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Title **FSC-ADV-30-002 V 1-0 EN THE FSC FEE STRUCTURE FOR PROCESSING PESTICIDES DEROGATION APPLICATIONS**

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Advice sought on: Clarification on the FSC fees structure for processing pesticides derogation applications.

FSC Advice

The corresponding fees for the flat fee (application fee) and the additional fee (applicant fee) are 600 Euros per pesticide derogation application and 350 Euros per certificate holder in a derogation request. For forest management operations that are certified as Small and Low Intensity managed forests (SLIMFs) or their equivalent, the per certificate fee can be reduced down to 70 Euros while the application fee remains unaltered. The application fee may be shared by the number of derogation applicants in a given country.

Considering that FSC IC has no a direct contractual agreement the FSC-certified forest management operations but with the FSC-accredited certification bodies, all the fees must paid through certification bodies. To this effect, all the derogation invoices shall be sent directly to the certification body.

Basis for advice

As one of the requirements for meeting the FSC procedure for processing derogation application, Section 4.5 part c) states that:

"certification bodies shall pay a flat fee for every derogation application plus an additional fee per certificate holder included in the application, to cover the administrative costs of handling derogation applications by the Policy and Standards Program and the FSC Technical Advisors to the FSC Pesticide Committee.

Note: The rationale for having a flat fee and an additional fee per certificate holder is that processing derogation applications has both fixed costs, which do not vary according to the number of certificate holders in a derogation request (i.e. assessment of rationale for demonstrated need) and variable costs, which are associated with the evaluation of specific information for each certificate holder (i.e. control mechanisms and program for identifying alternatives)".

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