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Scope of Certification

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This directive to Certification Bodies provides additional information on the requirements of the JAS-ANZ Forest Management Systems Scheme (Issue 5, September 2015) and AS 4708-2013 with respect to determining the scope of certification for organisations seeking certification under the Responsible Wood Certification Scheme (RWCS). This directive replaces guidance on the scope of certification provided in AS4708 GN01-2013 Sustainable Forest Management- Guidance for the certification forest management (GN01 to AS4708-2013).

RWCS requires the following:

1. The scope of certification is to be determined by the Certification Body in consultation with the forest manager during the audit process (usually during the Stage 1 Assessment) in accordance with the JAS-ANZ FMS Scheme Rules. It may be reviewed and modified at any time to reflect changes in **the forest manager's business and activities**.
2. The Certification Body is required to ensure that the scope of certification includes all the requirements of AS 4708-2013 with respect to implementation of the forest management system within and beyond the defined forest area, as appropriate.
3. The scope of certification may include sites and activities at premises not necessarily located within the defined forest area. These sites will be sampled and audited according to the JAS-ANZ FMS Scheme Rules.

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