# TPAC_logoRESPONSE FORM - TPAC Stakeholder Forum

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| Chain of Custody (CoC) |
| Chain of Custody system | P 1. A Chain of Custody (CoC) must be in place from the forest unit of origin to the final point of sale, which provides a link between the certified material in the product or product line and certified forest units.  |
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| Chain of Custody group certification | P 2. If Group certification of the CoC is allowed, the standard must require that the group as whole must comply with the same requirements which are posed on individual companies.  |
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| Logos and labels | P 3. Logos and labels that belong to the certification system and occur on products and documents shall have an unambiguous meaning and shall be applied in accordance with the rules established by the certification system.  |
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| Development, Application and Management of certification systems (DAM) |
| Standard development | P 1. The process of standard development and the standard itself shall fulfil the requirements as established by international umbrella organisations (such as ISO and ISEAL).  |
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| System manager | P 2. The certification system shall be managed by a legal entity (system manager). The tasks and responsibilities shall be clearly distributed among the organisations, which form an organisational and/or functional part of the system.  |
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| Decision-making bodies and objection procedures | P 3. Decision-making bodies shall reflect the interests of stakeholders and shall provide for adequate procedures for objection and appeal regarding the decisions made and the functioning of the decision-making bodies.  |
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| Certification bodies and procedures | P 4. Certification bodies shall be independent and shall be competent to assess sustainable forest management and the chain of custody system.  |
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| Accreditation | P 5. The accreditation agencies that grant the accreditations for certification of sustainable forest management and/or the chain of custody shall be competent and independent, national or international organisations that are preferably member of the IAF.  |
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| General comments |
| We have been using STIP for more than a year. The core benefit for STIP is the practical ease of use for a SME/start-up like us. Part of our customer base are end consumers, they are becoming increasingly aware of environmental issues. STIP enables us to provide them with certified products.  |