

## EXPLNATORY NOTE TO THE AMENDMENTS OF NATIONAL FORESTRY ACCOUNTING PLAN FOR CROATIA

TECHNICAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN SWD		
PRINCIPLES	Addressed in NFAP	Note
Article 8(5) - No recommendation	-	-
CRITERIA , Annex IV, Section A		
a) Demonstrate how the goal of achieving a balance between anthropogenic emissions and removals will be achieved in the second half of the century. Provide qualitative and quantitative information until at least 2050 consistent with the long-term strategy required under Regulation (EU) 2018/1999.	Chapter 1.2, page 5;	
g) Demonstrate the consistency with the national projections of anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions reported under Regulation (EU) No 525/2013. Provide explanations for possible differences between national projections and the proposed FRL.	Chapter 5.3.4, page 75-76;	
h) Estimate the FRL based on the area under forest management as indicated in Annex IV,	Chapter 4.2, page 48-49 Chapter 1.1, page 1;	

<p>Section B (e) i. Estimate the FRL based on carbon pools and greenhouse gases as indicated in Annex IV, Section B (b). Demonstrate the ability of the model used to construct the FRL to reproduce historical data from the national GHG inventory. Compare historical data from the national GHG inventory and modelled data for estimating the FRL for the reference period by using, <b>for information only</b>, the same harvest intensities applied in line with Article 8(4).</p>	<p>Chapter 5.3.1, page 69; Chapter 5.3.3, page 75-76; Chapter 5.2, page 67-68</p>	
<p><b>ELEMENTS , Annex IV, Section B</b></p>		
<p><b>b)</b> Include the greenhouse gases consistent with those applied in the latest national GHG inventory. Include the carbon pools required by Regulation (EU) 2018/841 in the FRL and the national GHG inventory.</p>	<p>Chapter 1.1, page 3; Chapter 5.3.1, page 69; Chapter 5.3.2, page 74;</p>	
<p><b>e) i</b> - Provide the area under forest management consistent with Table 4.A (“Forest land remaining Forest land”) from the latest national GHG inventory using the year preceding the starting point of the projection.</p>	<p>Chapter 4.2.2, page 48-49</p>	
<p><b>e) ii</b> - Provide a calculation of GHG emissions and removals during the reference period using harvest intensities as elaborated for the FRL estimation for a fictive no-war scenario and</p>	<p>Chapter 5.2, page 67-68</p>	

include this assessment in the NFAP.		
e) iii - Provide complete information on age-class distribution including an aggregation for country level. Describe the "normal area" concept and its use.	Chapter 4.3, page 51 Chapter 4.3, pages 54-60	
e) iv - Provide detailed information on the historical and future harvesting rate disaggregated between energy and non-energy uses.	Chapter 5.3.2, page 74	
<b>CONCLUSIONS FROM THE EXPERT GROUP NOT COVERED UNDER SWD</b>		
<b>ELEMENTS , Annex IV, Section B</b>		
a) a general description of the determination of the forest reference level and a description of how the criteria in this Regulation were taken into account;	Chapter 4.2.2, page 48-49; Chapter 5.2, page 65-68;	<p><b>In this part of the table only additional LULUCFEG conclusion to SWD document are listed.</b></p> <p><b>The LULUCFEG conclusions were presented together for all elements (from a to e) of Annex IV, Section B as follows:</b></p> <p><i>“The LULUCFEG noted that the elements included in the NFAP are generally in line with the Regulation.</i></p> <p><i>The LULUCFEG noted a very minor discrepancy between the area of managed forest land used for the FRL estimation and the area reported in GHG inventory. The LULUCFEG suggests that the area from CRF table 4.A is used for the FRL estimation.</i></p>
c) a description of approaches, methods and models, including quantitative information, used in the determination of the forest reference level, consistent with the most recently submitted national inventory report, and a description of documentary information on sustainable forest management practices and intensity as well as of adopted national policies;	Chapter 4.3, pages 55-61; Chapter 4.3, page 52;	

<p>d) information on how harvesting rates are expected to develop under different policy scenarios;</p>		<p><i>The LULUCFEG noted the following transparency issues:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>missing comparison between emissions/removals reported in the GHG inventory and calculated for the FRL estimation</i></li> <li>○ <i>incomplete information regarding the age-class structure</i></li> <li>○ <i>unclear definition of the "normal area" concept.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>The LULUCFEG suggests that Croatia calculate, <b>for information only</b>, calculate GHG emissions/removals occurring during the reference period using harvest intensities as elaborated for the FRL estimation (without war and post-war effect) and include this assessment in their NFAP.</i></p> <p><i>The LULUCFEG suggests that more complete information of age-class distribution and use of the "normal area" concept should be provided in the NFAP".</i></p>
<p><b>OTHER ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY CROATIA</b></p>		
	<p>Throughout text</p>	<p>The term "<i>normal area</i>" has been replaced with the term "<i>uniform area</i>" throughout the whole text of the NFAP</p>

