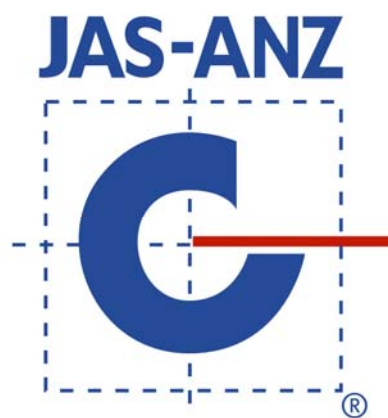


POLICY NUMBER 5/08



**JAS-ANZ PROCEDURE 26 ISSUE 3 –
RE-INTRODUCTION OF THE JAS-ANZ SYMBOL ON ALL AFS
CERTIFICATES**

1. OBJECT AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

- 1.1 This document details the JAS-ANZ Policy regarding the re-introduction of the JAS-ANZ symbol on all certificates issued to the Australian Forestry Standard – AS 4708—2007.
- 1.2 This policy shall apply to accredited conformity assessment bodies and those seeking accreditation for the provision of forestry management systems certification.
- 1.3 This policy shall remain current until incorporated in JAS-ANZ Procedures.

2. REFERENCES

- A. AS 4708-2007 – Forest management - Economic, social, environmental and cultural criteria and requirements for wood production (known as The Australian Forestry Standard)
- B. JAS-ANZ Procedure 03: Issue 5, 16 August, 2005 – Rules of procedure governing the use of the accreditation symbol
- C. JAS-ANZ Procedure 26: Issue 3, 7 February, 2008 - Requirements for Bodies Providing Audit and Certification of Forest Management Systems

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Procedure 26 Issue 2 was developed to comply with the requirements of the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes (PEFC) and used ISO/IEC Guide 62 and the relevant International Accreditation Forum (IAF) guidance at that time. The IAF guidance mandated the use of the JAS-ANZ symbol on all certificates issued within the scope of accreditation.
- 3.2 Procedure 26 was recently aligned with ISO/IEC 17021 and reissued as Procedure 26 Issue 3, which removed the mandatory requirement for all AFS certificates to include the JAS-ANZ symbol. As a consequence, the requirements of an AFS certificate no longer comply with the PEFC requirements. Although it is understood that accredited CABs continue to include the JAS-ANZ symbol on all certificates issued under this scheme, this policy formally re-introduces the requirement.

4. POLICY

- 4.1 The following paragraph shall be inserted into JAS-ANZ Procedure 26, Issue 3:

J.8.2.3 g) All certificates issued by an accredited certification body shall bear the JAS-ANZ symbol (Reference B refers). If an organization requests a

certificate to be issued without the JAS-ANZ accreditation symbol, for the certificate to be regarded as an accredited certificate it shall include the name of JAS-ANZ and the registration number.

5. IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Certification

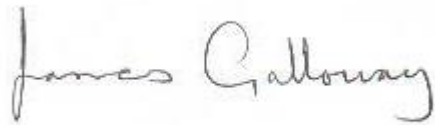
4.1.1 All AFS certificates issued on or after the publication of this Policy shall include the JAS-ANZ symbol.

4.2 Accreditation

4.2.1 All accredited certification bodies shall be required to demonstrate implementation at the next surveillance/reassessment on or after the publication of this Policy. Nonconformities will be raised if requirements are not met after this date.

4.2.2 All applicants will be required to demonstrate compliance with this Policy before accreditation is granted.

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