



Our Contact Details	Contact Person:		21 December 2009
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Dear Stakeholder

SGS is in the process of obtaining stakeholder input into a decision regarding the use of a hazardous pesticide, "[insert product name here](#)" that contains the active ingredient "[insert name of active ingredient](#)" on FSC certified forests in the "[insert name of region/district](#)" of "[insert country](#)". Additional information on this product and the reasons for this application are attached to this letter. The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification of forests requires the responsible use of pesticides and includes a list of highly hazardous pesticides that may not be used on a certified forest unless special permission is granted for such use. As part of the process to review an application for this special permission, stakeholders must be consulted with the following objectives:

- Obtain information on any potential impacts that the use of the pesticide may have on neighbours and communities,
- Provide an opportunity for comments on the proposed measures for preventing, minimising and mitigating negative environmental impacts,
- Provide an opportunity to provide comments on the need for the permission.

Any information you may wish to provide should please reach this office no later than "[insert date 49 days from date of letter](#)", using the contact details provided above.

Note: All your comments will be kept on file and available for reference.

Note: Any comments supported by objective evidence will take on a much greater significance.

Note: Your comments will be submitted to FSC as part of the evaluation of the application

Note: Your identity will not be disclosed to any one outside SGS or FSC including persons subcontracted. All such persons have signed confidentiality agreements protecting all information related to the certification process.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON FSC CERTIFICATION

Should you wish to receive further information on FSC certification please do not hesitate to contact SGS.

You may also access information at:

The FSC website www.fsc.org

The SGS website www.sgs.com/forestry

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

SGS

ANNEXURE A

Active Ingredient for which derogation is requested:	
Geographical Scope of requested derogations	
Requested Time Period for Derogation: Note: Derogations shall normally be issued for a 5-year period with a presumption against renewal.	
<u>DEMONSTRATED NEED:</u> Need may be demonstrated where: The pesticide is used for protecting native species and forests against damage caused by introduced species or for protecting human health against dangerous diseases, OR Use of the pesticide is obligatory under national laws or regulations, OR Use of the pesticide is the only economically, environmentally, socially and technically feasible way of controlling specific organisms which are causing severe damage in natural forests or plantations in the specified country (as indicated by consideration, assessments and preferably field-trials of alternative non-chemical or less toxic pest management methods)	
<u>SPECIFIED CONTROLS TO MITIGATE THE HAZARD</u> The derogation shall specify the controls that will be implemented to mitigate the hazard associated with the use of the pesticide, for example restrictions related to weather conditions, soil types, application method, water courses, etc. If the specified formulation is considered to reduce the level of hazard then the information on which this claim is based shall be presented, and the applicant shall provide credible independent, third party support for the claimed reduction of hazard.	