

# Finnish Forest Certification Council



PEFC/02-1-01  
Promoting Sustainable Forest Management –  
For more info: [www.pefc.org](http://www.pefc.org)

Press release 31<sup>st</sup> August 2001

---

## FOREST CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREST MANAGEMENT UNDER REVISION

The Finnish Forest Certification Council (FFCC) is updating the requirements set for forest management by the Finnish Forest Certification System (FFCS). For this purpose a broadbased working group is being appointed which includes the 29 organisations participating in the drafting of the current standards in 1996-1997, as well as other stakeholders with a vested interest in the management of Finland's forests. Work on the revision is to commence during the 2001 autumn.

The National Working Group on Forest Certification Standards laid down the requirements for forest management in a standard in 1997. A start is now being made on updating this standard because:

- practical experience has been obtained on applying the standard,
- new research results are now available on matters associated with forest certification and
- new information has come to light in international forest and environmental processes.

Extensive opportunities for participation and comments are being incorporated in the preparatory work for the new standard.

FFCS forest certification has become a practical tool in Finland for ensuring forest management that ensures both sustainable timber production and biodiversity. In compliance with the requirements set by the present standard, 13 regional forest certificates have been issued covering approximately 22 million hectares of forest. The revision of the standard now taking place will not affect the 5-year validity period of the forest certificates already issued.

### Further information:

Finnish Forest Certification Council

Secretary General Auvo Kaivola,  
Tel. +358-9-14993357

Chairman Jari Parviainen,  
Tel. +358-13-2514010