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Regulation and Certification- The Relationship between AFS and the FPA

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How AFS and the Forest Practices System Interact

AFS and the Forest Practices System are entirely complementary.

The Forest Practices System provides the local and regional operational Standards upon which form the basis of Sustainable Forest Management.

The fundamental principal of AS4708 is that all forests are different and management is tailored at a local and regional level.

Under the AFS, forest management must comply with all legal requirements including the Forest Practices System



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Alignment between the Objectives of the FPS and AFS

Objective of the FPS	AFS Criteria
an emphasis on self-regulation	A voluntary Standard implemented by Forest Managers
planning before forest operations	Criteria 1.2- Forest Management Plan
delegated and decentralised approvals for forest practices plans and other forest practices matters	Criteria 1.3.2(a)- Evidence of the Legal Right to Harvest
an emphasis on consultation and education	Criteria 2- Stakeholders
an emphasis on research, review and continuing improvement	Criteria 1.6- Research Criteria 1.1(b)- Continual Improvement



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Objective of the FPS	AFS Criteria
the conservation of threatened native vegetation communities	Criteria 3- Biodiversity
provision for the rehabilitation of land in cases where the <i>Forest Practices Code</i> is contravened	Criteria 3.4.3- Restoration of degraded forest
an independent appeal process	Criteria 2.2(g)- Complaints and dispute resolution



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