

STATUTES OF PEFC-NORWAY

Established at the foundation meeting, Oslo 21 June 1999

§ 1 Name

The name of the association is PEFC-Norway. It is a non-profit, independent legal entity, run by its members.

The association has its commercial practice in Oslo.

§ 2 Object

The object of PEFC-Norway is to organise the implementation of forest certification based on the Living Forests Standards for sustainable forest management in Norway, in accordance with the Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC).

PEFC-Norway is a member of the Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification Council (PEFCC) and functions as the national governing body for the council.

§ 3 Membership

National organisations associated with forest management in Norway may become members of PEFC-Norway. Members agree to adhere to Articles of Association and legal decisions made by the governing bodies.

Written application is required for membership. The admission of new members is decided by the Council of PEFC-Norway with a majority of 2/3, cf. § 4.

Termination of membership must be in writing, and has immediate effect. Resigning members are not entitled to a share of the association's funds.

Organisations, including public authorities and institutions, can be given status as observers in the Council of PEFC-Norway.

§ 4 The Council

The Council is the highest authority of PEFC-Norway. The Council shall perform the duties as required by the Object, cf. § 2, and the duties assigned to it in the PEFCC's statutes, including the election of a national delegate and observers for the General Assembly of the PEFCC.

The members of PEFC-Norway are entitled to nominate one delegate and a deputy to the Council of PEFC-Norway for a period of one year at a time.

The Council can appoint working groups in order to perform specific duties. The Council can delegate the necessary authority to these working groups.

The Council elects the Chairman of the Council and makes arrangements for secretarial functions necessary for the Council's activity. The Chairman shall call the Council to a meeting at least once a year. In addition, a meeting must be called should at least 1/3 of the members of the Council request it. Fourteen days' written notice must be given and this notice must include an agenda.

The Council carries decisions by simple majority, except for those subjects referred to in § 3 and § 6. In case of a tied vote, the chairman has the casting vote. A unanimous vote is desirable on matters of importance.

The Council is quorate if at least 3 members are present. No one has more than one vote. Authorisation can be given.

The minutes of the meetings must be sent to the members of the Council.

§ 5 Finance and Accounting

The Council shall collect membership fees or raise funding in another way to cover the membership fee of the PEFCC and other necessary expenses. Each organisation represented in the Council covers the costs of their work connected to PEFC-Norway.

The Chairman of the Council is responsible for the accounting and management of the association's funds.

§ 6 Changes of the Statutes

These Statutes may be revised by a 2/3 majority of the Council's votes.

The dissolution of the association requires a 2/3 majority in the Council. The proposal for dissolution must be put forward with one year's notice.