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Amendments to AS 4707- Chain of Custody for Forest Products

Amendment 1 September 2016

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Sustainability**

The amendment is a correction to the structure and content of the informal claim. AS4707:2013 was a direct adoption of PEFC ST 2002:2013, where references to "PEFC Certified" in PEFC ST:2013 were globally changed to "AFS Certified" in AS4707. This created the unforeseen situation where the only allowed claim was in the format of "AFS Certified". The AFS claim is not recognised in International markets and the standard makes no provision for making a claim to PEFC.

The objective was to make corrections to allow both the "AFS Certified" and "PEFC Certified" claims to be made under AS4707.

Amendment 2 April 2018.

The amendment is to provide correction to the requirements for Producer Groups as defined in Appendix Two Clause 2.6 of AS 4707. AS4707:2013 was a direct adoption of PEFC ST 2002:2013 with some local adaptations. In the adoption of PEFC ST 2002:2013, the restriction that producer groups to exist within a single **Country** was changed to exist within a single **State**. This local adaptation was made in AS4707 without any real consideration or technical justification. There is a possibility that by setting a State restriction, that Section 92 of the Australian Constitution defining free trade between states may have been breached.

The amendment replaces the word **State** in Appendix 2-Clause 2.6 with the original **Country** wording.

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