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# Guidance Document – Commitment for Forest Management and Chain of Custody organisations PEFC-RO DS 8000:2024



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## 1. Scope:

This document contains the text of the commitment that can be signed by PEFC certified organisations either for Forest Management (according to PEFC-RO ST 8000:2024), either for Chain of Custody (according to PEFC ST 2002:2020).

### **PEFC-RO ST 8000:2024 PEFC Romania Sustainable Forest Management Certification Scheme**

5.1 *The organisation must provide a written **commitment** that:*

- a) *comply with the sustainable forest management standard and other applicable requirements of the certification scheme;*
- b) *continuously improve the sustainable forest management system.*

5.2 *The **commitment** must be made publicly available.*

### **PEFC ST 2002:2020 Chain of Custody of Forest and Tree Based Products – Requirements**

4.3.1.1 *The organisation's management shall define and document its **commitment** to implement and maintain the chain of custody requirements in accordance with this standard. The organisation's **commitment** shall be made available to the organisation's personnel, suppliers, customers, and other interested parties.*

**Certified organisations are free to develop their own commitment.**

## 2. Commitment for Forest Owners/Administrators

**Commitment for Forest Owners/Administrators of [Organisation's Name]**

*Date: [Insert Date]*

### **1. Commitment to Sustainable Forest Management:**

- We, as forest owners/administrators, commit to implementing and promoting sustainable forest management practices that comply with local laws, regulations, and PEFC standards.

### **2. Biodiversity Conservation:**

- We will strive to conserve and protect the biodiversity of our forests, considering the ecological, social, and economic values of the forest ecosystem.

### **3. Respect for Local Communities:**

- We recognize and respect the rights and interests of local communities, engaging in transparent and collaborative communication with them.



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### 4. **Legal Compliance:**

- We will respect all relevant laws and regulations related to forestry and land management, ensuring the responsible use of forest resources.

### 5. **Responsible Logging Practices:**

- We commit to responsible logging practices, minimizing negative environmental impacts, and promoting forest regeneration and restoration.

### 6. **Continuous Improvement:**

- We will continually assess and improve our forest management practices, staying informed about advancements in sustainable forestry.

### 7. **Transparency and Stakeholder Engagement:**

- We will maintain transparency in our operations and collaborate with stakeholders to address concerns and gather valuable information.

### 8. **Reporting and Certification:**

- We will provide accurate and timely information for PEFC certification purposes, facilitating the auditing process to demonstrate our commitment to responsible forest management.

### 9. **Social Responsibility:**

- We will uphold social responsibility standards, including fair treatment of workers, respecting human rights, and making positive contributions to local communities.

### 10. **Ethical Business Practices:**

- We commit to ethical business practices, avoiding corrupt activities, and promoting fair competition within the forestry sector.

This document outlines our commitment to responsible and sustainable forest management practices. By signing below, we confirm our dedication to these principles.

Signed,

[Authorized Representative/Forest Owner/Administrator] [Organisation's Name]

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## 3. Commitment for PEFC Chain of Custody Organisations

Commitment for PEFC Chain of Custody Organisations of [Organisation's Name]

Date: [Insert Date]

**1. Adherence to Certification Standards:**

- We, as entities in the chain of custody, commit to adhering to the PEFC (Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification) standards and requirements.

**2. Traceability and Documentation:**

- We will establish and maintain effective systems for the traceability of certified wood and paper products throughout the supply chain, keeping accurate records.

**3. Compliance with Applicable Laws:**

- We will respect all relevant local, national, and international laws and regulations related to the trade and processing of certified forest products.

**4. Exclusion of Materials from Illegal Sources:**

- We shall not include materials from illegal sources (controversial sources, PEFC ST 2002: 2020 art.3.7) in our chain of custody, if known to the organisation or if we receive sustained concerns in this regard.

**5. Transparency and Communication:**

- We will maintain transparency in our operations and communicate effectively with stakeholders, including customers, suppliers, and certification bodies.

**6. Training and Awareness:**

- We will provide training to our personnel to ensure a comprehensive understanding of PEFC chain of custody requirements, fostering a culture of compliance.

**7. Continuous Improvement:**

- We will continually assess and improve our PEFC chain of custody processes, incorporating advancements in standards and best practices.

**8. Reporting and Certification:**

- We will provide accurate and timely information for certification purposes, facilitating the auditing process to demonstrate our commitment to responsible sourcing.

**9. Responsible Marketing:**



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- We commit to responsibly marketing our certified products, avoiding misleading claims and ensuring an accurate representation of certification status.

**10. Collaboration with Certified Entities:**

- We will collaborate with other certified entities to strengthen the overall integrity of the certified supply chain and promote responsible sourcing practices.

This document outlines our commitment to maintaining the integrity of the certified supply chain. By signing below, we confirm our dedication to these principles.

Signed,

[Authorized Representative/Management Representative] [Organisation's Name]