

## Does Acer Acquisition LLC meet FSC's Controlled Wood standard?

July 26, 2019

We are carrying out an audit of Acer Acquisition LLC located in Peshtigo, Wisconsin, USA to see if their operations comply with FSC's [Controlled Wood](#) standard (FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1). We are writing to you to ask if you know of any reason why their operations would not meet this standard.

Controlled Wood is wood that meets minimum requirements and that can therefore be mixed with FSC wood and used in products with an FSC Mix label. In particular, the wood must not be:

- harvested illegally.
- harvested in violation of traditional and civil rights.
- harvested from forests with a high conservation value that is threatened by management activities.
- harvested from forests being converted to plantations or non-forest use.
- from forests in which genetically modified trees are planted.

We will carry out our audit on August 9, 2019. Here is how you should comment, if you wish to do so:

- When? You should send comments to us before or during the audit.
- How? You can comment by .
  - Meeting with a NEPCon staff member in person.
  - Phone to Naomi Mjelde or Briana Capra NEPCon staff members from the United States Regional Office. Their phone numbers are Naomi +1646-863-8714 and Briana +1 646-863-8712
  - Writing to Naomi Mjelde at 13 Jolina Court Richmond, VT 05477
  - Email to Naomi Mjelde at [nmjelde@nepcon.org](mailto:nmjelde@nepcon.org)
  - Fax to Naomi Mjelde at +1 866-438-1971
  - In person by arranging to meet with Naomi Mjelde or Briana Capra
- If you want your comments to be confidential please notify us when you submit the comments.

If you provide comments, we will provide feedback to you within 30 days of the audit.

Acer Acquisition LLC has written a summary document that lists:

- the risks they have identified that they may source unacceptable wood
- the measures they implement to mitigate those risks.

We have attached this summary document to this letter.

If you wish to dispute any aspect of this forest certification process or the decision we reach as to whether this company meets the Controlled Wood standard, you can access our Dispute Resolution Policy at [www.nepcon.org](http://www.nepcon.org).

Thank you for any help you are able to provide.

If you have any recommendations for contacting other stakeholders that may have an interest in providing comments on this company and audit, we would also gladly receive these from you.

Yours sincerely,

Naomi Mjelde



## FSC Controlled Wood Due Diligence Summary

### Aacer Flooring in Peshtigo, WI, USA

Prepared by Josh Malek on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019

1. Due Diligence System information:		
Description of Supply Area	Risk Designation	Risk Assessment
Lake States Region WI, MI, IL, OH, IN, MN	Low Risk	National RA
Canada, Eco-Region NA0406	Low Risk	Aacer's RA
Canada, Eco-Region NA0407	Low Risk	Aacer's RA

2. Complaints	
Procedure for filing complaints	<p>Aacer flooring shall acknowledge, inform, and assess all evidence concerning complaints of risk assessments within a two week period of receipt of said complaint and evidence.</p> <p>Aacer shall forward relevant complaints to the certification body and relevant FSC National Office for supply area within 2 weeks of receipt of complaint.</p> <p>Identified supplier shall be excluded from Aacer floorings controlled wood material category if any non-compliance is found.</p> <p>A field verification shall be performed within two months of receipt of complaint and evidence, should said evidence be found to be relevant and of just cause.</p> <p>Identified supplier will only be able to be reinstated as a supplier of controlled wood after it has proven that it complies with the requirements to do so.</p> <p>Records of all complaints and actions taken shall be maintained.</p>

	If multiple or frequent complaints are received from an area deemed low-risk by initial assessment, said assessment shall be reviewed and a new assessment performed.
Contact information of the person or position responsible for addressing complaints	Ray Webb will be responsible for the aspects of this system. Rayw@acerflooring.com

### 3. Control Measures

All sourcing areas are of low risk (if applicable leave section blank)

Risk category	Indicator (note indicator number and description for each)	Description of CM
Illegally harvested wood	<i>note: indicate relevant sections of Table A of FSC-STD-40-005 V3, Annex A where applicable.</i>	
Wood harvested in violation of traditional and civil rights		
Wood harvested in forests where high conservation values are threatened by management activities		
Wood harvested in forests being converted to plantations or non-forest use.		
Wood from forests in which genetically modified trees are planted.		
Risk of mixing in supply chain		

### 4. Stakeholder Consultation Processes/Summary

None required (Not applicable)

All sourcing areas are Low Risk

### 5. Technical Experts Used

None required (Not applicable)

Name	Qualification	License/Registration	Scope of Service	Source Information
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### 6. Field Verification Summary – FMU level

None required (Not applicable)

FMU	Location	Subset
Summary of Findings		
Justification of sampling rate		
Steps Taken to address nonconformities		
<input type="checkbox"/> Summary of findings not provided due to confidential nature of information	Justification goes here.	

### 7. Field Verification Summary – supply chain

None required (Not applicable)

Supplier name	Supplier type
Summary of Findings	
Justification of sampling rate	
Steps Taken to address nonconformities	
<input type="checkbox"/> Summary of findings not provided due to confidential nature of information	