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ISSUANCE OF PEFC TRADEMARKS LICENSE PROCEDURES

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Introduction

Based on the PEFC ST 2001:2020 PEFC Trademark Rules – Requirements, NGB that is participating in the PEFC Lithuanian Forest Certification System (LFCS) is adopting this document as detailed procedures for issuing license for usage of PEFC trademarks.

1 Scope

This Guide sets out the rules for the issuance of license for use PEFC trademarks, hereafter “license”, by the NGB, that has to ensure legally compliant use of the PEFC Trademarks in accordance with the PEFC Trademarks Rules – Requirements, PEFC ST 2001:2020.

In the process of building the PEFC LFCS, National Governance Body (NGB) from Lithuania was participating and accepted the PEFC LFCS certification system.

This document may serve also to PEFC members from the countries that are neighboring to Lithuania willing to join the LFCS, if they decide to accept the principles of the PEFC LFCS, and to adopt the scheme documentation outside of the FM standard.

The NGB that is taking part in the PEFC LFCS is authorised by the PEFC Council to issue licenses to entities located in Lithuania, participating in a multi-site Chain of Custody certification with the central office.

2 Normative references

PEFC ST 2001:2020, PEFC Trademarks Rules – Requirements
PEFC ST 2002:2020, Chain of Custody of Forest and Tree Based Products – Requirements
PEFC GD 1004:2009, Administration of PEFC Scheme

3 Terms and definitions

Accredited certificate

A certificate issued by a certification body within the scope of its accreditation, which bears the accreditation body’s symbol.

The recognized certificate:

- a) a valid, accredited Forest Management certificate of a certification body notified by the NGB’s that is part of the PEFC LFCS, issued against PEFC National Standard for Sustainable Forest Management in Lithuania to an entity registered in above mentioned country.
- b) a valid, accredited Chain of Custody certificate of a certification body notified by the NGB’s that are taking part in the PEFC Lithuanian System, issued against the international PEFC Chain of Custody standard PEFC ST 2002:2020, Chain of Custody of Forest and Tree Based Products – Requirements to an entity registered in above mentioned countries.

4 Conditions for trademarks license issuance

General conditions

The applicant applying for the license shall

- a) be a legal entity
- b) agree that the entity’s identification and other information are publicly available on the web based PEFC Information Register.

Special conditions

User group B: Forest owners/managers, shall

- a) hold a valid Forest Management certificate, issued by notified certification body against the PEFC National Standard for Sustainable Forest Management in Lithuania that is endorsed by the PEFC Council;
- b) sign a PEFC Trademarks Use Contract with the NGB that are part of the PEFC LFCS.

User group C: Forest related industries, shall

- a) hold a valid Chain of Custody certificate, issued by notified certification body against PEFC Chain of Custody standard PEFC ST 2002:2020 that is endorsed by the PEFC Council;
- b) sign a PEFC Trademarks Use Contract with with one of the NGB's that are part of the PEFC Lithuanian System, depending in which of these countries the seat of the entity is.

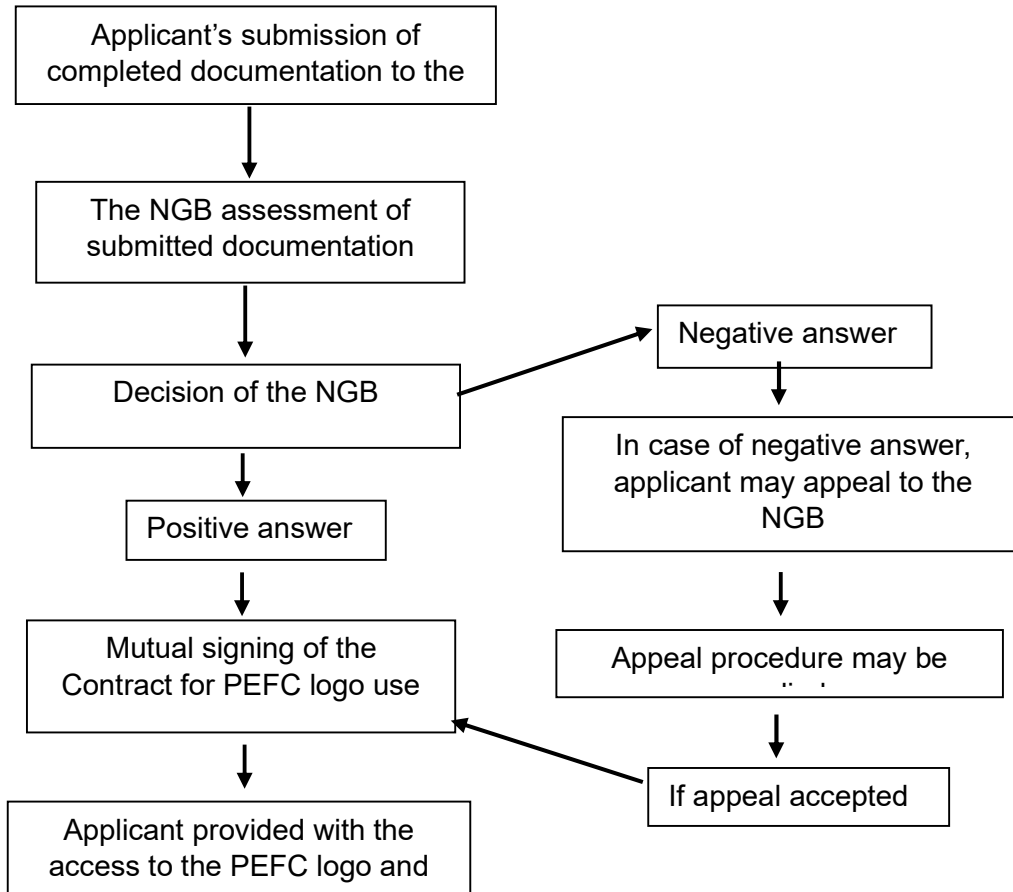
The holder of multisite Chain of Custody certification with the central office placed in North Macedonia, Slovenia or Bosnia and Herzegovina can apply for a multi-license covering the whole or a part of the scope of the multi-site certification provided that:

- a) the central office and the sites are a part of a single legal entity or
- b) the central office and the sites are a part of a single company with a single management and organisational structure.

User group D: Other users, shall

- a) identify the purpose of the PEFC trademarks use, which does not conflict with the objectives and good name of the PEFC Council,
- b) be registered in Lithuania,
- c) sign a PEFC Trademarks Use Contract with one of the NGB's that are part of the PEFC LFCS.

5 License issuance process



6 Validity of licenses

Licenses are valid for the following time periods:

a) User group B:

- Validity period of the Forest Management certificate, and
- Validity period of the PEFC National Standard for Sustainable Forest Management in Lithuania the certificate was issued against.

b) User group C:

- Validity of the PEFC Chain of Custody certificate

c) User group D:

- Validity of the contract