

## **Directive 01-2024**

### **Application of Appendix A of AS/NZS 4708:2021 (Informative) Guidelines for the interpretation of requirements for Trees Outside Forests (TOF) and small forest areas.**

#### **Background**

This Directive is mandatory for certification bodies auditing against AS/NZS 4708:2021-Sustainable Forest Management-Requirements. This Directive provides instructions to certification bodies on how Appendix A of AS/NZS 4708:2021 is to be applied in the auditing process.

#### **Directive**

Appendix A of AS/NZS 4708 is an informative appendix. The purpose of an informative appendix is to provide background information and guidance only.

Under the rules of Standard Australia, informative appendices are not an intrinsic part of an Australian Standard. Appendix A does **not** contain any performance requirements against which a forest manager can be audited.

Certification bodies are instructed to use only the nominative sections of AS/NZS 4708:2021 (Sections 1 to 11 and Appendices B and D) with prescribed performance requirements when auditing of small forest managers.

Appendix A may be considered as guidance only and does not modify the performance requirements of the normative sections of AS/NZS 4708.

Authorised by the Responsible Wood Board

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