

## **Appendix 8: PEFC Council specification for the origin for the purposes of PEFC label and declarations for non wood forest products**

**(Normative for an organisation using PEFC label and declarations on non wood forest products)**

### **Introduction**

The definition of the origin defined by this Appendix shall be used together with the requirements of this standard when the organisation establishes a chain of custody for the certification of non wood forest products in order to use the PEFC logo and/or declarations on **non wood forest products**.

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### **Certified raw material (Vc):**

Includes non wood based forest raw material sold as “PEFC certified”:

- (a) by the supplier with a valid forest management certificate issued by an PEFC notified accredited certification/registration body as being in a compliance with the requirements of a forest certification scheme which has been endorsed by the PEFC Council
- (b) by the supplier with a document confirming participation in a region or group with a valid forest management certificate as specified in (a),
- (c) by the supplier with the valid chain of custody certificate issued by the PEFC notified accredited certification/registration body as being in compliance with this chain of custody standard used together with this PEFC Council definition of the non wood raw material origin or other PEFC Council recognised definition of the origin covering non wood raw material,
- (d) by the supplier with a document confirming participation in a multisite organisation with a valid chain of custody certificate as specified in (c),
- (e) by the supplier without a chain of custody certificate who is passing on a raw material / product in the original packaging, which (s)he has received from her / his supplier where the certified status can be verified according to bullets (a), (b), (c) or (d) above. In this case the on-product information shall include an identification of the original certified supplier and the certified status.

Note: PEFC Council’s requirements for PEFC notified accredited certification/registration bodies are specified in Annex 6 of the PEFC Council Technical Document. The accredited certificates shall include accreditation symbol of the relevant accreditation body.

**Neutral raw material (Vn):**

Includes non forest (non wood) based raw material which cannot be replaced by forest based raw material (e.g. raw material used as non essential ingredient in a cosmetic or pharmaceutical product).

**Other raw material (Vo):**

Includes raw material other than defined as the “certified” and “neutral raw material”

**Definition of non wood forest based raw material**

Raw material or intermediate product originating in forest other than wood based raw material (chapter 1.3.16 of this standard).

The definition does not cover:

- (a) forest related services (e.g. tourism, sports, etc.),

other tangible or non tangible products / raw material, whose origin cannot be linked to a specific forest property (e.g. animals, birds and their products, air, water, etc.).