



**NGO allegations factually incorrect  
APRIL Indonesia has not been associated with FSC since 2011**

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Recent allegations by some NGOs that entities associated with APRIL Indonesia withdrew from FSC certification to avoid an FSC inquiry into APRIL Indonesia's forestry practises, are incorrect and misleading.

APRIL Indonesia has not been associated with the FSC system since September 2011.

The 'withdrawal from FSC' which has been recently reported was by several company entities in the Greater China region which have common ownership links with APRIL.

These entities held Chain of Custody certificates for their manufacturing operations for which they continued to be in full compliance. They chose to withdraw their certificates due to concerns about the FSC's 'Policy for Association' which has a criteria that FSC or FSC-certified companies cannot be associated with companies which are part of a group that has converted more than 10,000 hectares within the past five years. Companies in Indonesia, including APRIL Indonesia, have been in the process of plantation establishment under Government license over recent years.

In fact, APRIL Indonesia has transparently and publicly addressed the same elements of such complaints in the past, including through various sustainability updates and statements on its website.

For reference to APRIL's earlier statement on this from 24 June, [please click here](#).

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