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Dear Consultee

Consultation on Proposed Pesticide Derogation Application to FSC

The UK Woodland Assurance Standard currently requires that chemicals listed by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) as 'highly hazardous' may only be used if a derogation has been granted by FSC.

Propyzamide (a herbicide commonly known by the product name of 'KERB') is one of a number of chemicals classified as 'highly hazardous' by FSC.

The certification bodies, SGS QUALIFOR and Soil Association Woodmark, have prepared a consultation paper on a proposed joint derogation application they plan to make to FSC on behalf of their clients. The paper has been drawn up following discussion between the two certification bodies and the UKWAS Chemicals Working Group.

It is important that all those with a view or interest in the use of this chemical make an input to this consultation. The full range of economic, environmental and social stakeholders is strongly encouraged to respond.

Please note that responses are required by **26th November 2007** and should be made as set out on page 3 of the consultation paper.

Yours faithfully

Peter Wilson
Executive Chairman