

## POLICY STATEMENT – FSC Self-Declaration

### Policy for the Association of Organizations with FSC (regarding FSC-POL-01-004)

VPK Group NV and its FSC certified subsidiaries are associated with the Forest Stewardship Council® A.C., Oaxaca, Mexico, or one of its subsidiaries or affiliates (hereinafter: FSC) by being either a member of or having a contractual relationship with FSC.

Hereby VPK Group NV explicitly states that it has read and understood the “Policy for the Association of Organizations with FSC” as published under [www.fsc.org](http://www.fsc.org). This policy stipulates FSC’s position with regards to unacceptable activities by organizations and individuals which already are or would like to be associated with FSC as well as the mechanism for disassociation.

In light of the above, the VPK Group NV and its FSC certified subsidiaries explicitly agree currently and in the future, as long as the relationship with FSC exists, not to be directly or indirectly involved in the following unacceptable activities:

- a) Illegal logging or the trade in illegal wood or forest products;
- b) Violation of traditional and human rights in forestry operations;
- c) Destruction of high conservation values in forestry operations;
- d) Significant conversion of forests to plantations or non-forest use;
- e) Introduction of genetically modified organisms in forestry operations;
- f) Violation of any of the ILO Core Conventions, as defined in the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, 1998.

Signed on: 20 September 2022

Signed by:



Name and function: Wim Messiaen, Head of Division Corrugated Packaging

