

Responsible Wood® Forest Management System Summary Report

PF Olsen (Australia) dba ForestSmart® Group Certification Scheme Certificate # SCS-RW-003

Surveillance audit

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SECTION A – PUBLIC SUMMARY REPORT

1. General Information

1.1 Name and Contact Information

Organization name	PF Olsen (Australia) Pty Ltd (PFOA)		
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1.2 RW/ PEFC Sales Information

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RW / PEFC Sales contact information same as above.			
AFS/ PEFC salesperson			
Address		Telephone	
		Fax	
		e-mail	
		Website	

1.3 Scope of Certificate

Any changes in the scope of the certification since the previous audit are highlighted in yellow in the tables below.

Certificate Code	SCS-RW-003	
Certification Statement	<p>The scope of the certificate includes all activities associated with the Organization's sustainable forest management system with the Defined Forest Area(s) (DFA), including the harvest, transport, and sale or trade of forest products. The Organization has sufficient control over any contracting or outsourcing of forest management planning and activities to ensure conformance to applicable certification requirements.</p> <p>This includes management of a group of softwood and hardwood plantations in Australia as members of the ForestSmart® Group Scheme. The scope of certification includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The marketing of forest products for domestic processing and export from these forests, and • The conservation management of adjacent areas of native vegetation which are excluded from wood production 	
Certificate Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Single Site <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Sites <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group	
# Sites and/or Group Members (if applicable)	One Group Member – Bunbury Treefarm Project (BTP)	
Total DFA hectares in certificate	6078ha	
Description of DFA(s) as Advised to AFS Limited	Area (ha):	6078ha (Bunbury Treefarm Project) including 3945ha plantation, 1205ha protected area and 927ha infrastructure.
	Area (ha):	
		<i>Add rows as needed</i>

	Refer to publicly available maps and information about the DFA(s) provided by the Organization on its website or upon request via the contact person cited at the beginning of this report.			
Applicable Standards/ Guidance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AS4708-2013 (Australian Standard® for Sustainable Forest Management).			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AS/NZ 4708-2021 (Australian/New Zealand Standard® for Sustainable Forest Management), Including the group standard. Gap analysis only.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> NZS AS 4708-2014 (New Zealand Adoption of AS 4708:2013)			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AS4708 GN02-2013 (Guidance for the certification of group forest management)			
Type of Audit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If combined, joint, or integrated with another forest certification scheme, list scheme and describe use here: FSC Controlled Wood combined			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation/ re-evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st annual surveillance audit	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd annual surveillance audit	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd annual surveillance audit
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special audit (<i>explain</i>): 4 th annual surveillance audit. Remote due to COVID travel restrictions			
Forest Management Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plantation		<input type="checkbox"/> Natural/ semi-natural	
Forest Product Type(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roundwood		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chips	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-timber Forest Products		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>describe</i>):	
Species (Common and Scientific Name(s))	<i>Pinus radiata</i> – Radiata pine <i>Eucalyptus globulus</i> – Tasmanian blue gum			
Statement on the conformity and effectiveness of the management system together with a summary of the evidence	<p>PFOA maintains an effective and efficient forest management system to ensure conformance to Responsible Wood Group certification requirements, and specifically to manage the RW Group scheme.</p> <p>PFOA already manages a wide range of privately-owned lands, established as softwood and hardwood plantations located across Australia under other certifications and has been FSC and Responsible Wood certified for plantation management for several years.</p> <p>PFOA uses an internal audit policy standard, procedures, checklists and a management review report process which includes the ability to issue nonconformances and observations. The group management system is yet to be revised to fully address the requirements of AS4708:2021.</p>			
RW Logos/labels	<input type="checkbox"/> Logo checked and conformant (no non-conformities issued) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Logo checked, and Nonconformities issued			
Certification Recommendation by Audit Team to SCS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continued certification is recommended, subject to the Organization meeting deadlines to response any findings issued.		<input type="checkbox"/> Continued certification is not recommended (<i>explain</i>):	

2. Audit Dates and Activities

2.1 Audit Itinerary and Activities Summary

Date of Audit	4-5, 24 August 2022
Auditor(s)	Tuesday Phelan, Paramjit Gill
Objective and Scope of the Audit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if audit objectives were met <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Determination of the conformity of the organization's forest management system with audit criteria. ▪ Evaluation of the ability of the forest management system to ensure the organization meets applicable statutory, regulatory and contractual requirements. ▪ Evaluation of the effectiveness of the forest management system to ensure the organization is continually meeting its specified objectives. ▪ As applicable, identification of areas for potential improvement of the forest management system (OFIs).
Criteria	<p>AS4708-2013 General Requirements (Defined Forest Area and Chain of Custody), Criterion 2 stakeholder engagement, Criterion 4 Forest Productive Capacity, Criterion 6 Soil and Water Resources, Criterion 7 Carbon and the Group Addendum.</p> <p>For AS/NZ 4780-2021 Gap analysis of Section 4 (Context), 7.4 Support (stakeholder consultation), 11.1 (maintain forests and carbon), 11.4 (Soil and water resources) and 11.5 (forest productive capacity) and Appendix B group standard.</p>
Detailed Site Notes	Detailed itinerary and site notes are in Appendix 2, <i>Detailed Audit Itinerary and Site Notes</i> .

Any deviations from the audit plan and their reasons, if applicable:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If this is a remote audit due to Covid-19, check here and describe ICT below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Teams meetings will be used for Opening and Closing meetings as preferred by client who will reserve these meetings and send access links to the Auditors. Teams will also be used for interviews with regional staff in Western Australia. The JAZ-ANZ witness auditor will observe the entire audit on Teams. ▪ Documents to be shared for the audit to be done using OneDrive Sharepoint online. ▪ Remote field observations will be made via video evidence collected in a accordance with the field itinerary to be sent and using Timestamp Camera Basic app. ▪ Contractor interviews will be undertaken using Facetime.
Summary of most important observations, positive as well as negative, regarding implementation and effectiveness of the Forest Management System:	<p>Operations within the DFA are minimal for the audit period owing to the mature age class structure of the Bunbury Treefarm Project (BTP) plantations, which are approaching clearfell age for short rotation fibre plantations. The condition of plantations inspected and management of harvesting operations was noted to be very good and staff and contractors were clearly very competent.</p> <p>The audit highlighted several minor non-conformities around trademark applications, public disclosures, performance standards for soil and water management, response to illegal activities and the group scheme. The gap analysis to AS4708-2021 identified a number of opportunities for improvement regarding chain of custody docket, information provision to lessors and the group scheme.</p>

<p>Significant changes, if any, that affect the management system of the client since the last audit took place:</p>	<p>The Kangaroo Island Plantation Timber Ltd group member was removed from the certificate following the 2021 audit. This is reflected in the 2021 audit report.</p> <p>Doye and Mills plantations, which were subject to <i>profit a prendre</i> arrangements were removed from the DFA following harvesting.</p> <p>PF Olsen continues its program to align Australian and New Zealand systems. Standards under the environment and sustainability policy have been updated during the audit period.</p>
<p>Effectiveness of taken corrective actions regarding previously identified nonconformities, if applicable:</p>	<p>There were no outstanding non-conformities from the previous audit. Most previous non-conformities within the certificate period relate to the now removed Kangaroo Island Plantation Timbers (KIPT) group member and are not relevant to the current DFA. One previously closed non-conformity relating to assessment of significant values was issued for the BTP plantations, however this has already been addressed and there have been no events that would trigger re-assessment since.</p>
<p>Unresolved issues (if identified):</p>	<p>The BTP plantations were established under the BTP Agreement Act 1995, which sunsets in 2030. The group member is currently determining future management of the plantations within the DFA following harvests which will be completed prior to the sunset date. How the longer term commitment to forest management in this DFA will be maintained is yet to be resolved. See finding 2022.11</p>