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Foreword

This document is in accordance with the provisions of GB/T 1.1-2020 "Guidelines for standardization work Part 1: Structure and drafting rules for standardization documents" Drafting.

This document replaces LY/T 1878-2014 "Guidelines for Auditing Forest Management Certification in China" and LY/T 2280-2014 "Guidelines for Auditing Forest Management Certification in China" Compared with LY/T 1878-2014 and LY/T 2280-2014, the National Forest Certification Forest Management Operation Guidelines has been revised and revised.

In addition to logical changes, the main technical changes are as follows.

--- Deleted the terms and definitions (see Chapter 3 of LY/T 1878-2014);

- Deleted the audit principles and audit methods (see Chapter 4 of LY/T 1878-2014);
- Deleted the forest management certification operation procedures (see Chapter 4 of LY/T 2280-2014);
- Added certification procedures and requirements (see Chapter 4);
- Audit activities have been deleted (see Chapter 5 of LY/T 1878-2014).
- Deleted the certification indicator operation guide (see Chapter 5 of LY/T 2280-2014);
- Increased legal obligations (see Chapter 5);
- Added forest ownership (see Chapter 6);
- Deleted the audit type (see Chapter 6 of LY/T 1878-2014);
- Increased rights and interests of local communities and workers (see Chapter 7);
- Deleted the verification method (see Chapter 7 of LY/T 1878-2014);
- Added forest management plan (see Chapter 8);
- Increased forest resource cultivation and utilization (see Chapter 9);
- Added biodiversity protection (see Chapter 10);
- Increased environmental impact (see Chapter 11);
- Increased forest protection (see Chapter 12);
- Added forest monitoring and archives management (see Chapter 13);
- Added inspections and improvements (see Chapter 14);
- Deleted the normative appendix "Outline of forest management certification audit report" and "Guidelines for peer review of forest management certification audit report" South" (see Appendix A and Appendix B of LY/T 1878-2014).

1 Scope

This document provides guidance on the application of forest management certification.

This document applies to all organizations that apply GB/T 28951-2021 to carry out forest management certification.

2 Normative references

The contents of the following documents constitute essential clauses of this document through normative references in this document.

For referenced documents without a date, only the version corresponding to that date

applies to this document; for referenced documents without a date, the latest version (including all amendments) applies to this document.

GB/T 19011 Management System Audit Guide GB/T 28951-2021 China Forest Certification Forest Management LY/T 3118 China Forest Certification Mark

3 Terms and definitions

The terms and definitions defined in GB/T 19011, GB/T 28951 and the following apply to this document.

Organization

A business with clear boundaries, area, organization and financial system and legal person status, using forest resources and their products as the main means of production A subject or a member group formed to meet the requirements of forest management certification standards and obtain a certification certificate.

Note: Generally refers to forest management units, including. state-owned forest farms, forest parks, nature reserves, collective forest cooperatives, private forestry enterprises, etc. Also refers to forest management A joint certification consortium.

4.1 Certification Application and Acceptance

4.1.1

The organization should apply for certification to the certification body as an applicant and submit application materials as required. The application materials should include.

---application;

--- A copy of the legal person qualification certificate registered with the national market supervision and administration department or relevant institutions;

---Other materials required by the certification body, such as organizational profile, forest management plan summary, management system documents, etc.

4.1.2

The certification body shall complete the review within 20 days after receiving the application, inform the applicant of the review result in writing, and sign a contract with the qualified organization.

The certification contract requires the reasons to be stated if the conditions are not met. The client of the certification contract can be an organization or other legal person. The agreed time for the initial audit is it should ensure that the organization's forest management system is ready for audit.

4.2.1 Certification Preparation

4.2.1.1

Organizations should decide whether to carry out forest management certification based on their actual needs and confirm the scope of certification (site, management area,