FSC National Forest Stewardship Standards assessment status: 18/06/2012

Country / Region	Status in PSU	Tentative Target date for submitting to Policy and Standards Committee	Comments of the National standard Manager
FSC Forest Stewardship Standard for Honduras	Finalised PSU re-assessment	June 2012	Submitted to PSC for decision
FSC Forest Stewardship Standard for Ghana	Finalised PSU assessment	June 2012	Submitted to PSC for decision
FSC Forest Stewardship Standard for the Czech Republic	Finalised PSU assessment	June 2012	Submitted to PSC for decision
FSC Forest Stewardship Standard for Spain	Finalised PSU assessment	June 2012	Submitted to PSC for decision
FSC Forest Stewardship Standard for Poland	Finalising PSU assessment delayed	August 2012	Finalising the standard is delayed due to stakeholder objection to a standard that does not allow the use of pesticides in tree nurseries. PSU is in discussion with the Standards Development Group.
FSC Forest Stewardship Standard for Nicaragua	Finalising PSU assessment	August 2012	Waiting on the Standard Development Group to improve the standard following PSU initial assessment
FSC Forest Stewardship Standard for New Zealand	Finalising PSU assessment	August 2012	Standard has been resubmitted to PSU after initial assessment. PSU is re-assessing to see if suggestions made for improvement has been incorporated by the group in the standard.
FSC Forest Stewardship Standard for Russia	Assessment in progress	August 2012	Meeting with Standard Development Group Coordinator in July. This meeting will help finalise the assessment of the standard
FSC Forest Stewardship Standard for Canada Great Lakes St. Lawrence	Finalising PSU assessment delayed	October 2012	Waiting on the Standard Development Group to improve the standard by incorporating indigenous people's rights over forest resources and other observation made by PSU.
FSC Forest Stewardship Standard for South Africa	Assessment in progress	October 2012	
FSC Forest Stewardship Standard for Latvia	Awaiting Submission to PSU	December 2012	
FSC Forest Stewardship Standard for Brazil (SLIMF)	Awaiting Submission to PSU	December 2012	

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FSC Forest Stewardship Standards for the United Kingdom	Finalised	N/A	Standard approved and effective
FSC forest Stewardship Standard for the Republic of Ireland	Finalised	N/A	Standard was provisionally approved on 1st March, 2012. Suggested improvement of the standard has been satisfactorily incorporated. PSU is now finalising a communiqué to the network that will indicate the standard effective date.
FSC Forest Stewardship Standard for the Region of Congo Basin	Finalised	N/A	The standard is approved as of 26th April 2012 with number of conditions set by the Policy and Standards Committee, which need to be addressed by the end of 2012. In the meantime, the standard will be used by all Certification Bodies (CBs) operating in the region with the annexes for each country. The standard and its relevant annexes can be downloaded from the FSC website http://www.fsc.org/national-standards.247.htm The standard effective date is **1st September 2012.** The intervening period is in place for CBs to adapt their systems to the new standard. CBs are required to inform all of their clients in Cameroon, Congo-Brazzaville, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Central African Republic and Equatorial Guinea, that they shall be assessed against the revised standard from 1st September 2012.
FSC Forest Stewardship Standard for the Republic of Kosovo	Finalised	N/A	The Forest Stewardship Standard for the Republic of Kosovo was provisionally approved on 26th April 2012, with some pre-conditions to be closed before the effective date of the standard is set.
FSC Forest Stewardship Standard for Portugal	Finalised	N/A	The Forest Stewardship Standard for the Republic of Portugal was provisionally approved on 26th April 2012 with some pre-conditions to be closed before the effective date of the standard is set.

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