not form part of the same FSC product group as products for which this exemption has not been granted. Products approved by the certification body that only undergo minor changes (e.g. changes in the color, size) are not considered new products as long as the composition of forest-based components is not altered.</li> <li>All products registered by certification bodies according to this advice for which the use of uncontrolled co-products had been approved shall be in compliance with FSC-STD-40-005, specified by the Advice 40-005-17 (in FSC-DIR-40-005), from 01 January 2013.</li> </ol>