

## Annex C Minimum requirements for expert qualifications

1 Experts (including groups of experts) whose expertise is used in risk assessment processes and/or for the development of control measures shall meet the following minimum requirements:

1.1 Controlled wood category 1 (Illegally harvested wood)

- a) Expert knowledge on legality in the forestry sector at the national/regional level (see Table A in Annex A), assessed based on demonstrated experience and/or education and/or licenses in the relevant area.

NOTE: Experts that have relevant knowledge in one area (e.g. one sub-category of law) can only support the risk assessment process and/or the development of control measures for this area of expertise (e.g. for the relevant sub-category of law).

1.2 Controlled wood category 2 (Wood harvested in violation of traditional and human rights)

- a) Expert knowledge on the presence and rights of Indigenous Peoples and/or traditional peoples within the supply area, assessed based on confirmed experience and/or education and/or licenses in the relevant area;
- b) Knowledge (including awareness) of existing conflicts pertaining to the rights of Indigenous Peoples and traditional peoples; and
- c) Confirmed experience in consultation/mediation with Indigenous Peoples and traditional peoples;

1.3 Controlled wood category 3 (Wood from forests in which high conservation values are threatened by management activities)

- a) Expert knowledge on the presence, distribution and/or threats to environmental values within the area under assessment (with a focus on forest ecosystems) confirmed by conservation experience, and education and/or relevant licenses; and
- b) Expert knowledge of forest management practices within the area under assessment, assessed based on confirmed experience and/or education and/or licenses in the relevant area.

1.4 Controlled wood category 4 (Wood from forests being converted to plantations and non-forest use)

- a) Expert knowledge about forest management practices within the area under assessment, based on confirmed experience and/or education and/or licenses in the relevant area;

1.5 Controlled wood category 5 (Wood from forests in which genetically modified trees are planted)

- a) No specific expert knowledge is required.