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Exceptional Process for the Issuance of PEFC EUDR DDS Unaccredited Certificates by PEFC Notified Certification Bodies

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1. Scope

This document describes the process for PEFC's time-limited acceptance of unaccredited (also referred to as "non-accredited") certificates issued by PEFC-notified certification bodies against PEFC ST-MO 2002-1:2026, *PEFC EUDR DDS*.

Certification bodies that have not yet achieved accreditation against either the previous version of the PEFC EUDR DDS module standard (PEFC ST 2002-1:2025) or the current version (PEFC ST-MO 2002-1:2026) may operate without accreditation for twelve months while seeking to obtain accreditation.

Certification bodies that have already achieved accreditation against the previous version of the PEFC EUDR DDS module standard (PEFC ST 2002-1:2025) may operate under their current accreditation until October 2027. From that date onwards, their accreditation should be updated and issued against the revised standard, PEFC ST-MO 2002-1:2026.

Certification body personnel shall pass PEFC-recognised training on the revised PEFC EUDR standards before conducting audits against them.

Note: PEFC EUDR DDS training is provided mainly through an online module. For further information, contact: training@pefc.org.

2. General requirements

2.1. General

To support users of PEFC certification while certification bodies work towards accreditation against PEFC ST-MO 2002-1:2026, PEFC will allow certification bodies to conduct unaccredited audits and issue unaccredited certificates, subject to the following requirements.

2.1.1 Certification bodies shall clearly communicate to certified organisations that they are offering unaccredited certification services against PEFC ST 2002-1:2025 and/or PEFC ST-MO 2002-1:2026.

Note: For certificates previously issued against PEFC ST 2002-1:2025, the acceptance of unaccredited certification is maintained under the same conditions as for the revised version of the standard.

2.1.2 Any certificates issued shall be separate from accredited Chain of Custody certificates, as shall any associated unaccredited certification documentation.

2.1.3 The unaccredited certificates and certification documentation shall not contain any accreditation marks.

2.1.4 The maximum validity of the certificate shall be twelve months from the date of issue or until the expiry date of the PEFC Chain of Custody certificate, whichever comes first.

2.1.5 The unaccredited certification document shall include at least the following information:

a) Identification of the certification body.

b) Name and address of the client organisation and, where applicable, its sites or legal entities whose EUDR due diligence system is subject to certification.

Note: The name and address of the client organisation may be those of a legal entity where no PEFC Chain of Custody activities are taking place (e.g., a mailbox address). In such cases, the name and address of the client organisation whose Chain of Custody is subject to certification shall also be included on the certification document.

c) Type of certificate (individual, multi-site or producer group).

d) Scope of the certification granted (see 2.1.6).

e) The PEFC logo with the certification body's PEFC trademarks licence number.

f) The date of granting, extending or renewing certification and the expiry date (see 2.1.4). The effective date on a certification document shall not be before the date of the certification decision.

g) A statement indicating that the validity of the certificate issued against PEFC ST-MO 2002-1:2026 is conditional upon the validity of the organisation's PEFC Chain of Custody certificate (PEFC ST 2002).

2.1.6 The scope of certification shall include the following information:

a) A reference to the applicable standard: PEFC ST-MO 2002-1:2026, *Requirements for the Implementation of a PEFC EUDR Due Diligence System* (PEFC EUDR DDS), including the version/date.

b) The products covered by the PEFC EUDR DDS module, according to the PEFC product categories.

c) Confirmation that all products included in the scope of PEFC ST-MO 2002-1:2026 are also covered by a valid PEFC Chain of Custody certificate.

d) A statement indicating that certification against PEFC ST-MO 2002-1:2026 does not constitute verification of compliance with Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 (EUDR), and that responsibility for compliance with the EUDR remains with the organisation.

2.1.7 The certification number format shall follow PEFC ST 2003 (e.g., AAAAA-PEFC-EUDR-78910).

2.1.8 The validity of the unaccredited PEFC EUDR DDS certificate shall depend on the validity of the accredited PEFC Chain of Custody certificate. If the status or scope of the PEFC Chain of Custody certificate changes, the status or scope of the PEFC EUDR DDS certificate shall change immediately as well.

2.1.9 On or before the expiry date of the unaccredited certificate, the certification body shall obtain accreditation to provide certification services against PEFC ST-MO 2002-1:2026 and transfer the certification to an accredited certificate. Otherwise, the unaccredited certificate shall expire.

2.1.10 If a certification body has not achieved accreditation by the time its unaccredited certificates are due to expire, it shall contact PEFC International to apply for an extension of the period during which it may issue unaccredited certificates.

3. Example of unaccredited certificate



PEFC promotional label with the trademarks licence granted to the certification body

Certification body logo

Certificate of Compliance

This is to certify that **[Company name]** [Company address]

has been independently audited and certified as meeting the requirements of the following standard, in its valid version as presented at the PEFC website www.pefc.org:

- PEFC ST-MO 2002-1:2026, *Requirements for the Implementation of a PEFC EUDR Due Diligence System (PEFC EUDR DDS)*

Scope of certification: Production and trade of particleboard for furniture and veneered panels for flooring

Chain of Custody method(s): physical separation and percentage method

Products:

- **050500 Particleboard**
- **050200 Plywood**

Note: This certificate certifies compliance with the PEFC EUDR DDS module standard. This does not constitute verification of the products' compliance with the EUDR. Legal responsibility for compliance with EUDR remains with the organisation.

Certificate number: **AAAAA-PEFC-EUDR-123456**

Certificate type: Individual
(For multi-site and producer group certificates, the certification documentation shall make it clear what Chain of Custody control methods and which product groups and which scopes are available at each participating site.)

Issued by:
[Certification body name]
[Certification body address]

PEFC EUDR Issue date: 24 April 2026
PEFC EUDR Expiry date: 24 April 2027

Note: The validity of this PEFC EUDR DDS certificate is conditional upon the validity of the PEFC Chain of Custody certificate. The validity of this certificate shall be verified using PEFC Find Certified: www.pefc.org/find-certified.

Signed on behalf of [certification body name]
[Name & Position]
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