

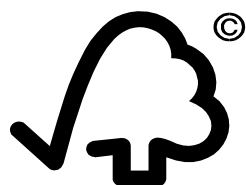
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Audit**  
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# 1. AUDIT PROCESS

## 1.1. Auditors and qualifications:

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Tigran Martirosyan has worked for since 2006. Prior was a deputy director of Non-profit partnership "Forest certification participants of Kirov region" - Kirov certification center. Mr. Martirosyan has an experience at preparation of timber companies for FSC FM/COC forest certification in Kirov and Komi Republic. He has participated in the auditors training provided by NEPCon in October 2006 in Lithuania. Mr. Martirosyan participated in assessments and audits in Pskov, Leningrad regions, Republics of Komi and Karelia as an expert.

### **Heorhi Kazulka, Assessor, Belarus**

Dr Kazulka has comprehensive experience in forest ecology from his scientific work and for several years as employee of the State National Park "Belovezhskaya Pushcha", latest as Deputy General Director on Science and Research up to 2001. He has since been involved in a number of projects related to biodiversity conservation and forest ecology, and has publications on this issue. Dr Kazulka has participated in the WWF FSC training program in Romania in 2005 and in Lithuania in 2006. He participated in assessments of groups of Leskhozoz in Belarus.

### **Aliaksandr Zubkevich, Assessor, Belarus**

Mr Zubkevich was a leading specialist in company Profitsystem, where he was responsible for wood harvesting, economic and organization issues and involved in FSC chain of custody certification. Mr Zubkevich has education of engineer-economist in timber industry. He has post-graduate education in Belarusian state technological university and writes a post-graduate dissertation on the topic: Organization and economic base of harvesting development in Belarus. Aliaksandr Zubkevich is trained with several programs in Poland and Sweden, where prepared scientific reports. Also he wrote some scientific articles regarding forest sector development in Belarus. Till 2005 Mr. Zubkevich leded republican NGO involved in ecological issues and education in ecology. Now Mr. Zubkevich works for NEPCon as representative in Belarus.

## 1.2. Audit process and schedule

Date	Location / main sites	Main activities
05.07.2007	Grodno RFB Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Documents review regarding major CARs implementation</li><li>• Interview with key staff</li></ul>
	Grodno SFE Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Documents review regarding major CARs implementation</li><li>• Interview with key staff</li></ul>
	Sopotskinskoye forest district	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Documents review regarding major CARs implementation</li><li>• Interview with key staff</li></ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field inspection</li> </ul>
06.07.2007	Schuchinskiy SFE office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documents review regarding major CARs implementation</li> <li>• Interview with key staff</li> </ul>
	Sawmill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documents review regarding FSC chain of custody</li> <li>• Interview with key staff</li> <li>• Facilities inspection</li> </ul>
	Mostovskoye forest district	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documents review regarding major CARs implementation</li> <li>• Interview with key staff</li> <li>• Field inspection</li> </ul>
	Dembrovskoye forest district	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documents review regarding major CARs implementation</li> <li>• Interview with key staff</li> <li>• Field inspection</li> </ul>
07.07.2007	Grodno RFB Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final meeting with RFB management</li> <li>• Audit results presentation</li> </ul>
Total number of person days used for the audit:7,5 = number of auditors participating 3 times total number of days spent for the audit 2,5		

## 2. AUDIT FINDINGS AND RESULTS

### 2.1. Changes in the forest management of the FMO

No significant changes in forest management happened since the last annual audit.

### 2.2. Stakeholder issues

Prior to the Major CAR verification audit the meeting with stakeholders was conducted. Representatives of Forestry Ministry of Belarus Republic, Institute of experimental botany, Belgosles, Belgiproles, Republican wood industry association presented. The main raised issues were dead wood and live biological value trees conservation on logging sites during logging operation, identification of 5% of representative samples of sites where no logging operations will be conducted. Forestry Ministry of Belarus Republic gave an instruction to RFBs and SFEs to identify sites which are hardly available for exploitation, where logging operations are not conducted. There is a problem with the labor safety manual, which is proposed to reconsider. Currently new requirements for technologies are being developed, where it is intended to include possibility to leave potentially dead trees. RFBs and SFEs are recommended to leave trees which don't threaten to life and health of workers. Institute of experimental botany and organization Birdlife Belarus completed the work of mapping sites of HC VF, which results can be used by SFEs. From some stakeholders was an opinion that many conserved areas have been already identified in Belarus which can be used for conservation of necessary area of representative samples.

### 2.3. Certification Standards: maintenance of established performance

Audit was conducted according to the Interim SmartWood FM standard for Belarus, version 1.3 (25.07.2005). Also for chain of custody compliance SmartWood CoC standard Limited Scope (Dec 2005) was used.

### 2.4. Compliance with Major CARs

The section below describes the activities of the certificate holder to address each applicable major CARs issued during previous audit. For each major CAR a finding is presented along with a description of its current status using the following categories. The following classification is used to indicate the status of the major CAR:

Major CAR Status Categories	Explanation
<b>Closed</b>	FMO has successfully met the major CAR and addressed the underlying noncompliance.
<b>Open</b>	FMO has <u>not met</u> the major CAR; underlying noncompliance is still present.

CAR #. 05/06	Reference Standard #: FSC P&C 6.1.1; 6.1.2
Non-compliance: Major <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/>	System for evaluation of ecological aspects in planning of forestry activities is not elaborated. Though living trees are left 10 per ha for saving of biodiversity, deadwood is often burnt, and micro areas of high conservation value are not marked. During the audit timber industry enterprise didn't make cuts and there was no chance to check the work of machines. There were no reproves concerning the cuts of the SFE. Monitoring system which allows to take into account all these aspects is no elaborated.
Corrective Action Request: Group Manager and all SFE's included in the group shall establish a system for evaluating assessment of environmental aspects in connection with planning of harvesting operation to ensure that aspects such as biodiversity trees (see 6.3), dead wood, micro habitats of special conservation values are considered.  Furthermore, Group Manager and all SFEs included in the group shall ensure that only machinery appropriate to the site is used and that use of machinery is limited to established skidding/extraction trails.  Finally, Group Manager and all SFEs shall ensure establish a monitoring system to ensure that these aspect are considered and followed in practice.	
Timeline for Compliance: Within three months after the report finalization, i.e. 5 June 2007.	
Findings: Grodno RFB developed a written procedure of ecological aspects evaluation and monitoring at the forest management activities planning. This procedure includes checklists with evaluation criteria. By the time of the audit those checklists were not filled in.	

Schuchinskiy SFE developed a Journal of recording seed trees and biodiversity trees. Also Schuchinskiy SFE has a field guidance of Pskov model forest which was adapted to the SFE. Also new technological maps were developed for SFEs, which include requirements of biodiversity conservation. SFEs keeps Lists of calculation where trees for conservation are defined. Besides, trees for conservation are marked during the forest valuation.

During the field visit auditors noted that dead standing and live trees, dead fallen wood, and hollow trees were conserved.

Also during the field visit auditors noted that forest machinery used on logging sites don't damage soil and live trees left on logging sites.

Auditors concluded that RFS and SFEs activities are sufficient to close the CAR, but raised another minor CAR 05/07.

Status: Closed

Follow-up Action (if applicable):

CAR #. 08/06	Reference Standard #: FSC P&C 6.3.1
Non-compliance: Major <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/>	Grodno SFE didn't demonstrate the strategy for increasing the use of selective cuts and forest recreation in small groups on wet soil types.
Corrective Action Request: Group Manager and all SFEs included in the group shall prepare a strategy for increased use of selective felling or regeneration in small groups on wet soil types.	
Timeline for Compliance: Within three months after the report finalization, i.e. 5 June 2007.	
Findings: Grodno RFB, Grodno and Schuchinskiy SFEs submitted to auditors the Strategy of increase of non-clearcut till 2011, where the positive dynamics of areas planned for commercial felling (selective, gradual cut) was shown. Moreover, field inspections showed that SFEs cut at small areas of logging sites which reduce the negative environmental impact (microclimate of forest sites). Auditors concluded to close this CAR.	
Status: Closed	
Follow-up Action (if applicable):	

CAR #. 09/06	Reference Standard #: FSC P&C 6.3.6
Non-compliance: Major <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/>	Procedures which would guarantee the leaving forever of old and hollow trees, and also deadwood and fallen trees (except cases when their moving away can be explained by reasons of safety measures or negative impact on healthy sanitary state of the forest) are not elaborated. Auditors were shown the order of the Department of forestry vice-minister of Belarus Republic - Yu.V. Nazarov, which says that the Department can't agree with the reprove of international experts in forest certification concerning the leaving of deadwood after cuts and that forest certification shall be carried out in compliance with standard lawful acts of Belarus Republic. In the rules for protection and safety of labour in forest, woodworking industry and forestry approved on 30.01.1997 it is said about the necessity of moving away the dangerous trees; all deadwood belong to dangerous. During the Field visit it was marked that in Grodno SFE after entire cuts a small number of old and hollow trees and also deadwood and fallen trees is left.
Corrective Action Request:	

Group Manager and all SFEs included in the group shall establish and implement procedures that ensure that old and hollow trees as well as standing deadwood and snags are left standing forever, unless their removal is justified by safety reasons or negative implications on forest health.
Timeline for Compliance: Within three months after the report finalization, i.e. 5 June 2007.
Findings: Grodno RFB sent letters dated of 02.04.2007 to certified SFEs about the CAR implementation, where prescribe to leave up to 5 m3 of dead standing and fallen trees per hectare. Dead standing trees are defined in technological maps identifying their locations. During the field inspection auditors noted that at finalized logging sites dead standing and fallen trees were in appropriate amount. See also findings to CAR 05/06. Auditors concluded to close this CAR.
Status: Closed
Follow-up Action (if applicable):

CAR #. 11/06	Reference Standard #: FSC P&C 6.4.3; 6.4.4; 9.1.1; 9.1.2
Non-compliance: Major <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/>	In Grodno SFE 5% of the territory is not marked where all types of cuts are forbidden. Monitoring of habitats of rare and endangered species and other areas of high conservation value is not carried out on the protected territories.
Corrective Action Request: Group Manager and all SFEs included in the group shall protect representative samples of existing ecosystems on a minimum of 5% of their total forest area. The protected area shall be without any timber harvesting (unless required to maintain or increase the conservation values and specified by written protection rules for the protected area). The protected area shall be based assessment of habitats of rare and endangered species and other high conservation values.	
Timeline for Compliance: Within three months after the report finalization, i.e. 5 June 2007.	
Findings: In the scope of the Global ecological foundation project, UN development program and Ministry of Forestry of Belarus with a participation of Institute of experimental botany, Birdlife Belarus, Belgosles the GIS map of HCVF in Belarus was developed. Results of HCVF mapping were presented in electronic view to RFBs and SFEs. Also the workshop of results presenting was conducted which representatives of RFBs and SFEs attended. Grodno RFB and certified SFEs selected sites from defined HCVFs which compose at least 5% of SFEs area where no cutting are provided. These sites data are intended to pass to forest inventory for fixing the protection status of the sites in forest management plans. However the detailed analysis of the defined sites in terms, how much they represent all forest types of SFEs, wasn't carried out. Auditors concluded that activities of RFB and SFEs are sufficient to close this CAR. But auditors raised a new minor CAR 08/07.	
Status: Closed	
Follow-up Action (if applicable):	

CAR #. 14/06	Reference Standard #: FSC P&C 7.1.1
Non-compliance: Major <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/>	Grodno SFE didn't demonstrate description of monitoring of the high conservation value objects.
Corrective Action Request: Group Manager and all SFEs included in the group shall ensure that monitoring of rare and endangered species takes place.	
Timeline for Compliance: Within three months after the report finalization, i.e. 5 June 2007.	
Findings: Grodno RFB developed for certified SFEs the Provision of identification, recording,	

<p>monitoring and protection of habitats of rare and endangered species listed in Red book of Belarus, which defines the system of identification, protection and monitoring species included in Red book of Belarus. During forest districts visits auditors were submitted signal lists, which are filled in by forest district staff in case of rare and endangered species or its habitat identification. Then these lists are passed to Inspection of nature protection for checking such areas. In visited forest districts of Grodno and Schuchinskiy SFEs staff submitted maps with identified rare and endangered species habitats. However, auditors observed that the main attention is paid to big birds and mammals and little attention to plants and small species of animals.</p> <p>Auditors concluded that activities of RFB and SFEs are sufficient to close this CAR, but raised a new minor CAR 06/07.</p>
Status: Closed
Follow-up Action (if applicable):

CAR #. 16/06	Reference Standard #: FSC P&C 7.4.1
Non-compliance: Major <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/>	Brief information about plans of Grodno SFE management doesn't show the following elements of criteria 7.1.: ecological safety measures, based on the results of conducted evaluation of impact on the environment; plan about identifying and taking under protection rare and endangered species.
Corrective Action Request: Group Manager and all SFEs included in the group shall produce a public summary of the management plan covering the elements of criterion 7.1	
Timeline for Compliance: Within three months after the report finalization, i.e. 5 June 2007.	
Findings: Visited certified SFEs developed leaflets which include information of forest management plans listed in criterion 7.1. These leaflets are available in SFE's offices. Some information about SFEs activities is also available in local administrations and presented at meetings with local communities. Grodno SFE prepared a stand near to the office, which includes some necessary information. However, auditors noted that these information sources didn't include all points of criterion 7.1, although their major part is publicly available. Following aspects are not publicly available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- forest management objectives;</li> <li>- plans for rare and endangered species identification and protection;</li> <li>- maps describing forest resources including protected areas and HCVF;</li> <li>- description and justification of harvesting techniques and equipment to be used</li> </ul> <p>Auditors concluded that mainly this requirement is implemented and closed the CAR, but raised new minor CAR 09/07.</p>	
Status: Closed	
Follow-up Action (if applicable):	

CAR #.17/06	Reference Standard #: FSC P&C 8.3.1; 8.3.3; SmartWood COC 5
Non-compliance: Major <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/>	Written procedures are elaborated by Grodno RFB. But FSC-certificate codes of Grodno group are not showed on the elaborated stamp for putting it down on invoices and motor waybills. Also stamp doesn't show that production is certified as "FSC-pure".
Corrective Action Request: Group Manager and all SFEs included in the group shall establish written procedures that ensure that waybills and invoices include information on certified status of the products ("FSC Pure") and the Smartwood Certification Code (will be included on the certificate).	
Timeline for Compliance: Within three months after the report finalization, i.e. 5 June 2007.	

Findings: Grodno RFB developed the Provision of FSC trademark use on product (Exh.1). This Provision was distributed among SFEs for implementation. Grodno RFB coordinated with the Certification Body a stamp for documents, which includes the certificate code and statement that product is FSC-Pure. During Grodno and Schuchinskiy SFEs visits auditors checked invoices, waybills and felling permits where the approved stamp was used (Ehx. 2, 3, 4). During the Schuchinskiy SFE's sawmill visit auditors observed packets of certified sawn timber with FSC label on product which also include the certificate code (Exh.5).
Status: Closed
Follow-up Action (if applicable):

CAR #. 19/06	Reference Standard #: FSC P&C 8.5.1
Non-compliance: Major <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/>	Auditors were demonstrated with annual reports "ECOLOGICAL MONITORING OF BELARUS REPUBLIC FORESTS CONDITION" made by Ministry of nature conservation. The last demonstrated report was for 2002 year and it, as well as previous ones, didn't contain many indicators enumerated in 8.2. criteria of the standard.
Corrective Action Request: Group Manager and all SFEs included in the group shall produce a public summary of the monitoring results covering the elements of criterion 8.2	
Timeline for Compliance: Within three months after the report finalization, i.e. 5 June 2007.	
Findings: Grodno and Schuchinskiy SFEs submitted prepared leaflets, which include information about SFEs activities including wood and NTFP production, rate of regeneration, outcome of forest management. In front of the Grodno SFE office there is a stand also including a part of information. These leaflets and the stand are publicly available, but don't include all monitoring aspects listed in criterion 8.2. See also findings to 16/06. Auditors concluded that as a whole this requirement is implemented and close the CAR, but there are minor details which need to be completed. Following aspects are not publicly available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- yield of harvested wood;</li> <li>- changes in flora and fauna.</li> </ul> Therefore auditors raise new minor CAR 09/07.	
Status: Closed	
Follow-up Action (if applicable):	

CAR-CoC - 03/06	Reference Standard #: SmartWood FSC Pure 9
Non-compliance: Major <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/>	Grodno RFB elaborated the procedures and the label, but they are not in the whole compliance with the FSC requirements.
Corrective Action Request: Group Manager shall prepare and implement procedures that ensure that all use of the FSC and SmartWood trademarks and Logo, as well as public information related to certification are in compliance with the FSC requirements and is submitted to SmartWood/NEPCon for review and approval.  The procedures shall ensure the "FSC 100%" label are used on product and that the FSC logo is not used together with other on-product logo's or claim from other forest certification schemes.	
Timeline for Compliance: Within three months after the report finalization, i.e. 5 June 2007.	
Findings: Grodno RFB developed procedures of FSC trademark use. A stamp with the certificate code was approved with the Certification Body and the code was given to the stamp. Grodno RFB prepared the Amendment #1 to the Provision of FSC trademark use on product	

(Exh.6), which states that SFEs won't use trademarks and logos of other forest certification schemes together with FSC trademarks on product. Interviews with chief of the sawmill in Schuchunskiy SFE showed that he was trained of FSC trademark use on product. Auditors observed batches of sawn timber marked with FSC trademarks and separately stored batches of sawn timber with national forest certification scheme logo.
Status: Closed
Follow-up Action (if applicable):

CAR-CoC - 04/06	Reference Standard #: SmartWood FSC Pure 2
Non-compliance: Major <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/>	In Grodno RFB and Volkovisskij SFE Specific training requirement for keys staff responsible for ensuring compliance with the FSC standards have not been established. In Volkovisskij SFE not all keys staff passed the training and not all trainings for certifying were documented.
Corrective Action Request: Group Manager and group members shall prepare specific training requirements for key staff responsible for ensuring compliance with the FSC requirements. Special attention shall be given to staff responsible for monitoring of group members compliance with the requirements, staff responsible for preparing sales document, staff responsible for labeling of products and staff responsible for promotion of certified products. Group manager shall ensure that all key staff is trained according to the specific training requirements. Group manager shall ensure that all certification training activities are documented.	
Timeline for Compliance: Within three months after the report finalization, i.e. 5 June 2007.	
Findings:Grodno RFB developed the Program of training of FSC chain of custody requirements dated of 05.02.07 (Exh.7). Auditors were reviewed staff training records according to that program including issues regarding FSC certified products marking (Exh.8). Interview with Grodno and Schuchinskiy SFE staff demonstrated that staff was trained and had knowledge which was sufficient to comply with FSC CoC requirements.	
Status: Closed	
Follow-up Action (if applicable):	

## Evaluation of CARs (if applicable)

### 2.5. New corrective actions and observations

CAR #: 04/07	Reference Standard #: 4.2.5
Non-compliance: Major <input type="checkbox"/> Minor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	During a logging site visit in Schuchinskiy SFE, where thinning cut was conducted, auditors observed that a logger didn't have cut-proof trousers according to the FM standard requirements.
Corrective Action Request: Grodno RFB and certified SFEs shall ensure all loggers working with chainsaws with cut-proof trousers.	
Timeline for Compliance: To the next annual audit	

CAR #: 05/07	Reference Standard #: 6.1.1, 6.1.2
Non-compliance: Major <input type="checkbox"/> Minor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grodno RFB developed a written procedure of ecological aspects evaluation and monitoring at the forest management activities planning. This procedure includes checklists with evaluation criteria. By the time of the audit those checklists were not filled in.
Corrective Action Request: Grodno RFB and certified SFEs shall ensure that Provision for assessment and monitoring of ecological aspects at planning forest management activities for certified SFEs of Grodno RFB is implemented with filling in corresponding checklists (appendices) to this Provision.	
Timeline for Compliance: To the next annual audit	

CAR #: 06/07	Reference Standard #: 6.2.1
Non-compliance: Major <input type="checkbox"/> Minor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grodno RFB developed for certified SFEs the Provision of identification, recording, monitoring and protection of habitats of rare and endangered species listed in Red book of Belarus, which defines the system of identification, protection and monitoring species included in Red book of Belarus. During forest districts visits auditors were submitted signal lists, which are filled in by forest district staff in case of rare and endangered species or its habitat identification. Then these lists are passed to Inspection of nature protection for checking such areas. In visited forest districts of Grodno and Schuchinskiy SFEs staff submitted maps with identified rare and endangered species habitats. However, auditors observed that the main attention is paid to big birds and mammals and little attention to plants and small species of animals.
Corrective Action Request: Grodno RFB and certified SFEs in consultation with stakeholders shall identify, record and protect rare and endangered species of animals and plants included in Red book of Belarus. Additional attention shall be given to plant species and species of small animals.	
Timeline for Compliance: To the next annual audit	

CAR #: 07/07	Reference Standard #: 6.3.7
Non-compliance: Major <input type="checkbox"/> Minor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	During field visits in Schuchinskiy SFE auditors observed that not always a necessary number of biologically valuable live trees were left per hectare.
Corrective Action Request: Certified SFEs shall ensure that at least 10 big trees per hectare (5 in case of hardwoods) are left valuable for biodiversity conservation.	
Timeline for Compliance: To the next annual audit	

CAR #: 08/07	Reference Standard #: 6.4.3, 6.4.4
Non-compliance: Major <input type="checkbox"/> Minor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In the scope of the Global ecological foundation project, UN development program and Ministry of Forestry of Belarus with a participation of Institute of experimental botany, Birdlife Belarus, Belgosles the GIS map of HCVF in Belarus was developed. Results of HCVF mapping were presented in electronic view to RFBs and SFEs. Also the workshop of results presenting was conducted which representatives of RFBs and SFEs attended. Grodno RFB and certified SFEs selected sites from defined HCVMs which compose at least 5% of SFEs area where no cutting are provided. These sites data are intended to pass to forest inventory for fixing the protection status of the sites in forest management plans. However the detailed analysis of the defined sites in terms, how much they represent all forest types of SFEs, wasn't carried out.
Corrective Action Request: Grodno RFB and certified SFEs shall ensure that identified sites are set aside as long term protected kept in natural conditions without any commercial activities.	
Timeline for Compliance: To the next annual audit	

CAR #: 09/07	Reference Standard #: 7.4.1, 8.5.1.
Non-compliance: Major <input type="checkbox"/> Minor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Certified SFEs developed leaflets which include information of Forest management plans and monitoring listed in criteria 7.1 and 8.2. These leaflets are available in SFE offices. Some information about SFEs activities is posted in local administrations and presented at meetings with local communities. Grodno SFE prepared a stand near to the office, which includes some necessary information. However, auditors noted that these information sources didn't include all points of criteria 7.1 and 8.2, although their major part is publicly available. Following aspects of 7.1 are not publicly available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- forest management objectives;</li> <li>- plans for rare and endangered species identification and protection;</li> <li>- maps describing forest resources including protected areas and HCVM;</li> <li>- description and justification of harvesting techniques and equipment to be used.</li> </ul> Following aspects of 8.2 are not publicly available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- yield of harvested wood;</li> <li>- changes in flora and fauna.</li> </ul>
Corrective Action Request: Grodno RFB and certified SFEs shall ensure that information of all points listed in criteria 7.1 and 8.2 is included in developed leaflets or is publicly available with other way (for example with Internet).	
Timeline for Compliance: To the next annual audit	

CAR COC #: 01/07	Reference Standard #: FSC-POL-40-005 (2001) EN
Non-compliance: Major <input type="checkbox"/> Minor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Certified SFEs stamp with the certificate code is used on the invoices of special exporter “Bellesexport”, where “Bellesexport” is defined as a seller and there are no references to certified SFE name. Furthermore, payments for the goods are transferred to “Bellesexport” and not to the certified SFE. “Bellesexport” is therefore considered as a broker in accordance with the FSC definition. Brokers are according to FSC-POL-40-005 (2001) EN required to be covered by a Chain of Custody certificate in order to transfer claims about certification status
Corrective Action Request: Grodno RFB and certified SFE shall ensure their certification code is only used on invoices clearly identifying the SFE as seller.	
Timeline for Compliance: Effective immediately. To be verified at first annual audit after re-installment of certificate.	

CAR COC#: 02/07	Reference Standard #: SW COC standard Limited Scope (Dec 2005) 9.1.2; FSC-STD-40-201 1.4, 1.7
Non-compliance: Major <input type="checkbox"/> Minor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Certified SFEs use labels with FSC trademarks. The FSC on-product trademark is stamped with blue color. At the same time requirements to the color of FSC on-product label define that it shall be black or green on the white background.
Corrective Action Request: Grodno RFB and certified SFEs shall ensure that FSC on-product labels are stamped with black or green color on the white background.	
Timeline for Compliance: Effective immediately. To be verified at first annual audit after re-installment of certificate.	

### Audit observations

Obs #	Observation	Reference Std #
OBS 02/07	During logging sites visits in Dembrovskoye forest district of Schuchinskiy SFE auditors observed many cases of wood wastes burning.  Certified SFEs are recommended to minimize the method of burning wood wastes.	6.1.2
OBS 03/07	During logging sites visits in Dembrovskoye forest district of Schuchinskiy SFE auditors observed soil damage during soil preparation to planting  Certified SFEs are recommended to use an alternative method of soil preparation to planting minimizing a negative impact on soil.	6.1.2

## 2.6. Audit recommendation and final CARs

**Audit Conclusions:**

- Major CAR (s) closed.
- No follow-up required
- New CAR issued (document new noncompliance in CAR table below)
- Major CAR (s) open, certificated suspended

**Comments/ Follow-up actions at next audit:**

At the next annual audit an implementation of minor CARs and Observations and a compliance with selected FSC Principles will be checked.

Finalized complete CAR List: