

CONTROLLED WOOD RISK ASSESSMENT FOR HINTON PULP

FSC STANDARD 40-005 V2.1

Certificate holder:	Hinton Pulp	Certification Body (CB):	KPMG FSCI
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Districts, including countries covered with this risk assessment:	<p>For the purpose of FSC-STD-40-005 V2.1 the fibre supply District for Hinton Pulp are those portions of the ecoregions¹ listed below that are located within the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alberta-British Columbia Foothills Forests • Alberta Mountain Forests • Canadian Aspen Forests and Parklands • Mid-Continental Canadian Forests, • Northern Cordillera Forests, and • North Central Rockies Forest
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¹ World Wildlife Fund – US, Terrestrial Ecosystems of the World, 2004, URL:<http://www.worldwildlife.org/science/data.cfm>

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1. Illegally Harvested Wood. The district of origin may be considered low risk in relation to illegal harvesting when all the following indicators related to forest governance are present:	1.1 Evidence of enforcement of logging related laws in the district 1.2 A robust and effective system of licensing, harvest permits, and other documentation demonstrating legality of harvests and wood purchases are present in the district.	AB: http://www.srd.gov.ab.ca/law/ http://www.srd.gov.ab.ca/forests/enforcementcompliance/contravention.aspx BC: http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/tasb/legregs/comptoc.htm http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hen/	Strong legislation is in place in Alberta and BC regarding the granting and regulation of harvesting rights and the marking, scaling and transportation of timber. Both Alberta and BC have government staff dedicated to the monitoring of compliance with and to enforce forest Acts and Regulations by forest companies.	Low Risk
	1.3 Little or no evidence or reporting of illegal logging in the district of origin.	http://www.illegal-logging.info/item_single.php?item=news&item_id AB: http://www.srd.gov.ab.ca/forests/enforcementcompliance/contravention.aspx BC: http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hen/	There is no reporting of illegal logging in BC or Alberta. West Fraser has contracts or declarations stating that no fibre is coming from an illegal source for the Company's entire Canadian supply chain	
	1.4 Low perception of corruption related to harvesting permits and related law enforcement.	http://www.transparency.org/	As per Transparency International's 2008 Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index (Transparency International, 2009), Canada ranks as the 10 th least corrupt country in the world. Canada ranks lower than Sweden, the least corrupt, but higher than the US, the 18 th least corrupt.	

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<p>2. Wood harvested in violation of traditional or civil rights.</p> <p>The district of origin may be considered low risk in relation to the violation of traditional, civil and collective rights when all the following indicators are present:</p>	2.1 There is no UN Security Council ban on timber exports from the country concerned	www.un.org	There is no mention on UN site of a UN Security Council ban on timber sourced from Canada.	Low Risk
	2.2 The country or district is not designated a source of conflict timber (e.g USAID Type 1 conflict timber)	http://www.illegal-logging.info/item_single.php?item=news&item_id http://www.globalpolicy.org/security/natres/timbrindex.htm AB: http://www.srd.gov.ab.ca/ BC: http://www.gov.bc.ca/for/	Canada is not designated as a source of conflict timber	
	2.3 There is no evidence of child labor or violation of ILO Fundamental Principles and Rights at work taking place in forest areas in the district concerned	Canada: http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/L-2/ AB: http://www.qp.gov.ab.ca/documents/acts/L01.cfm BC: http://www.lrb.bc.ca/code/	Canada, BC, and Alberta have strong federal and provincial labour legislation. As such there is no evidence of child labour or violation of ILO Fundamental Principles and Rights at work taking place in the forest related workplaces.	
	2.4 There are recognized and equitable processes ¹⁰ in place to resolve conflicts of substantial magnitude pertaining to traditional rights including use rights, cultural interests or traditional cultural identity in the district concerned.	Canada: www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ps/clm/index_e.html AB: http://www.aboriginal.alberta.ca/1.cfm BC: www.gov.bc.ca/arr/treaty/default.html	<p>The courts of Canada have established a legally binding consultation system. There is a process in place with both the governments of Canada and the provinces to negotiate and implement land claims and self government agreements. Many First Nations have treaties with the government of Canada.</p> <p>Alberta has a First nation consultation policy that must be followed by industry. Approvals are dependent upon adequate First Nations consultation.</p> <p>In BC the Forest and Range Practices Act requires efforts to be made in information sharing between industry and First Nations as a means to identify and where necessary conserve or protect cultural heritage resources.</p>	

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<p>3. Wood harvested from forest in which high conservation values are threatened by management activities.</p> <p>The district of origin may be considered low risk in relation to threat to high conservation values if: a) indicator 3.1 is met; or b) indicator 3.2 eliminates (or greatly mitigates) the threat posed to the district of origin by noncompliance with 3.1.</p>	<p>3.1 Forest management activities in the relevant level (eco-region, sub-eco-region, local) do not threaten eco-regionally significant high conservation values.</p> <p>3.2 A strong system of protection (effective protected areas and legislation) is in place that ensures survival of the HCVs in the ecoregion.</p>	<p>http://www.worldwildlife.org/science/ecoregions/g200.cfm</p> <p>http://www.fsccanada.org/docs/37b60f3055cda17c.pdf</p> <p>http://www.conservation.org/Pages/default.aspx</p> <p>http://www.cbd.int/countries/?country=ca</p> <p>AB Caribou Recovery Plan: http://www.srd.gov.ab.ca/fish_wildlife/speciesatrisk/pdf/final_caribou_recovery_plan_photo_cover_July_12_05.pdf</p> <p>BC Caribou Recovery Plan: http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/sarco/mc/index.html</p>	<p>The fiber supply District does not contain any of the presently identified critical/endangered WWF global 200 ecoregions.</p> <p>The fiber supply District does not contain any Conservation International biodiversity hot spots or high priority wilderness areas</p> <p>The fiber supply District does not contain any ecoregions having globally, regionally or provincially significant intact forests that are threatened by forest management activities.</p> <p>Canada is a signatory to the Convention on Biological Diversity.</p>	Low Risk
<p>4. Wood harvested from areas being converted from forests and other wooded ecosystems to plantations or nonforest uses</p> <p>The district of origin may be considered low risk in relation to conversion of forest to plantations or non-forest uses when the following indicator is present:</p>	<p>4.1 There is no net loss AND no significant rate of loss (> 0.5% per year) of natural forests and other naturally wooded ecosystems such as savannahs taking place in the eco-region in question.</p>	<p>AB: http://www.srd.gov.ab.ca/forests/pdf/Forest-Resource-Ftsht.pdf</p> <p>BC: The State of British Columbia's Forests 2006 www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfp/sof/2006/pdf/sof.pdf</p>	<p>AB: SRD Alberta states annual growth rate of Alberta's forest is 44 million cubic meters while approved annual cut was only 23.2 million cubic meters.</p> <p>BC: British Columbia has a forest management regime based on natural forests and the use of native species. The area of forest in BC increased between 1957 and 2000.</p>	Low Risk

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<p>5. Wood from forests in which genetically modified trees are planted</p> <p>The district of origin may be considered low risk in relation to wood from genetically modified trees when one of the following indicators is complied with:</p>	<p>a) There is no commercial use of genetically modified trees of the species concerned taking place in the country or district concerned</p>	<p>AB: http://abtreegene.com/</p> <p>BC: www.for.gov.bc.ca/hti/grm/ge/neresource.htm</p>	<p>AB: No GMO trees have been planted in operational forest plantations on Crown lands in Alberta.</p> <p>BC: The Tree Improvement Branch of the Ministry of Forests & Range ensures that no genetically modified tree seed is registered or used in operational forest planting on Crown land in British Columbia.</p>	<p>Low Risk</p>
	<p>b) Licenses are required for commercial use of genetically modified trees and there are no licenses for commercial use</p>			
	<p>c) It is forbidden to use genetically modified trees commercially in the country concerned</p>			