

# Responsibly Managed Peatlands Policy for Additional Diligence During the Coronavirus Pandemic

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With the continuing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic around the world, the health and well-being of our clients, our colleagues, and the communities we serve continue to be our top priority. This policy covers **all audits** carried out during the COVID-19 pandemic period.

During the audit planning stage, audited companies will be requested to provide SCS with a copy of their COVID-19 management plan. During the audit, the auditor will review relevant conformance requirements in the Responsibly Managed Peatlands V1.0 standard section **8.2 Workplace Conditions** subsections listed below to assess the effectiveness of the company's response to the COVID-19 pandemic:

**8.2.2 Workplace Health and Safety**

**8.2.4 Worker Training**

**8.2.7 Risk Mitigation and Emergency Preparedness**

In the event that the audit findings indicate that the operation is not in compliance with these conformance requirements as they apply in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, a corrective action will be required within 15 days.

This policy is valid during the COVID-19 pandemic until further notice. SCS reserves the right to terminate the validity of this policy with appropriate notice.