

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

For the FSC® Controlled Wood Chain of Custody Audit of DAMABOIS DIVISION CAP-CHAT INC. From July 21 to September 1, 2026

The Bureau de normalisation du Québec (BNQ) will carry out a voluntary-based public consultation, from July 21 to September 1, 2026, inclusively, with parties interested in the organization **DAMABOIS DIVISION CAP-CHAT INC., 441, 7e Rang Est, Saint-Damase (Québec) G0J 2J0**, as part of its recertification according to the standard:

Requirements for Sourcing FSC® Controlled Wood (FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1)

The aim of the consultation is to gather comments about the organization's wood sourcing management (round wood) according to the requirements of standard FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1 and including implementation of its *Due Diligence System (DDS)* (*Definition DDS: A system of measures and procedures to minimize the risk of sourcing material from unacceptable sources. A DDS usually contains the following three elements: obtaining information, risk assessment, risk mitigation*).

The summary of the due diligence system concerning the risk assessment of controlled wood supplies is also available for this organization at the following link (French only):

[DDS for DAMABOIS DIVISION CAP-CHAT INC.](#)

In its main application, standard FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1, as a complement to the requirements of FSC® chain of custody certification, outlines the requirements for an organization's Due Diligence System in order to avoid material from unacceptable sources entering the chain of custody.

The five FSC controlled wood categories of unacceptable sources (referred to as controlled wood categories) are:

1. Illegally harvested wood;
2. Wood harvested in violation of traditional and human rights;
3. Wood from forests in which high conservation values are threatened by management activities;
4. Wood from forests being converted to plantations and non-forest use;
5. Wood from forests in which genetically modified trees are planted.

You can consult the standard FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1 by clicking on the link:

<https://connect.fsc.org/document-centre/documents/resource/373>

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The audit for recertification according to standard FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1 will be conducted **at DAMABOIS DIVISION CAP-CHAT INC.** The organization's recertification audit activities will include, among other things, the following:

- Verification of the organization's documents;
- Visit of its facilities;
- If necessary, communication with controlled wood suppliers and targeted stakeholders, depending on their proximity to the organization and the fibre supply of the organization;
- Closing of the audit and transmission of the preliminary findings to the organization.

The steps in the evaluation process to be taken at the office following the on-site audit will make it possible to finalize the audit process and, depending on the findings, to issue the organization's recertification.

Comments relating to this consultation can be sent through various means, including the following:

- **By e-mail:** francois.villemaire@bnq.qc.ca
- **By telephone:** 418-266-9350
- **By postal service:** BNQ, François Villemaire, F. Eng., 333, rue Franquet, Québec (QC) G1P 4C7
- **You can also make an appointment with the person in charge of the program by using the above information.**

NOTE: Comments received will be treated confidentially.

All interested parties who participate in the consultation process will receive a response to explain how their comments were considered, within 30 calendar days after the certification decision regarding the organization's compliance with the controlled wood standard.

For information on the BNQ certification process, please contact bnqinfo@bnq.qc.ca or log onto our website at www.bnq.qc.ca.