

FSC Highly Hazardous Pesticide Derogation 2015 Stakeholder Engagement Summary

The following document provides a summary detailing the various stakeholder reengagement opportunities available as part of the 2015 FSC Highly Hazardous Pesticide Derogation.

Purpose

The main focus of the stakeholder engagement is to enable stakeholder feedback on the chemicals derogations being sought. However, feedback will also be requested regarding stakeholder perceptions of forest certification and its impact on forest management practices.

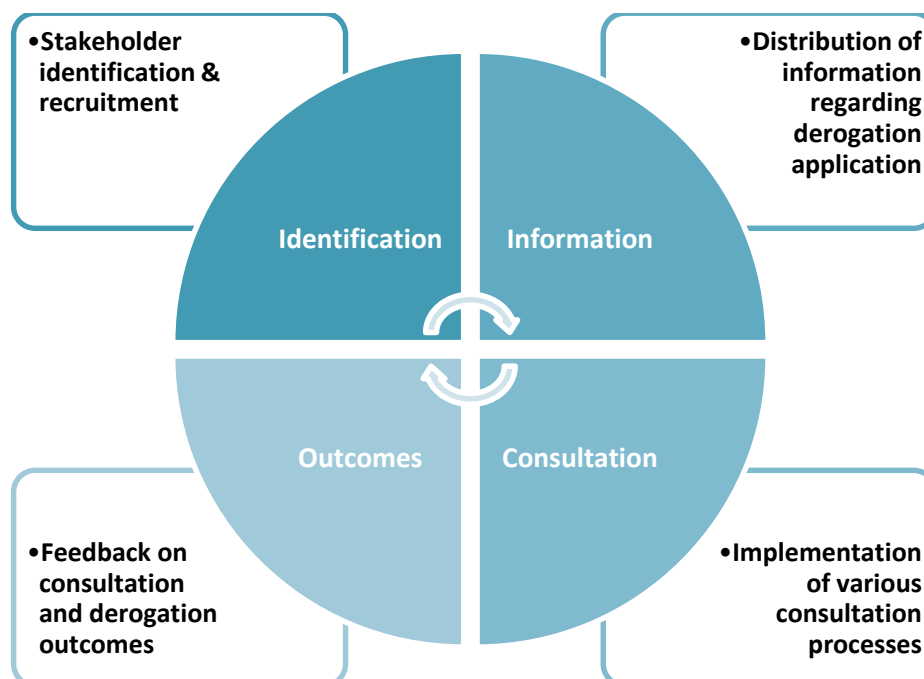
FSC Derogation Consultation Requirements

The FSC Pesticide Derogation process is set by the FSC Pesticide Derogation Procedure ([FSC-PRO-30-001 V1-0 EN](#)) which requires, at a minimum, the following consultation:

5.7. The application shall demonstrate that during a minimum 45-day public consultation period, affected stakeholders (e.g. the neighboring communities) and other stakeholders (e.g. social and environmental NGOs, environmental departments/authorities, forest/fisheries departments, National FSC Offices, etc.) were given the opportunity to comment on the derogation application and affected stakeholders have agreed (with the applicant) on the measures for preventing, minimizing and mitigating negative social and environmental impacts associated with the use of the 'highly hazardous' pesticide. (page 12)

Stakeholder Engagement Plan

The 2015 FSC Highly Hazardous Pesticide Derogation stakeholder engagement plan includes four overlapping stages:



1. Stakeholder identification

Three methods for stakeholder identification will occur:

- i. **Interrogation of existing stakeholder databases** to identify affected and interested stakeholders.
- ii. Identification of additional interested stakeholders through **professional networks and snowball sampling** (where participating stakeholders identify others who may be interested in participating).
- iii. **Self-selection** in response to invitations to participate on the consultation distributed by networks, websites, or through selected media (e.g. newspaper advertisements).

2. Distribution of information pertaining to Pesticide Derogation Application

Information about the derogation application (technical and plain English information packages) and stakeholder consultation opportunities will be made available through a number of access points:

- i. **Email or letter invitation to participate** – Identified stakeholders will be sent an email and/or letter advising them of the derogation process and inviting them to participate in the consultation process. ***This activity will commence the 52 day consultation period.***
- ii. **FSC Australia website** –the following information available on the website:
 - a. downloadable information (technical and jargon free) regarding the derogation application detailing the pesticides, their hazards, rationale of continues use, intended use and management strategies to mitigate potential impacts, including weblinks to other information sources.
 - b. information regarding stakeholder consultation opportunities, including a summary of the engagement plan
 - c. a link to the online survey and contact information to request hardcopy or telephone survey options
 - d. information regarding public comment submissions, including a link to the public comment template and return options (email and postal address)
 - e. contact information to talk with a company representative to provide feedback in person or over the telephone
 - f. online forum recordings for download (if requested)
 - g. contact information for the National Coordinator
- iii. **Information packs** – Information packs consisting of hardcopies of relevant information will be provided to stakeholders upon request.
- iv. **Online or Public Forums** – If requested (the survey includes an opportunity for stakeholders to identify what methods they would like to use to engage in the derogation process), public or online forums (webinars) will be conducted with interested stakeholders if there is sufficient interest from the survey.

3. Stakeholder consultation

A range of consultation methods will be available to provide stakeholders every opportunity to participate in the process:

- i. **Survey** – A survey will be undertaken with affected and interested stakeholders, providing an opportunity for simple and anonymous participation in the consultation process. A link to the online survey will be provided on the FSC website, a link will also be included in the initial email/letter invitation to participate sent to identified stakeholders.
- ii. **Discussions with company representatives** – Opportunities will be provided for stakeholders to engage directly with company representatives (or the National Coordinator where they are not comfortable talking with company representatives) to discuss their feedback on the derogation application. Company representatives will either meet with the stakeholders at a mutually agreeable time and place, or hold the discussion over the telephone.
- iii. **Online forums** - If sufficient interest is advised by stakeholders in the survey, online forums (webinars) will be conducted with interested stakeholders. These forums will consist of a technical information sharing component and an opportunity for participating stakeholders to ask questions and provide their feedback on the derogation application and proposed pesticide management strategies through discussion.
- iv. **Public forums** – If sufficient interest is advised by stakeholders in the survey, a public forum will be held in Melbourne to inform the development of the derogation application and/or to share process outcomes with stakeholders.
- v. **Public comment** – The opportunity to provide public comment will be made available. The opportunity for public comment will be provided using the following approaches:
 - **Email** – The public comment [template] can be filled in and returned via email to the relevant company representative(s), or to the National Coordinator.
 - **Hardcopy** - The public comment template can be filled in and returned via post to the relevant company representative(s) or to the National Coordinator.

At the completion of the 52 day consultation period all comments received will be evaluated by the **Pesticide Derogation Advisory Group**. In consideration of the stakeholder feedback, the advisory group will make recommendations within the derogation applications for consideration by FSC International, including potential conditions on use.

4. Stakeholder feedback

Feedback to stakeholders regarding the outcomes of the derogation application development process will occur via:

- i. **Website information** – A summary document of the stakeholder engagement process and outcomes will be made available on the FSC Australia website. This summary will include an overview of the developed derogation application, highlighting how stakeholder concerns were considered.
- ii. **Public Report** – A comprehensive report detailing the stakeholder engagement process and outcomes will be prepared. This report will include relevant statistics and analysis of engagement outcomes for each company and jurisdiction. The report will include access to stakeholder feedback, including analysis of survey data, de-identified listings of stakeholder comments from survey and discussions with company representatives, received public comments, and summaries of online or public forums. The report will be made available to the public on the FSC website.

Key Dates

The stakeholder engagement activities will occur over the following time periods, ensuring a minimum 52 day consultation period is provided for stakeholder feedback:

Stage	Description	Key Dates (2015)
1	Stakeholder identification and recruitment	July - November
	Draft derogations distributed to Certification Bodies for comment	September
2	Distribution of information to stakeholders	25 September
3	Stakeholder engagement:	
	• Survey	25 September
	• Meetings with company representatives	28 September – 16 November
	• Online or public forums (if requested)	12 October – 10 November
	• Public comment	25 September – 16 November
4	Stakeholder feedback	
	• Advisory group meeting	23 November – 27 November
	• Distribution of outcomes information	30 November - 4 December
	• Public Report	January 2016

Contact Information

The following table lists the contact details for each of the forest company representatives who will undertake the stakeholder consultations for their organisation, and the FSC Pesticide Derogation Process 2015 National Coordinator. Those stakeholders not comfortable in contacting their company representative can contact the National Coordinator to provide their feedback.

Company	Representative	Email	Phone
Albany Plantations Fibre Limited (WA)	Geoff Rowland	geoff.rolland@apfl.com.au	08 9845 3777
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