

FSC update to the Interpretation on Implementation of the Pesticides Policy.

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Requirement(s)	Transition process to revised FSC Pesticides Policy
Publication date	22. May 2019; Update on 19. June 2019 to add note under FSC highly restricted HHP and FSC restricted HHPs, scenario 2. Update on 03 April 2020 to clarify the role of draft HHP-IGI in the transition period within Scenario 2.
<p>The mechanism for an interim implementation of the FSC Pesticides Policy will become effective on 1st August 2019 and will be valid until the international generic indicators (IGIs) have been developed and incorporated into the respective national context.</p> <p>According to the revised FSC Pesticides Policy, which are the requirements for certificate holders to use chemical pesticides in this interim period?</p> <p>On 1st August 2019 the revised FSC Pesticides Policy becomes effective and FSC-PRO-30-001 V1-0 EN <i>Pesticides Derogation Procedure</i> will be phased out.</p> <p>From this date, FSC will no longer accept any derogation applications, and certificate holders (CHs) shall instead conform with the following requirements when using (or intending to use) chemical pesticides:</p> <p>NOTE: Derogations expiring between 31st March 2019 and 1st August 2020 have been extended until the end of this period, to allow a smooth transition for CHs to the Environmental and Social Risk Assessment (ESRA) system.</p>	
Type of chemical pesticide	Requirements for use according to the revised FSC Pesticides Policy
FSC prohibited highly hazardous pesticides	<p>Scenario 1. The CH has an approved derogation:</p> <p>Existing approved derogations and their conditions remain valid until the 1st August 2020. Until that date, the CH may continue using the FSC prohibited HHP, provided that the derogation conditions are fulfilled.</p> <p>After 1st August 2020 the prohibited pesticides can only be used in emergency situations, or by government order.</p>
	<p>Scenario 2. The CH has no approved derogation:</p> <p>FSC prohibited HHPs shall not be used unless in emergency situations or by governmental orders.</p> <p>In case of emergency situations or governmental orders, the CH shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conform with Annex 3 of the revised Policy ‘Procedure for the exceptional use of FSC prohibited HHPs’, and • incorporate to the ESRA the requirements from the most recent published draft of the HHP-IGI.

(HHPs)	<p>NOTE:</p> <p>In this context, ‘incorporate’ means that the Chs shall review the most recent draft of the IGIs for the use of HHPs published by FSC International to identify aspects applicable to the HHP they intend to use, and, if relevant, bring these aspects into their ESRA.</p>
<p>FSC highly restricted HHP and FSC restricted HHPs</p>	<p>Scenario 1. The CH has an approved derogation:</p> <p>Existing approved derogations and their conditions will remain valid until the expiry date of the derogation.</p> <p>Until that date, the CH may continue using the FSC highly restricted HHP and FSC restricted HHPs, provided that the derogation conditions are fulfilled.</p> <p>After the expiry date of the derogation, the CH shall conform with Scenario 2 below.</p>
	<p>Scenario 2. The CH has no approved derogation:</p> <p>Before using a FSC highly restricted HHP or FSC restricted HHPs, the CH shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conduct an environmental and social risk assessment (ESRA) conforming with the requirements of the ESRA framework for Organizations in the revised Policy (clause 4.12). • incorporate to their ESRA the conditions from the most recent derogation approved in the country for that chemical pesticide, if there is one. • incorporate to the ESRA, the requirements from the most recent published draft of the IGI. <p>NOTE: In this context, ‘incorporate’ means that the CH shall review the most recent draft of the IGIs for the use of HHPs published by FSC International to identify aspects applicable to the HHP they intend to use, and, if relevant, bring these aspects into their ESRA.</p> <p>NOTE: For newly listed HHPs in this category and HHPs in this category, which were previously listed but that did not require a derogation (marked in green in FSC-STD-30-001A https://ic.fsc.org/en/document-center/id/75), these requirements become effective on 1st August 2020 and will be audited by the respective CB at the next scheduled audit after this date. Chs using these HHPs are however encouraged to implement these requirements before this date.</p>
<p>Other chemical pesticides (non – HHP)</p>	<p>From 1st August 2020, before using other chemical pesticides, the CH shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conduct an environmental and social risk assessment (ESRA) conforming with the requirements of the ESRA framework for Organizations in the revised Policy (clause 4.12).