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The FSC consultation notice of KRONOSPAN-MOFA Hungary Kft.

KRONOSPAN-MOFA Hungary Kft. (H-7700 Mohács, Budapesti országút 72.) - being committed to responsible forestry – invites all concerned parties to submit comments, suggestions and possible complaints in connection with the company's timber procurement activities.

According to preliminary plans, the review audit of the forest management of KRONOSPAN-MOFA Hungary Kft. based on the standards listed below is scheduled to be held on 08-09 September 2020 by SGS Hungária Kft.

Standards applied by KRONOSPAN-MOFA Hungary Kft.:

- FSC-STD-40-004 Version 3-0 EN FSC Standard for Chain of Custody Certification, downloadable: here
- FSC-STD-40-005 Version 3-1 EN STANDARD FOR COMPANY EVALUATION OF FSC CONTROLLED WOOD, downloadable:
 here
- PEFC ST 2002:2020 (2020-02-14) Chain of Custody of Forest Based Products Requirements, downloadable: here
- PEFC ST 2001:2020 (2020-02-14) PEFC Logo usage rules Requirements, downloadable: here

The timber procurement policy of KRONOSPAN-MOFA Hungary Kft. is available on the company's official website downloadable: here

KRONOSPAN-MOFA Hungary Kft. has held the FSC (and PEFC) certification for a decade (since 2009), issued by SGS Hungária Kft as an accredited certification body, thus, among other things, proving its commitment to sustainable forest management and sustainable cultivation of forests. (A brief summary of FSCⁱ can be found at the end of this notice.)

We procure the timber raw material for our fibreboard production and boards for using only from reliable and verified sources, but not from certified sources in every case. In the case of non-certified sources, only sources that have been approved by the Due Diligence System (DDS) and sources that have been verified by KRONOSPAN-MOFA Hungary Kft. may be considered.

The current DDS report of KRONOSPAN-MOFA Hungary Kft., which is to be renewed, is available on the official website of the FSC here.



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As per the currently valid DDS, KRONOSPAN-MOFA Hungary Kft. may procure FSC certified timber raw material, and also non-certified timber or board raw material from verified sources from Hungary, Austria, and France. This is only possible by minimising the risk for activities that are connected to forestry in the given source area through appropriate measures and verifications as defined by the FSC for the risk assessment of the individual countries.

As per the official NRA and CNRA documents of the FSC, the following activities pose a defined risk in the case of the above mentioned countries:

- Hungary (FSC CNRA risk assessment can be downloaded <u>here</u>)
 - o Illegal, unlicensed logging.
 - Soil protection:
 - Chemicals leaking from machines that are in poor technical condition,
 - Illegal dumping of waste,
 - The use of unauthorized chemicals during cultivation.
 - Violation of health and safety regulations:
 - Not using protective equipment,
 - Operation of machinery without the appropriate license.
 - o Illegal employment.
- Austria (FSC NRA risk assessment can be downloaded here) a low-risk source in all respects.
- France (FSC NRA risk assessment can be downloaded here) a low-risk source in all respects.

The measures and verifications applied by KRONOSPAN-MOFA Hungary Kft. can be read in the currently valid DDS which is available from the source indicated above.

We welcome comments and kind suggestions primarily on the above topics from all stakeholders. We welcome all useful information (even publications, or studies), comments, or suggestions on how to minimise risk, etc., because it helps us improve our DDS. If possible, please also substantiate your comments and complaints with some form of evidence, such as a document, or image, etc.

Of course, we also welcome all other comments, suggestions or complaints related to our wood procurement activities, as they all contribute to our development in the field of responsible raw material management.



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We also welcome your comments and suggestions relating to the standards. You can also mention this in your response by indicating the point of the standard to be changed, and the reasons for the proposed change. Being users of standards, we are not in a position to change the principles and the criteria, they are part of the FSC core document, however, we may forward these to the creators of the standards through the certification body.

Please send your comments and suggestions to g.katoli@kronospan-mofa.hu until 05 June 2020. Please put "FSC consultation" in the subject field of the email.

All material sent to us is treated confidentially in compliance with data protection legislation. The identity of the senders will not be disclosed, and the received material will not be published as received. The material will only be published and handed to a third party in a summarized and anonymous form, for example to the auditors of our certification body.

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¹ The FSC (Forest Stewardship Council - www.fsc.org) was created as an independent organization in 1993 to promote environmentally sound, socially beneficial and economically viable management of the world's forests. The FSC achieves this indirectly through certification: its accredited certification bodies audit, and in a favourable case, certify the applying forest manager in accordance with standards based on the principles of the FSC 10 and the criteria organized under them. Timber from the certified forests of the farmers reaches the customers through the certified Chain of Custody of the processing plants and traders with the display of the well-known FSC trademark.