

Does Simon Lussier meet FSC's Controlled Wood standard?

September 19th, 2023

We are carrying out an audit of Simon Lussier located in Blainville, Québec, Canada to see if their operations comply with FSC's [Controlled Wood](#) standard (FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1). We are writing to you to ask if you know of any reason why their operations would not meet this standard.

Controlled Wood is wood that meets minimum requirements and that can therefore be mixed with FSC wood and used in products with an FSC Mix label. In particular, the wood must not be:

- harvested illegally.
- harvested in violation of traditional and civil rights.
- harvested from forests with a high conservation value that is threatened by management activities.
- harvested from forests being converted to plantations or non-forest use.
- from forests in which genetically modified trees are planted.

We will carry out our audit on November 14th, 2023. Here is how you should comment, if you wish to do so:

- When? You should send comments to us before or during the audit.
- How? You can comment by .
 - Meeting with a Preferred by Nature staff member in person.
 - Phone to Julie Parent at 438-863-4075
Writing to Julie Parent at
P.O. Box 1771
Chelsea, QC J9B 1A1
Canada.
 - Email to Julie Parent at jparent@preferredbynature.org
 - In person by arranging to meet with Julie Parent
- If you want your comments to be confidential please notify us when you submit the comments.

If you provide comments, we will provide feedback to you within 30 days of the audit.

Simon Lussier has written a summary document that lists:

- the risks they have identified that they may source unacceptable wood
- the measures they implement to mitigate those risks.

We have attached this summary document to this letter.

If you wish to dispute any aspect of this forest certification process or the decision we reach as to whether this company meets the Controlled Wood standard, you can access our Dispute Resolution Policy at <https://preferredbynature.org/dispute-resolution-policy>

Thank you for any help you are able to provide.

If you have any recommendations for contacting other stakeholders that may have an interest in providing comments on this company and audit, we would also gladly receive these from you.

Yours sincerely,



Mélanie Proulx
Operations Specialist

Est-ce que Simon Lussier respecte la norme FSC Bois Contrôlé?

Le 19 septembre 2023

Nous procéderons prochainement à l'audit de Simon Lussier situé à Blainville, Québec, Canada afin de vérifier la conformité de leurs activités avec la norme FSC [Bois Contrôlé](#) (FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1). Nous vous adressons la présente pour vous demander si vous connaissez une raison pour laquelle leurs activités ne respecteraient pas cette norme.

Le bois contrôlé est du bois qui respecte les exigences minimales et que l'on peut donc mélanger au bois FSC et utiliser dans les produits portant l'étiquette FSC Mixte. En particulier, le bois ne doit pas provenir de:

- Forêts récoltées illégalement ;
- Forêts récoltées en violation de droits traditionnels ou civils ;
- Forêts dans lesquelles de hautes valeurs de conservation sont menacées ;
- Forêts qui sont converties en plantations ou en territoire à vocation non forestière ; ou
- Forêts où sont plantés des arbres génétiquement modifiés.

L'évaluation se tiendra le 14 novembre 2023. Nous vous invitons à fournir des commentaires. Voici vos options pour nous les communiquer:

- Quand ? Avant ou pendant l'évaluation.
- Comment ?.
 - En rencontrant un membre du personnel Preferred by Nature en personne
 - En appelant Julie Parent chez Preferred by Nature au 438-863-4075
 - En écrivant à Julie Parent à l'adresse suivante :
P.O. Box 1771
Chelsea, QC J9B 1A1
Canada
 - En envoyant un courriel à Julie Parent à l'adresse suivante jparent@preferredbynature.org
 - En organisant une rencontre avec Julie Parent
- Si vous souhaitez que vos commentaires restent confidentiels, veuillez nous en aviser au moment de nous faire parvenir vos commentaires.

Si vous fournissez des commentaires, nous communiquerons avec vous dans les 30 jours suivant l'audit.

Simon Lussier a rédigé un sommaire public qui énumère :

- Les risques qu'ils ont identifiés qu'ils peuvent s'approvisionner de bois inacceptable.
- Les mesures prises pour atténuer ces risques.

Nous avons joint ce sommaire public à cette lettre.

Les parties prenantes souhaitant contester tout aspect du processus de certification forestière ou décisions prises par Preferred by Nature concernant le respect de cette entreprise avec la norme Bois Contrôlé, peuvent le faire par une demande de plainte formelle à www.preferredbynature.org.

Nous vous remercions pour toute aide que vous êtes en mesure de fournir.

N'hésitez pas à nous contacter si vous avez des recommandations pour contacter d'autres parties prenantes qui peuvent avoir un intérêt à fournir des commentaires sur cette organisation et cet audit.

Cordialement,



Mélanie Proulx

A. General Information

Certificate holder Information	
Certificate holder name:	Simon Lussier Ltée
FSC Certificate code:	SAI – COC – 003522, SAI-CW-00352
Qualification of persons who developed the DDS, including engagement of external parties:	Nicolas Blanchette, ing.f., MBA, M.Sc. (for) Forest certification specialist INCOS Stratégies
Justification for excluding confidential information:	n/a
Summary of changes made to the organization's DDS System (changes to suppliers' structure, risk assessment, risk designation, mitigation/control measures, etc.):	Update of SAR listing for Quebec

B. Feedbacks/Complaints

The company Feedback/complaint procedure is described below:
None received.

Please contact the person listed below for any feedback/complaint	
Name:	Patrick Brouillard
Position:	Customer Service Supervisor
Address:	16, boul. De la Seigneurie
Phone:	450 435 6591
Email:	pbrouillard@simonlussier.com

D. Supply chain

Site Name	Exact Nb. of suppliers	Approx. Nb. of sub-suppliers	Supplier types	Average length of non-FSC supply chain	Risk of mixing with non-eligible input
Blainville	200	400	Brokers, sawmills	2	

E. Risks Assessments

Country	Supply Area	Risk Designation	Type of Risk Assessment	Name of Risk Assessment	Reference to applicable control measure No. (listed at section E. below)
Canada	QC, NB, Ont	Cat 1: Low risk	FSC	FSC Canada National Risk Assessment	n/a
		Cat 2: (Un)specified Risk			1
		Cat 3: (Un)specified Risk			2, 3,4
		Cat 4: (Un)specified Risk			5
		Cat 5: Low risk			
USA	NY, VT, MA, ME, NH	Cat 1: Low risk	FSC	FSC US National Risk Assessment	
		Cat 2: Low risk			
		Cat 3: Low risk			
		Cat 4: Low risk			
		Cat 5: Low risk			

F. Control Measures

<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable (All sourcing areas are low risk)		
No.	Type	Description of the implemented control measure
1	FSC Mandatory	#5 - A dispute resolution process is established specifically to address issues arising from violations of the right of Indigenous People related to forest management activities. The dispute resolution process is implemented in the event a dispute of substantial magnitude arises with the supply area.
2	FSC Mandatory	#4 - Evidence demonstrates that owners and/or managers of privately-owned forests are informed about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the <i>critical habitats</i>* of species within their managed forests; AND the threats to the <i>critical habitat</i>*; AND best management practices to reduce threats to <i>critical habitat</i>*; AND

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> applicable legislation.
		- Woodlot owners are informed and educated to SAR and BMPs.
3	FSC Mandatory	#2 - harvesting activities are consistent with the federally-approved Action Plan or Range Plan – Harvesting is coherent with Federal Action Plan on Public Lands for species other than Woodland Caribou
4	FSC Mandatory	#1 - harvesting does not take place in <i>critical habitats</i> * for Specified Risk species identified. – Caribou habitat is not included in the organisation’s supply zones.
5	FSC Mandatory	#1 RCM - Evidence demonstrates that supplied material does not originate from areas converted to non-forest. – the organization raises the profile of deforestation in its supply regions with municipal governance bodies.

G. Stakeholder Consultation by the Organization

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable (The organization has not conducted stakeholder consultation) <i>Note: Stakeholders consultation is only required as a control measure when unspecified risk has been identified for CW Cat 2 or 3 in a company or old NRA risk assessment. The Organization may also choose to conduct stakeholder consultation to verify the adequacy of its control measures.</i>	
Area for which Stakeholder Consultation was conducted:	
Nb. of Stakeholders invited to participate:	
Summary of Stakeholders comments:	
How comments were considered:	
Justification/ Conclusion:	

H. Engagement of Experts by the Organization

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable (The organization has not engaged experts) <i>Note: Engagement of expert is required to justify the adequacy of control measures developed by the Organization for CW cat 2 or 3, and when outsourcing the development of an extended risk assessment.</i>			
Name	Qualification	License/Registration	Scope of service

I. Field Verification by the Organization

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable (The organization’s control measures do not require field verification)	
Justification for sampling rate:	

Description of Non-conformities identified:	
Steps taken to address identified Non-conformities:	
Justification for exclusion of confidential information:	