



SA Certification Forest Certification Public Report



Forest Manager/ organisation
(Certificate Holder):

Billerud Skog & Industri AB

Forest Name/Group Name:

Group of forest owners

Region and Country:

Sweden

Standard:

PEFC SWE 004:4 - Requirements for Group Certification 2017-2022
PEFC SWE 002:4 Swedish PEFC Forest Standard 2017-2022, incl. parts of
PEFC SWE 001:4.
PEFC ST 2001:2020 PEFC Logo Usage Rules – Requirements

Certificate Code:

SA-PEFC-FM-013202

PEFC License Code:

PEFC/05-31-78

Date of certificate issue:

18 March 2023

Date of expiry of certificate:

17 March 2028

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Offentlig skog certifierings rapport



Skogbruksledare/ägare/ förvaltare **Billerud Skog och Industri AB**
(Certificatinnehavare):

Skogens namn: **Gruppe av skogsägare**
Region och land: **Sverige**
Standard: **PEFC SWE 004:4; Svenska PEFC:s krav för certifiering i grupp
(plus PEFC SWE 001:4, definition av grupp och paraply)
PEFC SWE 002:4; Svensk PEFC Skogsstandard 2017-2022
PEFC ST 2001:2008 PEFC Logo Usage Rules – Requirements**

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1,0 BASIC INFORMATION -			
1,1	Certification Body	Soil Association Certification	Guidance
1.1.1	Certificate registration code	SA-PEFC-FM-013202	
1.1.2	Type of certification	FSC and PEFC FM group	
1.1.2.1	PEFC ONLY - Norway and Sweden - it is also necessary that you have ISO 14001 certification - please provide a copy of your certificate.	ISO 9001 and ISO 14001, certificates attached	<i>attached?</i>
1,2 Details of forest manager/owner/contractor/wood procurement organisation (Certificate Holder)			
1.2.1	Company name and legal entity	Billerud Skog & Industri AB	
1.2.2	Company name and legal entity in local language	Group of forest owners	
1.2.3	Company registration number	556023-8338	
1.2.4	Contact person	Sara Waern	
1.2.5	Business address	Kontorsvägen 3, SE-80181 Gävle	
1.2.6	Country	Sweden	
1.2.7	Tel	026-151567 / 072-2151567	
1.2.8	Fax	-	
1.2.9	e-mail	sara.waern@billerud.com	
1.2.10	web page address	https://www.billerud.se/skog	
1.2.11	Application information completed by duly authorised representative	Sara Waern	<i>Insert electronic signature or name as equivalent here</i>
1.2.12	Any particular logistics for travel arrangements to the site or between the sites?	None	
1,3 Scope of certificate			
1.3.1	Type of certificate	Group	<i>Single / Group</i>
1.3.1.a	Type of operation	Forest owner(s), or	<i>Forest owner(s)</i>
1.3.1.b	Type of operation	Wood procurement organisation(s), or	<i>Wood procurement organisation(s), or Forest contractor(s): - Felling operations contractor - Silvicultural contractor, or - Forest management planning contractor.</i>
1.3.2a	Name(s) of the forest/organisations covered by the certificate	See Annex 7	<i>For groups see Annex 7</i>
1.3.2b	Number of group members	219	<i>Applicable for groups only</i>
1.3.3	Number of Forest Management Units (FMUs)	219	<i>FMU = Area covered by Forest Management Plan</i>
1.3.4	Country	Sweden	
1.3.5	Region	All regions in Sweden	
1.3.6	Latitude	6613800-6906400	<i>x deg, x min E or W - Coordinates should refer to the center of the FMU. For Groups/Multiple FMUs write: "refer to A7".</i>
1.3.7	Longitude	360000-696700	<i>x deg, x min, N or S - Coordinates should refer to the center of the FMU. For Groups/Multiple FMUs write "refer to A7" North/ South</i>
1.3.8	Hemisphere	North	
1.3.9	Forest Zone or Biome	Boreal	<i>Boreal/ Temperate/Subtropical/Tropical</i>
1.3.10	PEFC Notification Fee:	PEFC Sweden invoices the PEFC fee	
1,4 Forest management			
			Choose from:
1.4.1	Type of enterprise	Group	<i>Industrial/Non Industrial/Government/Private/Communal/Group/Resource Manager</i>
	Tenure management	Private / Community	<i>Public/State/Community/Private (please give total # ha for each type)</i>
		Some parts: Indigenous	<i>Indigenous/Concession/Low intensity/Small producer</i>
		N/A	<i>Church</i>
	Ownership	Private / Community	<i>Public/State/Community/Private</i>
		Some parts: Indigenous	<i>Indigenous</i>

	Outsourced processes or consultancy by third parties	Contractors for harvesting etc.	<i>Please provide details of any, eg. Management Planners, forest surveyors, contracting other than harvesting (see 1.4.12)</i>
1.4.2	Total area (hectares)	161565,6	
1.4.3	Forest Type	Semi-Natural & Mixed Plantation & Natural Forest	<i>Natural/Plantation/Semi-Natural & Mixed Plantation & Natural Forest</i>
1.4.4	Forest Composition	Coniferous dominant	<i>Broad-leaved/Coniferous/Broad-leaved dominant/Coniferous dominant</i>
	List of High Nature Values	<p>HCV 1 – Species diversity. Concentrations of biological diversity including endemic species, and rare, threatened or endangered species, that are significant at global, regional or national levels.</p> <p>HCV 2 – Landscape-level ecosystems and mosaics. Intact forest landscapes and large landscape-level ecosystems and ecosystem mosaics that are significant at global, regional or national levels.</p> <p>HCV 3 – Ecosystems and habitats. Rare, threatened, or endangered ecosystems, habitats or refugia.</p> <p>HCV 4 – Critical ecosystem services. Basic ecosystem services in critical situations.</p> <p>HCV 5 – Community needs. Sites and resources fundamental for satisfying the basic necessities of local communities or Indigenous Peoples.</p>	<i>List these (definition of HCV is not a PEFC requirement in all countries, so listing nature values is more precise)</i>
1.4.6	Plantation species category	N/A	<i>Not applicable/Indigenous/Exotic/ Mixed Indigenous and exotic</i>
1.4.7	Principal Species	See Annex 3	<i>Tree species – list or see Annex 3</i>
1.4.8	Annual allowable cut (cu.m.yr)	307 404 m3	
	Actual Annual Cut (cu.m.yr)	254 776 m3	
1.4.9	Product categories	Round wood; biofuel; Tops and twigs	<i>Round wood / Treated roundwood / Firewood / Sawn timber/ Charcoal / Non timber products – specify / Other - specify</i>
1.4.10	Point of sale	Standing / Roadside	<i>Standing / Roadside / Delivered</i>
1.4.11	Number of workers – Employees	<p>Group Manager: m: 63 f: 7</p> <p>Group Members (230-250): m: 85% f: 15%</p>	<i>Number male/female</i>
1.4.12	Contractors/Community/other workers	<p>Total: 300-320</p> <p>Group Manager: m: 6 f: 0</p> <p>Group Members: m: 149 f: 81</p>	<i>Number male/female</i>
1.4.13	Pilot Project	Total: 236 No	<i>Drop down list Y/N</i>

1.4.16	Division of FMUs	Number	Area
	Less than 1000 ha	203	53940,7
	1000 ha - 10,000 ha	14	30372,9
	More than 10,000 ha	2	77252
	Total	219	161565,6

1,0	BASIC INFORMATION	
1,1	Certifieringsföretag	Soil Association Certification
1.1.1	PEFC Certifikatkod	SA-PEFC-FM-013202
1.1.2	Typ certifiering	FSC och PEFC FM grupp
1.1.2.1	ISO certifiering	ISO 9001 och ISO 14001 certifiering, certifikaten bifogat
1,2	Detaljer om skogsbruksledare/ägare	
1.2.1	Företagets namn	Billerud Skog & Industri AB
1.2.2	Företagets namn på svensk	Gruppe av skogsägare
1.2.3	Registreringsnummer	556023-8338
1.2.4	Kontaktperson	Sara Waern
1.2.5	Organisationsadress	Kontorsvägen 3, SE-80181 Gävle
1.2.6	Land	Sverige
1.2.7	Telefon	026-151567 / 072-2151567
1.2.8	Fax	-
1.2.9	E-mail	sara.waern@billerud.com
1.2.10	Hemsida	https://www.billerud.se/skog
1.2.11	Ansökan information fyllt av auktoriserade representanter	Sara Waern
1.2.12	Särskilda logistik rörande researrangemang?	None
1,3	Certifikatets täckning	
1.3.1	Certifikattyp	Grupp
1.3.1.a	Typ operation	Skogsbrukare/-ägare
1.3.1.b	Typ operation	
1.3.2a	Namnen på skogarna under certifikatet	Se Bilaga A7.
1.3.2b	Antal PEFC gruppmedlemmar	219
1.3.3	Antal FSC skogsbruksenheter	219
1.3.4	Land	Sverige
1.3.5	Region	Hela Sverige
1.3.6	Breddgrad	6613800-6906400
1.3.7	Längdgrad	360000-696700
1.3.8	Hemisfär	Nord
1.3.9	Skogszon	Boreal
1.3.10	PEFC notifikationsavgift	PEFC Sverige uppkräver PEFC avgiften
1,4	Skogsbruk	
1.4.1	Företagstyp	Grupp
	Nyttjanderätt	Privat / Kommune
		Delvist: Ursprungsbefolkning
	Ägarskab	Inte relevant
		Privat / Kommune
		Delvist: Ursprungsbefolkning

	Utliciterat proces e.l.	Entreprenörer
1.4.2	Total areal (hektar)	161565,6
1.4.3	Skogstyp	Semi-naturlig
1.4.4	Skogssammansättning	Barr dominerat
	Skogar med höga bevarandevärden eller höga naturvärden	<p>HCV 1 - Artdiversitet. Globalt, regionalt eller nationellt betydelsefulla koncentrationer av biologisk mångfald, inklusive endemiska, sällsynta eller hotade arter.</p> <p>HCV 2 – Ekosystem på landskapsnivå. Intakta skogslandskap och stora skogsekosystem på landskapsnivå och mosaiker av ekosystem som är betydelsefulla på global, regional eller nationell nivå.</p> <p>HCV 3 – Ekosystem och livsmiljöer. Sällsynta eller hotade ekosystem, livsmiljöer eller refugieområden.</p> <p>HCV 4 – Viktiga ekosystemtjänster. Områden som kan upprätthålla grundläggande naturgivna funktioner vid utsatta situationer.</p> <p>HCV 5 – Lokalsamhällens behov. Platser och tillgångar som är av avgörande betydelse för att tillgodose lokalsamhällens eller urfolks grundläggande behov.</p>
1.4.6	Kategori av plantage trädslag	Inte relevant
1.4.7	Huvud trädslag	Se Annex 3
1.4.8	Årliga tillåtat avverkning (kubikmeter/år)	307 404 m3. Årliga tillåtat avverkning är olika för väjrr gruppmedlem.
	Aktuel årliga avverkning (kubikmeter/år)	254 776 ha. Aktuel årliga avverkning är olika för väjrr gruppmedlem.
1.4.9	Produktkategori	Rundvirke, massevirke, gröt
1.4.10	Försäljningsplats	Stående / Vid väg
1.4.11	Antal anställda	<p>Group Manager: m: 63 f: 7</p> <p>Group Members (230-250): m: 85% f: 15%</p>
1.4.12	Entreprenör/andre arbetare	<p>300-320</p> <p>Group Manager: m: 6 f: 0</p> <p>Group Members: m: 149 f: 81</p>
1.4.13	Pilotprojekt	236 Nej

1.4.16	Uppdelning av fastigheter	Antal	Areal
	Mindre änd 1000 ha	203	53940,7
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2,0 PEFC CORRECTIVE ACTION REGISTER

Billerud Skog & Industri AB

SA-PEFC-FM-013202

No.	Grade	Non-compliance (or potential non-compliance for an Observation)	Std ref	Corrective Action Request English	Korrigerande handling Svensk	Root Cause analysis proposed by client at closing meeting	Corrective Action proposed by client at closing meeting	Deadline	Date & Evaluation of Root Cause & Corrective action evidence	Status	Date Closed
CARs from RA											
No non-compliances identified											

3 3,1	THE CERTIFICATION ASSESSMENT PROCESS
	<p>Assessment dates</p> <p>Pre-assessment dates N/A, this is a RA</p> <p>Re Assessment dates 24.08-31.09.2022</p> <p>Itinerary 24.08.2022 Opening meeting 24.08.2022 Audit: Review of documentation & Group systems, staff interviews 25.08.2022 Site visit Group member 1 25.08.2022 Site visit Group member 2 26.08.2022 Site visit Group member 3 26.08.2022 Site visit Group member 4 29.08.2022 Site visit Group member 5 29.08.2022 Site visit Group member 6 29.08.2022 Site visit Group member 7 29.08.2022 Site visit Group member 8 30.08.2022 Site visit Group member 9 30.08.2022 Site visit Group member 10 30.08.2022 Site visit Group member 11 30.08.2022 Site visit Group member 12 31.08.2022 Audit: Review of documentation for group continued 31.08.2022 Auditors meeting 30.09.2022 Stakeholder meetings 31.09.2022 Closing meeting</p> <p>Estimate of person days to implement assessment 12 person days including time spent on preparatory work, actual audit days, consultation and report writing (excluding travel to the region).</p>
	Assessment team
3,2	<p>The assessment team consisted of:</p> <p>1) Lennart Holm, auditor, Forester and Director of the Forest Consultant company Lennart Holm Florestal Internacional Lda. 33 years of experience working in the forest sector, 25 years of international work experience, 16 years of international auditing experience. Lennart has developed, maintained and audited many different Forest Managements in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Canada, USA, Portugal and Spain. Lennart now has his own consulting company, working with certification, auditing and forest management.</p> <p>2) Karina Seeberg Kitnaes (TL, auditor), WSP Danmark A/S. Ms. Kitnaes is Lead Auditor, certification manager and educated biologist specialised in forest ecology. She has 26 years of international work experience with focus on integrated natural resources management and implementation of EU Natura 2000 in North, Central and Eastern Europe, as well as FSC forest management and CoC certification. In 1994-1996, Ms. Kitnaes was the Danish FSC contact person and secretary for the Danish FSC working group elaborating the Danish FSC standard. Since 2001, Ms. Kitnaes has as lead auditor for Soil Association carried out FSC FM and COC certification in Denmark, England, Scotland, Finland, Malaysia, Norway, Sweden, Slovakia, Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus and Russia.</p> <p>Team members' c.v.'s are held on file at the Woodmark office.</p>
3.2.1	<p>Report author Karina Kitnaes</p>

3,3	<p>Report Peer review</p> <p>N/A</p>
3,4	<p>Certification decision</p> <p>See annex 11</p>
3,5	<p>Rationale for approach to assessment</p> <p>The assessment involved review of relevant group and management planning documentation and records, site visits, discussion with forest managers and workers and completion of the group and forest management checklists. The number of sites selected was based on the sampling calculation given in Annex 8. Sites were selected to include areas of recent or on-going operations, areas of public access, areas of conservation value and to include group members not previously visited by Soil Association.</p>
3,6	<p>Justification for selection of items and places inspected</p> <p>FSC and PEFC Group member 1: Interviews, checklist and document review and field visits to: Harvest no. 737950: Young seedling stand with older broadleaved tree set aside as high stumps; Harvest no. 149230: Final harvest, partly thinning, partly harvested; Harvest no. 153689: Final harvest sold as standing wood, with high stumps and nature values trees retained; Compartments 80 and 42 classified as NS and set aside without commercial harest; Compartments with newly well established forest roads.</p> <p>FSC and PEFC Group member 2: Interviews, checklist and document review and field visits to: Harvest no. 729085: soil preparation and replanting; Harvest no. 729086: conducted final harvest, followed by replanting. High stumps created, retention trees. Compartments with swamp forest, mixed broadleaved forests and protected zones, forest roads with timber stack marked.</p> <p>FSC and PEFC Group member 3: Interviews, checklist and document review and field visits to: Harvesting no. 150536 with final harvest, retained nature values trees and high stumps and protected zones; Harvest no. 150536 and 151493 final harvest with retained nature value trees, edge zones, high stumps, Harvest no. 738169 Final harvest followed by replanting, Harvest no. 735678 Tending of young seedling stand.</p> <p>FSC and PEFC Group member 4: Interviews, checklist and document review and field visits to: Object no. 731749 replanting, Object no. 151663 Final harvest with retained nature value trees, buffer zones, protected zones, high stumps, Object no. 151662 Final harvest with retained nature value trees, buffer zones, protected zones, high stumps, 152859 Final harvest with retained nature value trees, buffer zones, protected zones, high stumps,</p> <p>FSC and PEFC Group member 5: Interviews, checklist and document review and field visits to: Several compartments with thinnings and final harvests, where consultation and engagement with sami villages conducted. Interview and recommendations incorporated into the final harvesting records, in accordance with the princip 3. Large area protected as nature reserve, high values protected.</p>

FSC and PEFC Group member 6: Interviews, checklist and document review and field visits to: Objects no. 138209: Final harvest followed by replanting and preparatory work conducted.

FSC and PEFC Group member 7: Interviews, checklist and document review and field visits to: Object no. 301165 Final harvest with retained nature value trees, edge zones, high stumps, compartments with thinnings, road system, water resources protected and with buffer zones.

FSC and PEFC Group member 8: Interviews, checklist and document review and field visits to: 733923 Final harvest with retained nature value trees, edge zones, high stumps, compartments with thinnings. 736920 tending of young seedling stands, 733928 replanting after final harvest, 733923 soil preparations.

PEFC Group member 9: Interviews, checklist and document review and field visits to: Object no. H21001: Cleaning along water channel due to problems with beaver, Final harvest with retained nature value trees, high stumps and buffer zones. Object no. H21010: Thinnings and partly final harvest with retained protected zones, compartments set aside as protected towards larger mire area.

FSC and PEFC Group member 10: Interviews, checklist and document review and field visits to: Object no with final harvest with retained nature value trees, high stumps, buffer zone towards open landscape, Objects with cultural heritage, and established cultural high stumps, Objects with compartments of protected old growth forest, Objects with compartments after storm damage, Objects with old broad oaks, in forest fringe set aside from commercial harvest.

FSC and PEFC Group member 11: Interviews, checklist and document review and field visits to: Object no. 146940 Final harvest with retained nature value trees, created high stumps, protected zones, 152862 planned thinnings in several compartments.

FSC and PEFC Group member 12: Interviews, checklist and document review and field visits to: Object no. 141463 Final harvest with retained nature value trees, created high stumps, protected zones, Object no. 729897 replanting, Object no. 729251 soil preparation.

3.7	Standards used (incl version and date approved)
3.7.1	<p>Audit Objectives for Soil Association Certification are to assess the Organisation against the relevant PEFC Scheme and associated PEFC normative documents, and relevant ISO Standards and shall include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) determination of the conformity of the client's management system, or parts of it, with audit criteria; b) determination of the ability of the management system to ensure the client meets applicable statutory, regulatory and contractual requirements; c) determination of the effectiveness of the management system to ensure the client can reasonably expect to achieving its specified objectives; d) as applicable, identification of areas for potential improvement of the management system.
3.7.2	<p>The Audit Criteria are contained in the relevant PEFC Scheme and normative documents, and are effectively reproduced through the checklists and other elements of this Report Template and Soil Association Certification's Management system.</p> <p>The forest management was evaluated against the PEFC-endorsed national Forest Management Standard for Sweden PEFC SWE 002:3. A copy of the standard is available at www.pefc.org.</p>
AND	<p>The group system was evaluated against the PEFC-endorsed national Group Certification Standard for Sweden, PEFC SWE 004:3. A copy of the standard is available at www.pefc.org.</p>
AND	<p>The ISO-14001 Standard was evaluated as for the requirements incorporated into the Swedish PEFC SWE 002:3 standard.</p>
AND	<p>PEFC International ST 2001:2020 PEFC trademark requirements were checked</p>
3.7.1	<p>Adaptations/Modifications to standard</p> <p>None</p>
3.8	Stakeholder consultation process
3.8.1	<p>Summary of stakeholder process</p> <p>167 consultees were contacted 2 responses were received Consultation was carried out on 04.07.2022 12 visits/2 interviews were held in person during audit. See A2 for summary of issues raised by stakeholders and SA response</p>
3.8.2	<p>Information gathered from external government agencies such as agencies responsible for forest, nature protection and working environment, and national webbased data portals)</p> <p>Data from two organisations gathered Data gathered include: Harvesting permissions from authorities Data gathered is handled in the A1 PEFC FM std. And A6 PEFC Group Std. Checklist for Sweden</p>

3,9	<p>Observations</p> <p>Each non-compliance with the forestry standard and group standard is described in detail in Section 2 together with a description of the proposed corrective action (Pre-Condition, Condition, Observation) This section also provides details of any actions taken to close out Conditions. The Conditions identified are to be completed within the identified timescales and will be subject to assessment and reporting at subsequent surveillance visits – see sections 6-9 of report for details of surveillance visits and Section 2 of report for close out details.</p>
3,10	<p>ISSUES</p> <p>Where an issue was difficult to assess or contradictory evidence was identified this is discussed in the section below and the conclusions drawn given.</p>
Ref	<p>Issue</p>
3,11	<p>Sweden has national legal restrictions which do not allow publishing this list: Swedish legislation: Personuppgiftslag SFS 1998:204. It is not allowed to publish names, addresses etc. According to Swedish legislation</p> <p>RESULTS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS</p> <p>On the basis of the observations recorded on the attached standard and checklist annex 1 and subject to the corrective actions in section 2 of this report, it is considered that the certificate holder's system of management, if implemented as described is capable of ensuring that all requirements of the applicable standard(s) are met over the whole forest area covered by the scope of the evaluation. And, the certificate holder has demonstrated that subject to the specified corrective actions detailed in Section 2 of this report, that the specified system of management is being implemented consistently over the whole forest area covered by the scope of the certificate.</p> <p>Note that this audit is based on a sampling process of the available information.</p> <p>A certificate has been issued for the period given on the cover page and will be maintained subject to successful performance at surveillance assessments.</p>

3 3,1	<p>CERTIFIERINGSPROCESSEN</p> <p>Datum för revisionen</p> <p>Dato för for-evaluering Inte relevant. Detta är en re-certifiering.</p> <p>Dato for Re-certifieringen 24.08-31.09.2022</p> <p>Program 24.08.2022 Öppningsmöte 24.08.2022 Audit: Granskning av gruppdokumentation, intervju av anställda 25.08.2022 Fältbesök gruppmedlem 1 25.08.2022 Fältbesök gruppmedlem 2 26.08.2022 Fältbesök gruppmedlem 3 26.08.2022 Fältbesök gruppmedlem 4 29.08.2022 Fältbesök gruppmedlem 5 29.08.2022 Fältbesök gruppmedlem 6 29.08.2022 Fältbesök gruppmedlem 7 29.08.2022 Fältbesök gruppmedlem 8 30.08.2022 Fältbesök gruppmedlem 9 30.08.2022 Fältbesök gruppmedlem 10 30.08.2022 Fältbesök gruppmedlem 11 30.08.2022 Fältbesök gruppmedlem 12 31.08.2022 Revision: Granskning av gruppdokumentation, fortsatt 28.04.2022 Revisorernas möte 20.04.2022 Möte med intressenter 28.04.2022 Avslutande möte</p> <p>Uppskattning av använda persondagar för att genomföra inspektionen 12 dagar inkl förberedelse, intressent konsultation, fältbesök, rapportering och kommunikation med klienten.</p>	
	3,2	<p>Revisionsteamet</p> <p>Revisionsteamet:</p> <p>2) Lennart Holm, revisor, Jägmästare och Direktör i konsult firman Lennart Holm Florestal Internacional Lda. 33 års erfarenhet från skogssektorn; 25 års internationell erfarenhet, och 16 års internationell revisions erfarenhet. Lennart har framställt, upprätthållt och reviderat många olika skogsförvaltningar i Sverige, Norge, Danmark, Kanada, USA, Portugal och Spanien. Lennart äger nu en konsultfirma som jobbar med certifiering, revidering och skogsskötsel.</p> <p>2) Karina Seeberg Kitnaes, revisor, WSP Danmark A/S. Ms. Kitnaes är revisor, certifieringsledare och biolog specialiserat i skogsekologi. Hon har 26 års international arbetserfarenheter med fokus på integrated natural resources management, EU Natura 2000, samt FSC skogsbruks- och CoC certification. I 1994-1996 var Karina Kitnaes den danska FSC kontaktperson. Sedan 2001 har Karina Kitnaes varat lead revisor för SA Cert och genomfört FSC FM och COC certifiering i Danmark, England, Skotland, Finland, Malaysia, Norge, Sverige, Slovakien, Lettland, Litauen, Vitryssland och Ryssland.</p> <p><i>Team medlemmernas CV finns på fil.</i></p>
	3.2.1	<p>Rapport författare Karina Kitnaes</p>

3,3	<p>Rapport Peer review</p> <p>N/A</p>
3,4	<p>Certifieringsbeslutt</p> <p>Se bilaga 11.</p>
3,5	<p>Bakgrund för infallsvinkeln till inspektionen</p> <p>Inventeringen involverade en översyn av relevant planerings och förvaltnings dokumentation, fältbesök, intervjuer och diskussioner med skogsbrukare och personal, och slutförande av checklistan. Antalet områden som valts ut baserades på beräkning av provtagning i bilaga 8. Fältbesök valdes till områden senast utförda eller pågående aktiviteter, områden där allmänheten har tillträde, områden med bevarandevärden och att inkludera gruppmedlemmar som inte tidigare besökts av Soil Association Certification.</p>
3,6	<p>Rättfärdigande av val av ämnen och bestånden besökt</p> <p>FSC and PEFC Gruppmedlem 1: Intervjuer, checklista och dokument genomgång, samt fältbesök till: Traktdirektiv 737950 Røjning, björk satt av som högstubbe, 149230 (FA/GA), 153689 (lev.virke)</p> <p>FSC and PEFC Gruppmedlem 2: Intervjuer, checklista och dokument genomgång, samt fältbesök till: Markberedningstrakt 729085 och plantering 729086.</p> <p>FSC and PEFC Gruppmedlem 3: Intervjuer, checklista och dokument genomgång, samt fältbesök till: Traktdirektiv 150536 Observerat att entreprenör hade förröjt en trädgrupp, som har sparats. 150536 och 151493 slutavverkning , 738169 hjälpplantering, 735678 Røjning</p> <p>FSC and PEFC Gruppmedlem 4: Intervjuer, checklista och dokument genomgång, samt fältbesök till: 731749 plantering, 151663 Årby Slutavv, 151662 Årby Slutavv,152859 Årby Leveransvirke</p> <p>FSC and PEFC Gruppmedlem 5: Intervjuer, checklista och dokument genomgång, samt fältbesök till: Samplanering (samråd görs och det finns protokoll och noteringar mv.). Rekommendation om samplanering av skötselåtgärder, 28.01.2022.</p>

FSC and PEFC Gruppmedlem 6: Intervjuer, checklista och dokument genomgång, samt fältbesök till: 138209 (FA + förröjning),

FSC and PEFC Gruppmedlem 7: Intervjuer, checklista och dokument genomgång, samt fältbesök till: Traktdirektiv 301165 FA, högstubbar.

FSC and PEFC Gruppmedlem 8: Intervjuer, checklista och dokument genomgång, samt fältbesök till: Traktdirektiv 733923 FA+uppföljning. 736920 (röj), 733928 (plantering), 733923 (markberedning)

PEFC: Gruppmedlem 9: Intervjuer, checklista och dokument genomgång, samt fältbesök till:
Traktdirektiv H21001: Bäveråtgärd: hugget bort all löv längs kanal, ingen hänsyn tagits.
Traktdirektiv H21010: Gallring och FA, skötsel.

FSC and PEFC Gruppmedlem 10: Intervjuer, checklista och dokument genomgång, samt fältbesök till: Traktdirektiv, NO område, NS område, Vattentäkt, Natura 2000, 'nykelbiotoper, kulturminner.

FSC and PEFC Gruppmedlem 11: Intervjuer, checklista och dokument genomgång, samt fältbesök till: 146940 GA, 152862 planerad FA + internrevisionsrapport

FSC and PEFC Gruppmedlem 12: Intervjuer, checklista och dokument genomgång, samt fältbesök till: 141463 (FA), 729897 (plantering), 729251 (markberedning)

3.7	Standard
3.7.1	<p>Audit Objectives for Soil Association Certification are to assess the Organisation against the relevant PEFC Scheme and associated PEFC normative documents, and relevant ISO Standards and shall include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) determination of the conformity of the client's management system, or parts of it, with audit criteria; b) determination of the ability of the management system to ensure the client meets applicable statutory, regulatory and contractual requirements; c) determination of the effectiveness of the management system to ensure the client can reasonably expect to achieving its specified objectives; d) as applicable, identification of areas for potential improvement of the management system.
3.7.2	<p>The Audit Criteria are contained in the relevant PEFC Scheme and normative documents, and are effectively reproduced through the checklists and other elements of this Report Template and Soil Association Certification's Management system.</p> <p>Skogsförvaltningen utvärderades mot den svenska PEFC skogsstandarden PEFC SWE 002:3. Standarden finns tillgänglig på www.sacert.org/forestry</p>
och	<p>Gruppsystemet utvärderades mot PEFC Grupp certifieringsstandard för Sverige, PEFC SWE 004:3. Standarden finns tillgänglig på www.sacert.org/forestry</p>
och	<p>ISO-14001 standarden som införlivats i den svenska PEFC SWE 002:3 standarden.</p>
och	<p>PEFC International ST 2001:2020 PEFC trademark requirements checkats</p>
3.7.1	<p>Anpassning av standarden Ingen.</p>
3.8	Stakeholder consultation process
3.8.1	<p>Summary of stakeholder process 167 intressenter blev kontaktat. 2 svar blev mottagit. Konsultation blev genomfört 04.07.2022 12 besök i fält hölls / 2 intervju hölls under revisionen Se A2 för sammanfattning</p>
3.8.2	<p>Information gathered from external government agencies such as agencies responsible for forest, nature protection and working environment, and national webbased data portals) Data från två organisations gathered Data gathered include: Anmälan för åtgärder från myndigheterna Data handterat i A1 PEFC FM skogstandard och A6 PEFC Grupp Std. Checklista</p>

3,9	<p>Observations</p> <p>Each non-compliance with the forestry standard and group standard is described in detail in Section 2 together with a description of the proposed corrective action (Pre-Condition, Condition, Observation) This section also provides details of any actions taken to close out Conditions. The Conditions identified are to be completed within the identified timescales and will be subject to assessment and reporting at subsequent surveillance visits – see sections 6-9 of report for details of surveillance visits and Section 2 of report for close out details.</p>
3,10	<p>ISSUES</p> <p>Where an issue was difficult to assess or contradictory evidence was identified this is discussed in the section below and the conclusions drawn given.</p> <p>Ref Issue Personuppgiftslag SFS 1998:204 tillåter inte offentliggörelse av namns, adress osv.</p>
3,11	<p>RESULTS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS</p> <p>On the basis of the observations recorded on the attached standard and checklist annex 1 and subject to the corrective actions in section 2 of this report, it is considered that the certificate holder's system of management, if implemented as described is capable of ensuring that all requirements of the applicable standard(s) are met over the whole forest area covered by the scope of the evaluation. And, the certificate holder has demonstrated that subject to the specified corrective actions detailed in Section 2 of this report, that the specified system of management is being implemented consistently over the whole forest area covered by the scope of the certificate.</p> <p>Note that this audit is based on a sampling process of the available information.</p> <p>A certificate has been issued for the period given on the cover page and will be maintained subject to successful performance at surveillance assessments.</p>

5	THE FOREST
5,3	SUMMARY OF FOREST MANAGEMENT
5.3.1	<p>Description of Management System</p> <p>The Group Manager has a complete set of group scheme required guidelines, descriptions, templates and formats, which are kept in a folder for the group scheme. The system is set up as centralised procedures. Each Group Member has a detailed GIS based forest management plan. Besides the forest management plan, the group members hold information from national databases on e.g. cultural heritage, protected areas, species etc.</p> <p>At the Group Manager, there are technical and human capacities to hold the functions and responsibilities as Group Manager. The Group Members are private forest owners. Most of the group members contract planners/managers and contractors to perform the forest operations.</p>
5.3.2	<p>Management objectives</p> <p>For each group member, the management objectives are formulated in the general information of the GIS based forest management plans or in written forest policies. The management objectives are for most group members focused on meeting national and international standards and on the three cornerstones of sustainability:</p>
5,4	SUMMARY OF ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT <i>(this is a specific requirement for Sweden for single-sites and groups of forest contractors or wood procurement organisations, but also relevant for all under ISO 17021).</i>
5.4.1	<p>Demonstration to commitment to maintain effectiveness and improvement of the management system in order to enhance overall performance; management system still effective and relevant (accounting for changes and clients objectives)</p> <p>The group manager is Billerud (Group Manager), which offers membership for forest owners in the PEFC (and FSC) groups maintained by the unit. The group manager has a responsible staff member for the group, as well as a core team of foresters and other professionals to manage the group.</p> <p>The group manager has a core group, which performs management reviews, approvals of new group members and annual reports as well as performs internal audits at the group manager. The group manager performs assessments of potential group members and when the group members have been accepted performs internal audits of the group members by sampling, as well as formulates and maintains the management system with policies and procedures for the PEFC (and FSC) group.</p>
5.4.2	<p>Description of Management System</p> <p>The management system of Billerud (Group Manager) consists of a documented digital system with centralised policies and procedures. The group manager has a ISO 14001 based steering system, which include all required procedures and policies in accordance with the applicable ISO 14001 and PEFC standards.</p> <p>Each year, the group manager organises group member meetings, where the group members receive relevant training and information on identified non-compliances and observations. Together, the group manager and the group members develop solutions to identified non-conformities if any.</p> <p>Based on the internal audits of the group members by sampling performed by the group manager, the follow up with the group members on daily basis and on the annual review of the group members performance, an annual report is prepared by the group manager with results and description of the evaluations on improving performance and maintaining effectiveness of the group scheme.</p>

5.5 SUMMARY OF ISO 14001 BASED SYSTEM (this is a specific requirement for Sweden for groups).

5.5.1 Description of System

See above under 5.4.1 and 5.4.2.

The management system of Billerud (Group Manager) consists of a documented digital system with centralised policies and procedures. The group manager has a ISO 14001 based steering system, which include all required procedures and policies in accordance with the applicable ISO 14001 and PEFC standards.

The Group Manager has the full system operating and kept in organised folder system. Billerud (Group Manager) holds valid ISO 14001 certificate and operates an Environmental Management System, which complies with the requirements of ISO 14001:2015 for the following scope: Management of FSC® & PEFC™ Forestry Group Scheme Certification.

The management system is well structured and combined with other certification systems. The company has multiple certification systems in place and well understands what is needed. The Billerud administration is very clear and well structured. Control of documents, processes and activities are performed in an organized manner

5	SKOGEN
5.3	SAMMANFATTNING
5.3.1	<p>Beskrivning av systemet</p> <p>Gruppledaren har en komplett uppsättning av det krävade gruppsystemet med riktlinjer, beskrivningar, mallar och formaten, som hålls i en mapp för gruppen. Systemet sätts upp som centraliserade förfaranden/rutiner/proceduren. Varje gruppmedlem har en detaljerad GIS skogsbruksplan. Förutom skogsbruksplan, har gruppmedlemmarna information från nationella databaser på t.ex. kulturarv, skyddade områden, arter etc.</p> <p>Vid gruppledaren, finns tillräcklig tekniska och mänskliga resurser för att upprethålla ansvaret som gruppledare. Gruppmedlemmarna är privata skogsägare. Gruppmedlemmarna anställer förvaltare och entreprenörer till att utföra de skogliga verksamheten.</p> <p>5.3.2 Syfte</p> <p>För varje gruppmedlem är förvaltningsmålen formuleras i den allmänna informationen i den GIS förvaltningsplanen eller i en skriftlig skogspolitik. Förvaltningsmålen för de flesta gruppmedlemmar fokuserat på att möta nationella och internationella standarder och på de tre hörnstenarna i hållbarhet: Ekonomi, sociala och miljömässiga förhållanden.</p>
5.4	<p>SUMMARY OF ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT (<i>this is a specific requirement for Sweden for single-sites and groups of forest contractors or wood procurement organisations, but also relevant for all under ISO 17021</i>).</p>
5.4.1	<p>Demonstration av åtagande att upprätthålla effektivitet och förbättring av förvaltningssystemet för att förbättra övergripande prestanda; Ledningssystem fortfarande effektivt och relevant (redovisning av förändringar och klientmål)</p> <p>Gruppförvaltare är Billerud (Group Manager), som erbjuder medlemskap för skogsägare i PEFC (och FSC) gruppen, som underhålls av enheten.</p> <p>Gruppledaren har en grupp, som utför ledningsgenomgång, godkännanden av nya gruppmedlemmar och årsredovisningar samt utför internrevisioner hos gruppledaren. Gruppledaren utför bedömningar av potentiella nya gruppmedlemmar och när gruppmedlemmarna har accepterats utför internrevisioner av gruppmedlemmarna genom provtagning samt formulerar och underhåller förvaltningssystemet med policies och rutiner för PEFC (och FSC) gruppen.</p> <p>Beskrivning av Ledningssystemet</p> <p>Ledningssystemet för Billerud (Group Manager) består av ett dokumenterat system med centraliserade policies och förfaranden. Gruppledaren har ett ISO 14001-baserat styrsystem nedskrivet i en "Miljömanual" och en "Ledningshandbok" som innehåller alla nödvändiga förfaranden och policies i enlighet med gällande ISO 14001 och PEFC-standarder.</p> <p>Gruppledaren organiserar varje år gruppmedlemsmöten där gruppmedlemmarna får relevant utbildning och information om identifierade avvikelser och observationer. Tillsammans utvecklar Gruppledaren och gruppmedlemmarna lösningar för de identifierade avvikelserna om sådana finns.</p> <p>Baserat på gruppgruppens internrevisioner av gruppmedlemmarna genom provtagning, daglig uppföljning av gruppmedlemmarna och årlig översyn av Gruppledaren utarbetar en årsrapport med resultat och beskrivning av utvärderingarna för att förbättra utförande och upprätthålla grupplanens effektivitet.</p>

5.5 RESUMÈ AV ISO 14001 BASERAT SYSTEM *(specifikt krav for grupper i Sverige).*

5.5.1 Beskrivning av system

Se ovan under 5.4.1 och 5.4.2.

Ledningssystemet för Billerud (Group Manager) består av ett dokumenterat system med centraliserade policyer och förfaranden. Gruppledaren har ett ISO 14001-baserat styrsystem nedskrivet i en "Miljömanual" och en "Ledningshandbok" som innehåller alla nödvändiga förfaranden och policyer i enlighet med gällande ISO 14001 och PEFC-standarder.

Billerud (Group Manager) har ett ISO 14001 Certifikat och driver ett miljöledningssystem som uppfyller kraven i ISO 14001: 2015 för följande omfattning: Förvaltning av FSC® & PEFC™ Skogsbruksgruppcertifiering.

Indicative Audit Programme for Certification Cycle

NOTE - This Programme will be subject to change. This programme will be updated at each audit.

Some Indicators will be audited more than once, due to CARs, presence of High Conservation Factors (High Nature Values), etc

	The Swedish PEFC Forest Standard PEFC SWE 002:4 2017-2022	Svensk PEFC Skogsstandard PEFC SWE 002:4 2017-2022	RA	S1	S2	S3	S4	RA
3	Forest Management Standard	Skogsskötselstandard	•	•				•
4	Social standard	Social standard	•			•		•
5	Environmental standard	Miljöstandard	•		•		•	•
App. 1	PEFC-adapted forest management plan	PEFC-anpassad skogsbruksplan	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Relevant criteria of PEFC SWE 001:4 and PEFC SWE 4:4	Relevante kriterier i PEFC SWE 001:4 och PEFC SWE 4:4	RA	S1	S2	S3	S4	RA
7.3	Laws and ordinances of special relevance to the PEFC certification system	Lagar och förordningar av särskild betydelse för PEFC:s certifieringssystem	•	•		•		•
3.1	Management system at direct certification	Användningen av ledningssystem	•		•		•	•
3.2	Direct certification of forestry	Direktcertifiering av skogsbruk	•	•	•	•	•	•



This schedule details the products which are included in the scope of the company's certification. It shall accompany the PEFC certificate. If the product scope changes a new schedule will be issued. Certificate scope including products and certified sites may also be checked on the PEFC database www.pefc.org

Description of client / certificate holder

Name: BillerudKorsnäs Skog & Industri AB
 Address: Kontorsvägen 3, SE-80181 Gävle
 Country: Sweden
 Code: SA-PEFC-FM-013202
 Type of certificate: Group
 Date of issue: 18-mar-23 Date of expiry: 17-mar-28

Product Groups available from this certificate holder include:

PEFC Status	Product Category	Product code	Species
100% PEFC certified	Roundwood (logs)	10100	1
100% PEFC certified	Roundwood (logs)	10100	3
100% PEFC certified	Fuel wood	20100	3

Approval

Name:	Rob Shaw
Signed:	Rob Shaw
Date:	18-03-2023

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Soil Association Certification Decision

Description of client / certificate holder

Name:	BillerudKorsnäs Skog & Industri AB
Code:	SA-PEFC-FM/COC-013202
Country:	Sweden
# of sites:	219
# of ha:	161.565,60
Presence of indigenous people:	Yes

Summary of audit

Type	PEFC (and FSC) FM RA
Names of auditors:	Lennart Holm and Karina Kitnaes
Report Reviewer	Rob Shaw
SA Certification staff member recommending certification decision	Rob Shaw

Report summary

# of pre-conditions	0
# of MAJOR conditions	0
# of Minor conditions	0
# of observations	0
Describe any potentially contentious issues.	
Location of report	Filed under: Forestry/Certification records

Recommendation

I have reviewed the report of this assessment (including stakeholder consultation and peer review summary as appropriate) and I recommend that the certification decision for approval by SA Cert subject to compliance with the CARs listed above.

Date: 30-11-2022

Approval

Certification decision: Approved: Maintain /grant certification

Name:	Rob Shaw
Certification Decision made on behalf of Soil Association Certification Ltd:	Rob Shaw

Date: 23-12-2022

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