

PEFC International

Responding to changing requirements

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What is PEFC?

- [redacted], non-governmental organisation based in [redacted]
- [redacted] promoting sustainable forest management [redacted] of good practices
- [redacted] re [redacted] with global [redacted] in [redacted] body
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Key Messages

- Forest certification standards are continually evolving
- Forest certification is one of a few existing tools that can deliver assurances of legality (and sustainability)
- Response in progress: EU Timber Regulation and PEFC certification

Elements of PEFC Certification



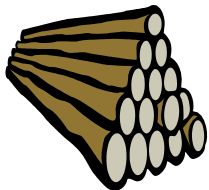
Sustainable Forest Management – national systems



Forest certification



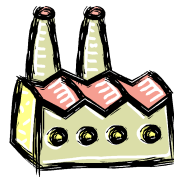
Chain of Custody – one international standard



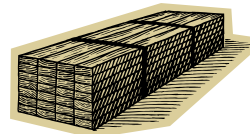
Certified logs



Log mill



Manufacturing



Trade



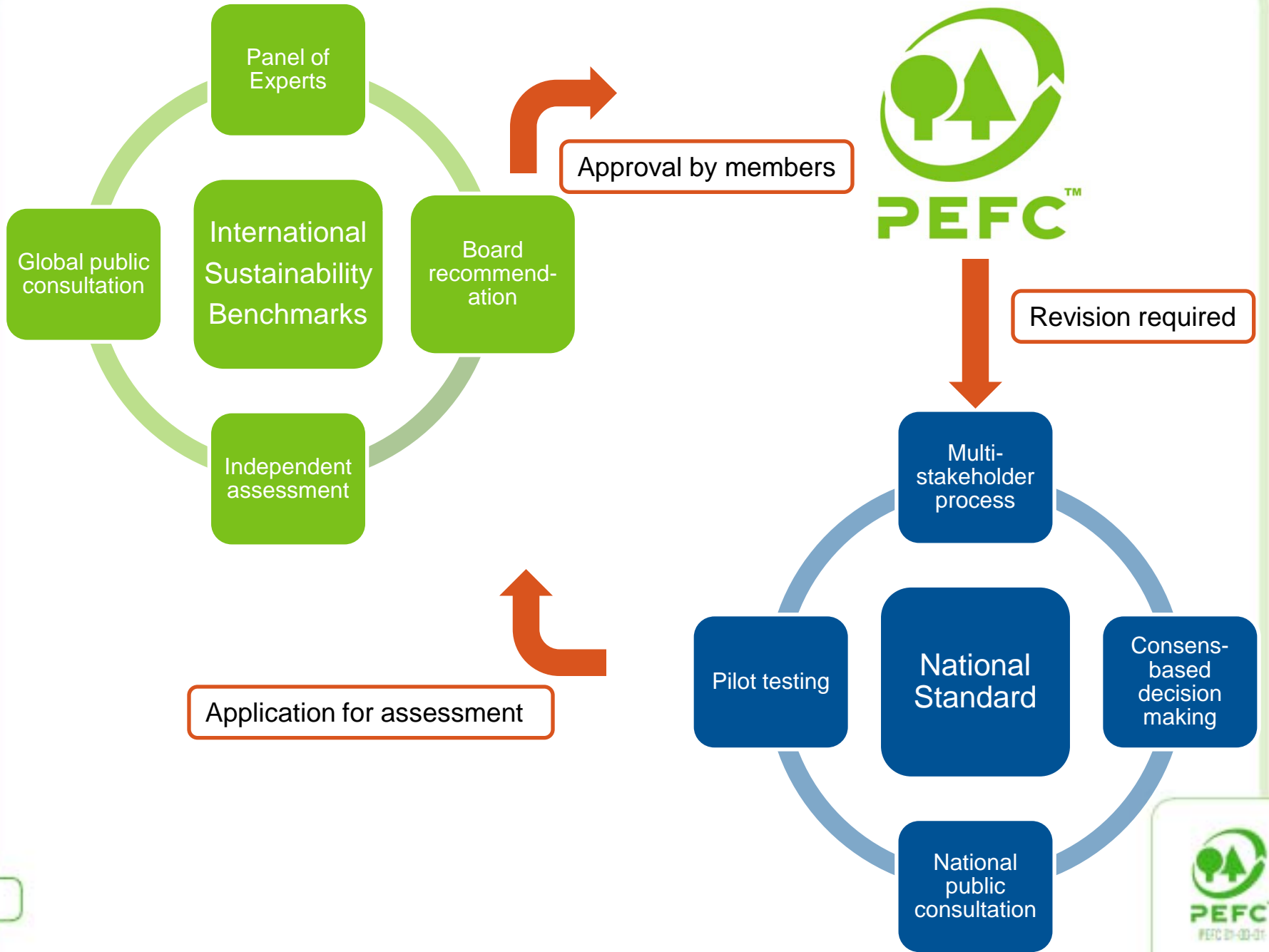
Distribution



Retail



Joiner



Revised PEFC FM Standard

Highlights of Major Changes

- Recognition of free, prior and informed consent (FPIC), UN Declaration on Indigenous Peoples Rights, and ILO Convention 169 on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples
- Prohibition of forest conversions
- Protection of ecologically important forest areas
- Prohibition of the most hazardous chemicals
- Prohibition of genetically modified trees
- Exclusion of certification of plantations established by conversions
- Elaboration of Legal Requirements



Criterion: Compliance with legal requirements

5.7.1 Forest management shall comply with legislation applicable to forest management issues...

Note: For a country which has signed a FLEGT VPA... the “legislation applicable to forest management” is defined by the VPA agreement.

5.7.2 Forest management shall provide for adequate protection of the forest from unauthorised activities such as illegal logging, illegal land use, illegally initiated fires, and other illegal activities.

Basic Obligations of EUTR

1. Prohibition on the first placing of illegal timber and timber products on the EU market
2. Obligation of “due diligence” for the operators i.e. first placing timber and timber products on the EU market –to take measures to verify the legality of timber or timber products traded
3. Basic traceability for traders i.e. other than “operators” –to keep records on suppliers and customers

Due Diligence System

EU Timber Regulation

PEFC Certified



- Access to Information



- Risk Assessment



- Risk Mitigation



Example:

Harmonizing Due Diligence Systems?

PEFC Due Diligence System

- Supplier self declaration, etc

- Risk Analysis

- 2nd /3rd party verification (for high risk)

EU Timber Regulation

- Access to Information

- Risk Assessment

- Risk Mitigation

In Summary

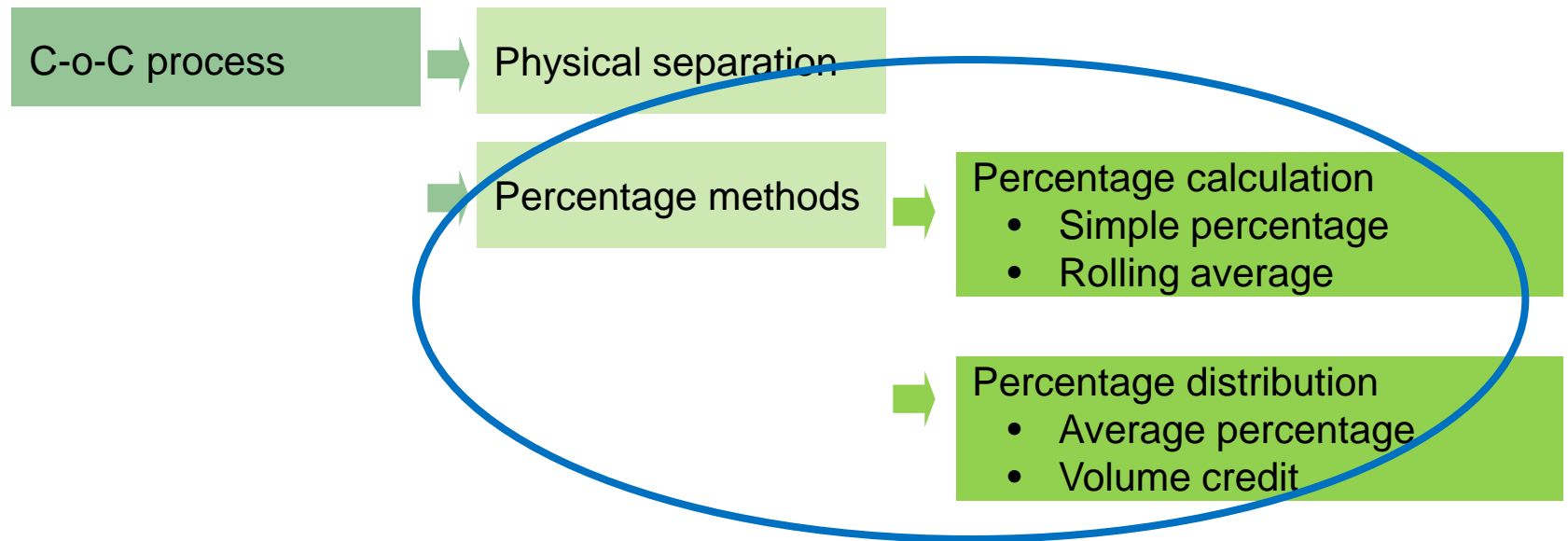
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- ✓ Forest certification is one of a few existing tools that can **deliver assurances of legality (and sustainability)**
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THANK YOU!

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Example: PEFC Chain of Custody Methods



The company can choose its own methods or combination of methods (for individual product groups).