

**ADV-STD-20-001-
13_V1-0 D1-0 Certification statements for FSC Regulatory
Module**

Normative reference	FSC-STD-20-001 V5-0, Clause 7.7.1
Scope	This advice note applies to all accredited certification bodies that evaluate conformity of organizations against the <FSC Regulatory Module>.
Approval date	V1-0 TBD [3 months prior to effective date]
Effective date	V1-0 1 April 2027
Transition end date	Not applicable
Background	<p>The certification statements provided in Clause 7.7.1(d) of <FSC-STD-20-001 V5-0 General requirements for certification bodies> are not sufficiently explicit to cover situations where the <FSC Regulatory Module>, forms part of the certification scope.</p> <p>This Advice Note introduces specific wording for certification statements applicable when the <FSC Regulatory Module>, is included. It clarifies that certification under the <FSC Regulatory Module>, relates to conformity with due diligence processes—namely, information collection, risk assessment, and risk mitigation—and that the organization may communicate a Regulatory Claim or Regulatory+ Claim on sales and delivery documentation for certified products as applicable.</p>
ADVICE	<p>1. In addition to Clause 7.7.1 d) a statement of certification according to the relevant certification type</p> <p>vii) joint forest management and chain of custody certification with FSC Regulatory Module in the scope: [the organization] is allowed to use the FSC trademarks to communicate responsible forest stewardship according to FSC’s Principles and Criteria on the management unit(s) included in the certification scope, and to sell the listed products with FSC claims including Regulatory+ Claim for certified products signifying that inputs are conforming with due diligence processes to meet the requirements of FSC Regulatory Module;</p> <p>viii) controlled forest management certification with FSC Regulatory Module in the scope: [the organization] is allowed to communicate the Controlled Forest Management on the management unit(s) included in the certification scope and to sell the listed products with</p>

FSC claims including Regulatory+ Claim for certified products signifying that inputs are conforming with due diligence processes to meet the requirements of FSC Regulatory Module;

ix) chain of custody certification with FSC Regulatory Module in the scope: [the organization] is allowed to communicate its status as FSC certified with the FSC trademarks and to sell the listed products with FSC claims, and to promote listed products as supporting responsible forest stewardship including Regulatory Claim and Regulatory+ Claim for certified products signifying that inputs are conforming with due diligence processes to meet the requirements of FSC Regulatory Module;

x) chain of custody project certification with FSC Regulatory Module in the scope: [the organization] is allowed to communicate its status as FSC-certified with the FSC trademarks, to sell the listed projects with the FSC claim including Regulatory Claim and Regulatory+ Claim for certified products signifying that inputs are conforming with due diligence processes to meet the requirements of FSC Regulatory Module, and to promote the listed projects as supporting responsible forest stewardship.
