

<b>ADVICE-20-007-018 V1-0</b>	<b>Advice Note for the interpretation of the default clause of Motion 65</b>
<b>Normative reference</b>	<p>FSC-STD-20-007 V3-0 Forest Management Evaluations, Clause 8.4  FSC-STD-01-001 V5-2 FSC Principles and Criteria for Forest Stewardship: Principle 9  FSC-STD-60-004 V1-1 Draft 1-0 International Generic Indicators  FSC-STD-60-002 V1-0 Structure and Content of National Forest Stewardship Standards  FSC-STD-60-006 V1-2 Process Requirements for the Development and Maintenance of National Forest Stewardship Standards  FSC-PRO-60-006 V2-0 EN Development and Transfer of NFSS TO FSC P&amp;C V5  Motion 65, General Assembly 2014  Motion 83, General Assembly 2014  BM 72.31 Board Decision on IFL cut-off date</p>
<b>Effective date</b>	01 January 2017
<b>Expiry date</b>	This Advice Note will expire in each country once the National Forest Stewardship Standard or Interim National Standard becomes effective.
<b>Scope</b>	<p>This Advice Note applies to all certificate holders and certification bodies operating in countries where Intact Forest Landscapes exist according to Global Forest Watch maps: Angola, Argentina, Australia, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo DRC, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Dominican Rep, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Finland, French Guiana, Gabon, Georgia, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Laos, Liberia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Papua N Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Repl. Congo, Russia, Solomon Islands, Suriname, Sweden, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda, United States, Venezuela and Vietnam.</p>
<b>Terms &amp; definitions</b>	<p><b>Intact Forest Landscape (IFL):</b> A territory within today's global extent of forest cover which contains forest and non-forest ecosystems minimally influenced by human economic activity, with an area of at least 500 km<sup>2</sup> (50,000 ha) and a minimal width of 10 km (measured as the diameter of a circle that is entirely inscribed within the boundaries of the territory) (Source: Intact Forests / Global Forest Watch. Glossary definition as provided on Intact Forest website. 2006-2014).</p> <p><u>Data source:</u> Greenpeace, University of Maryland, World Resources Institute and Transparent World. "Intact Forest Landscapes. 2000/2013" Accessed through Global Forest Watch. <a href="http://www.globalforestwatch.org">www.globalforestwatch.org</a> or a more recent IFL inventory using the same methodology, such as Global Forest Watch Canada.</p> <p><b>Indigenous Cultural Landscape (ICL):</b> Indigenous Cultural Landscapes are living landscapes to which Indigenous Peoples attribute social, cultural, environmental and economic value because of their enduring relationship with the land, water, fauna, flora, and spirits and their present and future importance to cultural identity. An ICL is characterized by features that have been maintained through long term interactions based on land-care knowledge and adaptive livelihood practices. They are landscapes over which Indigenous Peoples exercise responsibility for stewardship (Drafted by PIPC for Canada, 2016).</p> <p>NOTE: FPIC can be manifested in different ways in national standards. ICL is a voluntary term. SDGs may choose not to use it.</p>

<b>Background</b>	The FSC Board of Directors (BM 72.31, July 2016) has concluded that the Motion 65 default clause cannot be implemented as written in the motion, due to the significant undesired side effects in some of the most important countries for FSC. Therefore, the Board has mandated the Secretariat to revise the default clause as laid out in the 'proposal for the Motion 65 Default Clause' together with the involved Network Partners and the participants in the IFL Solutions Forum held in Bonn on July 6-8 2016.
<b>Intent</b>	The purpose of this Advice Note is to advise certificate holders and certification bodies to minimize further destruction of IFLs before the full set of NFSS or INS indicators for Motion 65 become effective.
<b>Advice</b>	<p><b>Advice to Certificate Holders and Certification Bodies in IFL countries</b></p> <p>1. Forest Management operations, including harvesting and road building may proceed in IFLs, if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1. Do not impact more than 20% of Intact Forest Landscapes within the Management Unit (MU), and</li> <li>1.2. Do not reduce any IFLs below the 50,000 ha threshold in the landscape.</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: PSU is developing further instructions on road building in IFLs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.3. Global Forest Watch IFL maps <a href="http://www.globalforestwatch.org">www.globalforestwatch.org</a>, or a more recent IFL inventory using the same methodology, such as Global Forest Watch Canada, shall be used in all regions as a baseline.</li> <li>1.4. Non-conformity with the above clauses 1.1. – 1.3. shall result in Corrective Action Requests.</li> </ul>