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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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<b>Fisheries program derogations</b>				
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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MSC Fisheries Certification Process (FCP) v2.1 and v2.2, section 7.17</li> <li>MSC Fisheries Standard v2.0 and v2.01, PI 2.4.2 scoring issue a</li> </ul>
Derogation 10: Extension to implementation timeframes for MSC Fisheries Standard v3.0/v3.1	2.0	10 July 2025	01 March 2030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MSC Fisheries Standard v3.0 and v3.1 (section 'Implementation timeframes')</li> <li>MSC Fisheries Certification Process (FCP) v3.0 and v3.1 (section 'Implementation timeframes')</li> <li>MSC Fisheries Certification Process (FCP) v2.3, v3.0 and v3.1 (section 7.32 and 7.26.7)</li> <li>MSC Fisheries Standard Toolbox v1.1 and v1.2 (section 'Implementation timeframes')</li> <li>MSC Improvement Program Requirements and Guidance v3.0 (section 'Implementation timeframes')</li> </ul>
Derogation 11: Extension to the pilot of the Revised Objection Process	1.0	28 February 2026	The pilot will be monitored and remain in place until there is sufficient data to confirm the revised objection process more efficient or needs reconsideration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MSC Objection Process v2.1</li> <li>MSC Fisheries Certification Process v2.3, v3.0, v3.1 (section 7.22.4.1, 7.23, 7.24.1 - 7.24.3, 7.31.8)</li> </ul>
<b>CoC program derogations</b>				
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ASC and MSC labels on products coming from seaweed production category Bii	1.0	06 November 2023	This derogation will be withdrawn once it has been incorporated into the next version of all affected program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ASC-MSC Seaweed (Algae) Certification and Accreditation Requirements (CAR) v1.01: Guidance 4.9.1</li> <li>MSC Chain of Custody Standard (Default v5.1 &amp; Group v2.1): Clause 1.1.1, Guidance 2.1; 2.2</li> </ul>



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			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)).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MSC General Certification Requirements (GCR) v2.6: Clause 7.5.1</li> </ul>



Program Derogations: **Superseded versions**

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<b>Scheme wide derogations</b>				
Derogation 1: Covid-19 pandemic	1.0	27 March 2020	27 September 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A range of requirements in the MSC Fisheries Certification Process v2.1 and v2.2 relating to on-site visits and assessment/audit timelines.</li> <li>A range of requirements in the MSC Chain of Custody Certification Requirements v3.1 relating to on-site audits.</li> </ul>
Derogation 3: Covid-19 Fishery and Chain of Custody Remote Auditing	5.0	29 March 2023	28 September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extension of application, updated references to the MSC Fisheries Certification Process to align with versions 2.3 and 3.0, as appropriate.</li> <li><u>Supersedes</u>: Derogation 3: Covid-19 Fishery and Chain of Custody Remote Auditing v4.0</li> </ul>
Derogation 3: Covid-19 Fishery and Chain of Custody Remote Auditing	4.0	29 March 2022	28 March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>
Derogation 3: Covid-19 Fishery and Chain of Custody Remote Auditing	3.0	28 March 2021	28 March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A range of requirements in the MSC Fisheries Certification Process v2.1 and v2.2 relating to on-site visits.</li> <li>A range of requirements in the MSC Chain of Custody Certification Requirements v3.1 relating to on-site audits.</li> </ul>
Derogation 3: UPDATE 02/09/2020 Covid-19 Pandemic Derogation– Effective 28 September 2020	2.0	28 September 2020	27 March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A range of requirements in the MSC Fisheries Certification Process v2.1 and v2.2 relating to on-site visits.</li> <li>A range of requirements in the MSC Chain of Custody Certification Requirements v3.1 relating to on-site audits.</li> </ul>
Derogation 4: Extension of ISO 19011 (GCR v2.4.1 – 6.1.3)	1.0	29 September 2020	This derogation will be incorporated into the next full update of the General Certification Requirements and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MSC General Certification Requirements v2.4.1 and v2.5, clause 6.1.3.</li> </ul>



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			will expire on the effective date of that version.	
<b>Fisheries program derogations</b>				
Derogation 6: Covid-19 Fishery Conditions Extension	1.0	28 March 2021	The derogation applies until all eligible conditions have been extended for all applicable fisheries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conditions related to management decision making, monitoring and compliance extended for 12 months for all fisheries.</li> </ul>
Derogation 10: Extension to implementation timeframes for MSC Fisheries Standard v3.0	1.1	22 July 2024	01 November 2030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MSC Fisheries Standard v3.0 (section 'Effective dates of the MSC Fisheries Standard v3.0')</li> <li>MSC Fisheries Certification Process (FCP) v3.0 (section 'Effective date of the MSC Fisheries Certification Process v3.0')</li> <li>MSC Fisheries Certification Process (FCP) v2.3 and v3.0 (section 7.32 and 7.26.7)</li> <li>MSC Fisheries Standard Toolbox v1.1 (section 'Effective date of the MSC Fisheries Standard Toolbox v1.1')</li> <li>MSC In-Transition to MSC (ITM) Program Requirements and Guidance (section 'Effective date of the MSC ITM Program Requirements and Guidance – Pilot v2.0')</li> </ul>
Derogation 10: Extension to implementation timeframes for MSC Fisheries Standard v3.0	1.0	01 February 2024	01 November 2030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MSC Fisheries Standard v3.0 (section 'Effective dates of the MSC Fisheries Standard v3.0')</li> <li>MSC Fisheries Certification Process (FCP) v3.0 (section 'Effective date of the MSC Fisheries Certification Process v3.0')</li> <li>MSC Fisheries Certification Process (FCP) v2.3 and v3.0 (section 7.32 and 7.26.7)</li> <li>MSC Fisheries Standard Toolbox v1.1 (section 'Effective date of the MSC Fisheries Standard Toolbox v1.1')</li> <li>MSC In-Transition to MSC (ITM) Program Requirements and Guidance (section 'Effective date of the MSC ITM Program Requirements and Guidance – Pilot v2.0')</li> </ul>



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<b>CoC program derogations</b>				
<a href="#">Derogation 2: Covid-19 Chain of Custody Labour Pause</a>	2.0	31 March 2021	27 May 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MSC Chain of Custody Default Standard v5.0, clause 5.7.2.</li> <li>MSC Chain of Custody Group Standard v2.0, clause 5.7.2.</li> <li>MSC Chain of Custody CFO Standard v2.0, clause 5.8.2.</li> <li>MSC General Certification Requirements v2.4.1, clause 4.8.6.c.</li> <li>All requirements in the MSC Third-Party Labour Audit Requirements v1.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Derogation 2: Covid-19 pandemic Labour</a>	1.0	06 May 2020	30 March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MSC Chain of Custody Default Standard v5.0, clause 5.7.2.</li> <li>MSC Chain of Custody Group Standard v2.0, clause 5.7.2.</li> <li>MSC Chain of Custody CFO Standard v2.0, clause 5.8.2.</li> <li>MSC General Certification Requirements v2.4.1, clause 4.8.6.c.</li> <li>All requirements in the MSC Third-Party Labour Audit Requirements v1.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Derogation 7: Chain of Custody Labour Audit Risk Revision</a>	1.0	28 May 2021	Until certificate holders are assessed against the next version of the MSC Chain of Custody Standard.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction of two options self-assessment &amp; revision of risk-based audit.</li> <li>Clauses affected identified in document across the relevant MSC Chain of Custody Standard and the MSC Chain of Custody Certification Requirements.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Derogation 8: Chain of Custody Labour Eligibility Requirements</a>	1.0	01 May 2023	<p>This derogation will expire on the effective date of the next version of the affected program documents.</p> <p>Referenced requirements relating to: CoC Standards expire on 15 May</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MSC Chain of Custody Standard: Default V5.0: Clause 5.7</li> <li>MSC Chain of Custody Standard: Group V2.0: Clause 5.7</li> <li>MSC Chain of Custody Standard: Consumer-Facing Organisation v2.0 Clause 5.8</li> <li>MSC Chain of Custody Certification Requirements v3.1: Clauses 7.1.8; 8.2.2k; 8.2.14; 8.2.15; 8.3.1 i; 8.3.15; 8.3.16; 9.2.1 b; 9.2.8 c</li> <li>MSC Third-Party Labour Audit Requirements</li> </ul>



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			2023; CoC Certification Requirements expire on 1 November 2023.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MSC CoC Certificate Holder Statement of Understanding of Labour Requirements</li> <li>Derogation 7: Chain of Custody Labour Audit Risk Revision</li> </ul>