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Derogation: A derogation is a temporary normative measure that allows for an MSC requirement to be applied differently, or not at all.

Derogations apply to the version of the document that is specified, and any earlier versions still in use. As of March 2020, derogations are published on the MSC Interpretations Log.
Program Derogations: **Current versions**

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| Derogation 10: Extension to implementation timeframes for MSC Fisheries Standard v3.0 | 1.1 | 22 July 2024 | 01 November 2030 | • Fisheries Standard v3.0 (section ‘Effective dates of the MSC Fisheries Standard v3.0’)  
• Fisheries Certification Process (FCP) v3.0 (section ‘Effective date of the Fisheries Certification Process v3.0’)  
• Fisheries Certification Process (FCP) v2.3 and v3.0 (section 7.32 and 7.26.7)  
• Fisheries Standard Toolbox v1.1 (section ‘Effective date of the MSC Fisheries Standard Toolbox v1.1’)  
• In-Transition to MSC (ITM) Program Requirements and Guidance (section ‘Effective date of the ITM Program Requirements and Guidance – Pilot v2.0’) |
| Derogation 5: PI 2.4.2.a scoring issue a | 1.0 | 05 November 2020 | Until fisheries are assessed against the next version of the MSC Fisheries Standard. | • Fisheries Certification Process (FCP) v2.1 and v2.2, section 7.17  
• Fisheries Standard v2.0 and v2.01, PI 2.4.2 scoring issue a |
| CoC program derogations | | | | |
| Derogation 9: Use of both ASC and MSC labels on products coming from seaweed production category Bii | 1.0 | 06 November 2023 | This derogation will be withdrawn once it has been incorporated into the next version of all affected program documents, and those documents are made effective (MSC Chain of Custody Standard (Default & Group), MSC General Certification Requirements and | • ASC-MSC Seaweed (Algae) Certification and Accreditation Requirements (CAR) v1.01: Guidance 4.9.1  
• MSC Chain of Custody Standard (Default v5.1 & Group v2.1): Clause 1.1.1. Guidance 2.1; 2.2  
• MSC General Certification Requirements (GCR) v2.6: Clause 7.5.1 |
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Program Derogations: **Superseded versions**

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| Derogation 1: Covid-19 pandemic                                                          | 1.0     | 27 March 2020          | 27 September 2020   | • A range of requirements in the Fisheries Certification Process v2.1 and v2.2 relating to on-site visits and assessment/audit timelines.  
  • A range of requirements in the Chain of Custody Certification Requirements v3.1 relating to on-site audits. |
| Derogation 3: UPDATE 02/09/2020 Covid-19 Pandemic Derogation– Effective 28 September 2020 | 2.0     | 28 September 2020      | 27 March 2021       | • A range of requirements in the Fisheries Certification Process v2.1 and v2.2 relating to on-site visits.  
  • A range of requirements in the Chain of Custody Certification Requirements v3.1 relating to on-site audits. |
| Derogation 3: Covid-19 Fishery and Chain of Custody Remote Auditing                      | 3.0     | 28 March 2021          | 28 March 2022       | • A range of requirements in the Fisheries Certification Process v2.1 and v2.2 relating to on-site visits.  
  • A range of requirements in the Chain of Custody Certification Requirements v3.1 relating to on-site audits. |
| Derogation 3: Covid-19 Fishery and Chain of Custody Remote Auditing                      | 4.0     | 29 March 2022          | 28 March 2023       | • Extension of application, amendments to initial audit requirements and clarifications for Chain of Custody, including addition of 1.5.b-c, 1.7, 1.14.a and 1.19. |
| Derogation 3: Covid-19 Fishery and Chain of Custody Remote Auditing                      | 5.0     | 29 March 2023          | 28 September 2023   | • Extension of application, updated references to the Fisheries Certification Process to align with versions 2.3 and 3.0, as appropriate.  
  • **Superseded**: Derogation 3: Covid-19 Fishery and Chain of Custody Remote Auditing v4.0 |
| Derogation 4: Extension of ISO 19011 (GCR v2.4.1 – 6.1.3)                                | 1.0     | 29 September 2020      |                     | • General Certification Requirements v2.4.1 and v2.5, clause 6.1.3. |

This derogation will be incorporated into the next full update of the General Certification Requirements.
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| CoC program derogations                                             |                        |                     |                                                                  |
| Derogation 2: Covid-19 pandemic Labour                             | 06 May 2020            | 30 March 2021       | • MSC Chain of Custody Default Standard v5.0, clause 5.7.2.  
• MSC Chain of Custody Group Standard v2.0, clause 5.7.2.  
• MSC Chain of Custody CFO Standard v2.0, clause 5.8.2.  
• General Certification Requirements v2.4.1, clause 4.8.6.c.  
• All requirements in the MSC Third-Party Labour Audit Requirements v1 |
| Derogation 2: Covid-19 Chain of Custody Labour Pause               | 31 March 2021          | 27 May 2021         | • MSC Chain of Custody Default Standard v5.0, clause 5.7.2.  
• MSC Chain of Custody Group Standard v2.0, clause 5.7.2. |
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| Derogation 7: Chain of Custody Labour Audit Risk Revision | 1.0     | 28 May 2021            | Until certificate holders are assessed against the next version of the MSC Chain of Custody Standard. | • MSC Chain of Custody CFO Standard v2.0, clause 5.8.2.  
• General Certification Requirements v2.4.1, clause 4.8.6.c.  
• All requirements in the MSC Third-Party Labour Audit Requirements v1. |
| Derogation 8: Chain of Custody Labour Eligibility Requirements | 1.0     | 01 May 2023            | This derogation will expire on the effective date of the next version of the affected program documents.  
Referenced requirements relating to: CoC Standards expire on 15 May 2023; CoC Certification Requirements expire on 1 November 2023. | • MSC Chain of Custody Standard: Default V5.0: Clause 5.7  
• MSC Chain of Custody Standard: Group V2.0: Clause 5.7  
• MSC Chain of Custody Standard: Consumer-Facing Organisation v2.0 Clause 5.8  
• MSC Chain of Custody Certification Requirements v3.1: Clauses 7.1.8; 8.2.2k; 8.2.14; 8.2.15; 8.3.1 l; 8.3.15; 8.3.16; 9.2.1 b; 9.2.8 c  
• MSC Third-Party Labour Audit Requirements  
• MSC CoC Certificate Holder Statement of Understanding of Labour Requirements  
• Derogation 7: Chain of Custody Labour Audit Risk Revision |