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List of approved national Chain of Custody group eligibility criteria

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FINAL VERSION

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A USE OF THIS ADDENDUM

This addendum lists the national COC group eligibility criteria which have been developed in accordance to the process specified in *FSC-PRO-40-002 V1-0 Development of national Chain of Custody group eligibility criteria* and which have been evaluated and approved by FSC.

B PUBLICATION DATE

The first version of this addendum has been published on 17 August 2010.

It will be updated as new national eligibility criteria are approved.

C REFERENCES

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For references without a version number, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

FSC-POL-40-002 (2004) Group Chain of Custody certification

FSC-PRO-40-002 V1-0 Development of national Chain of Custody group eligibility criteria

D TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Terms and definitions are provided in *FSC-STD-01-002 FSC glossary of terms*.

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1 National eligibility criteria for Group COC certification

1.1 Table of approved nationally developed eligibility criteria:

Country Region	Approval Date	Eligibility Criteria	
		# of employees	Annual Turnover
USA	20 July 2010	No restriction	Any small business with annual forest product sales less than \$ 5,000,000 (USD)

1.2 Policy requirement FSC-POL-40-002 Clause 1.4.3 iii remains unchanged.

2 Implementation

- 2.1 Group members who joined a group according to the generic eligibility criteria as specified in the COC group Policy before the approval of new nationally adapted eligibility criteria may stay in their group until the certificate is terminated or withdrawn.
- 2.2 New group members shall comply with nationally adapted eligibility criteria before joining a Group COC certificate.
- 2.3 In the year that a group member surpasses the defined threshold, its membership would become 'transitional'. Transitional membership in a group certificate is allowed until growth beyond the surpassed threshold is documented for 2 consecutive years. At that time, the individual entity is no longer eligible to be part of the group certificate and shall pursue and transition to an independent single certificate in order to continue its certification.

NOTE: Clauses 2.1 - 2.3 apply to all COC groups, regardless of the eligibility criteria applied (national or generic). These clauses will be incorporated into the new Group Chain of Custody Standard (FSC-STD-40-002, under development).