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Comments relate to:

* PEFC International

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* PEFC Indonesia
* PEFC Netherland
* PEFC Russia

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| Sustainable Forest Managament (SFM) | |
| Legislation and regulation | P 1. Relevant international, national, and regional/local legislation and regulations shall be respected. |
| Yes, is in the scope of PAFC, and on national level bij law | |
| Interests of stakeholders | P 2. The interests of directly and indirectly involved stakeholders shall be taken into account. |
| Yes, is in the scope of PAFC | |
| Health and labour conditions | P 3. Safety, health, and labour conditions shall be sufficiently safeguarded and where relevant enhanced. |
| Yes by law and extended in the scope of PAFC | |
| Biodiversity | P 4. Biodiversity shall be maintained and where possible enhanced. |
| Heavily ensured within the forestry law in Gabon and is in the scope of PAFC | |
| Regulation functions | P 5. The regulation function and quality, health, and vitality of the forest shall be maintained and where possible enhanced. |
| Heavily ensured within the forestry law in Gabon and is in the scope of PAFC | |
| Production function | P 6. The production capacity of timber and relevant non-timber forest products shall be maintained. |
| Heavily ensured within the forestry law in Gabon and is in the scope of PAFC | |
| Contribution to local economy | P 7. Forest management shall contribute to the local economy and employment. |
| Heavily ensured within the forestry law in Gabon and is in the scope of PAFC | |
| Management system | P 8. Sustainable forest management shall be realised through a management system. |
| Heavily ensured within the forestry law in Gabon and is in the scope of PAFC | |
| Management group | P 9. Forest management in a group or regional association shall offer sufficient safeguards for sustainable forest management. |
| To my knowledge there are nog groups or regional associations in Gabon who have forest in management. | |

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| Chain of Custody (CoC) | |
| Chain of Custody system | P 1. A Chain of Custody (CoC) must be in place from the forest unit of origin to the final point of sale, which provides a link between the certified material in the product or product line and certified forest units. |
| Of course | |
| Chain of Custody group certification | P 2. If Group certification of the CoC is allowed, the standard must require that the group as whole must comply with the same requirements which are posed on individual companies. |
| No existing groups for the moment. | |
| Logos and labels | P 3. Logos and labels that belong to the certification system and occur on products and documents shall have an unambiguous meaning and shall be applied in accordance with the rules established by the certification system. |
| Of course, without it no business | |

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| Development, Application and Management of certification systems (DAM) | |
| Standard development | P 1. The process of standard development and the standard itself shall fulfil the requirements as established by international umbrella organisations (such as ISO and ISEAL). |
| PEFC international | |
| System manager | P 2. The certification system shall be managed by a legal entity (system manager). The tasks and responsibilities shall be clearly distributed among the organisations, which form an organisational and/or functional part of the system. |
| PEFC international | |
| Decision-making bodies and objection procedures | P 3. Decision-making bodies shall reflect the interests of stakeholders and shall provide for adequate procedures for objection and appeal regarding the decisions made and the functioning of the decision-making bodies. |
| PEFC international | |
| Certification bodies and procedures | P 4. Certification bodies shall be independent and shall be competent to assess sustainable forest management and the chain of custody system. |
| Audit done by accredited organisations every year to control compliance with the system | |
| Accreditation | P 5. The accreditation agencies that grant the accreditations for certification of sustainable forest management and/or the chain of custody shall be competent and independent, national or international organisations that are preferably member of the IAF. |
| Well organised by PEFC international. | |

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| Procedure on endorsement of certification systems by a meta-system (PEM) | |
| Processes of assessment and endorsement | P1 Processes of assessment and endorsement of Certification Systems are reliable and transparent. |
| I do not see any problems on transparency | |

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| General comments |
| The level and resolute procedures of PAFC are at least on the same level as FSC.  The big problem is (still) that both system do not accept each other’s systems which create enormous logistic and administrate problems. Different stocks , Different deliveries and administration. |