

## Ruling

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### **Rulings to chain of custody Standard for certified wood and forest products**

#### **Ruling 1: Output batch in the %in/%out system (Ruling to AS 4707—2006)**

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**Enquiry No. 101/06:** Clause 1.5 defines output batch and defines for it 3 months time period, content of the batch and production batch; however, it is not explicit and clear that the batch has to include product consisting of the same/similar raw material and that the batch can only include products of one single production site.

The term output batch only applies to rolling average calculation and as such, definition of the production batch does not exist for the input/output method.

**Ruling:** The definition of ‘Output batch’ in **Clause 1.5, Definitions**, is to be interpreted so that the content of the output batch must be deemed to consist of the same or similar wood raw material and must be deemed to be associated with products that have been produced at one single production site.

Paragraphs A6 and A7 in Appendix A, **Inventory Control and Accounting of Raw Material Flow**, are to be interpreted so that the definition of output batch in **Clause 1.5**, contrary to the clarification in the parentheses of the definition, does apply to the percentage input/output system. The term in the parentheses must be interpreted as applying to the percentage systems, i.e., percentage input/output and rolling average percentage.

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