



## Keurhout

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### Decision of Acceptance

Our reference: DA-SYS-2006/01  
Subject: Finnish Forest Certification System (FFCS), Finland

The Keurhout Board of Experts declares,  
on the basis of the attached Validation Report dated November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006,  
under the conditions as mentioned in the attached Validation Report:  
that it has decided to the following:

The FFCS system will be admitted to the Keurhout Sustainable system as specified below 1) and 2):

#### 1) Forest (management) certificates

All valid FFCS certificates for forest management are admitted to the KH Sustainable system with no further conditions.

#### 2) CoC certificates

CoC companies (companies with valid FFCS certificates for CoC) that - according to CB's verification - only deal with timber sourced from Finnish forest are admitted without further conditions. Also CoC companies (companies with valid FFCS certificates for CoC), which fulfil the further conditions a) and b), are admitted to the KH Sustainable system.

#### Conditions a) and b)

For companies (with CoC certificate) that receive/procure wood raw materials from foreign non-KH-admitted sources (from Russia or other countries), the following two conditions have to be met before they are admitted to the KH Sustainable system:

- a) A company has to have a functioning protocol to verify the legal origin of the (non-)certified wood including the credibility of supplier's self declarations.
- b) A company shall maintain (copies of) suppliers' self declarations for the auditing purposes.

Conditions a) and b) are being verified by CBs, which fulfil FFCS's requirements for certification bodies (standard FFCS 1004), from May 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 by latest.

The details/format of the reporting of the compliance with Keurhout conditions a) and b) for CoC companies will be decided upon by the BoE in co-ordination with FFCS.



Admitted CoC companies shall comply with conditions c) and d):

c) A full Legal origin timber verification of suppliers will be implemented by CB's not later than at the end of this admission to KH Sustainable (November 25<sup>th</sup> 2010).

d) CoC companies admitted to the KH Sustainable system will have the obligation to inform their KH-partners on the % of certified timber; it will be defined per load whether timber can be classified as KH-level 1 (100 % KH-Sustainable), KH-level 2 (70 - 99 % KH-Sustainable and the rest legal origin timber) or no Keurhout at all (any other option).

#### Responsibilities of the Finnish Forest Certification Council (FFCC)

The FFCC has an obligation to deliver a list of all FFCS forest management certificates issued (with information about certificate's location, total area (in ha), certificate number, date of issuance, date of expiry, standard used and name of the CB) to Keurhout's purposes and to update the information once every six month.

The FFCC has an obligation to deliver a list of issued CoC-certificates, which according to CB's verification fulfil Keurhout's requirements as set in Keurhout's decision and conditions a) and b) (above) with information about company's name, location (town), certificate number, date of issuance, date of expiry, standard used and name of the CB) and to update the information once every six month.

It is also the responsibility of FFCS to:

- provide the Board of Experts with full copies of the relevant annual surveillance audit reports for sustainable forest management and/or CoC, if requested so,
- to inform Keurhout in advance (1 month) on any changes of its standards and/or relevant laws and regulations.

This acceptance will last in principle for 4 years, until November 25<sup>th</sup> 2010, provided FFCS admission is not withdrawn, the related certificates remain valid and the above mentioned conditions are complied with.

Non-compliance with any of the above mentioned requirements may lead to suspension.

Date: November 25<sup>th</sup> 2006

Signed:

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(chairman Keurhout BoE)