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**Process Overview**

SFI Section 8 of the SFI 2015-2019 Standards and Rules document, outlines the process for interpretations that are necessary for consistent implementation of the SFI program requirements.

“From time to time, a formal process may be needed to interpret the SFI 2015-2019 Standards and its supporting documents. As part of SFI Inc.’s commitment to continual improvement of both the SFI certification process and the SFI Standard, such concerns shall be submitted promptly to the SFI Inc. Interpretations Committee by contacting staff at SFI Inc. The SFI Inc. Interpretations Committee shall respond within 45 days of receipt.

It is neither the intent nor the responsibility of the SFI Inc. Interpretations Committee to resolve disputes arising through certification; nevertheless, the committee will provide opinions and direction to assist parties in answering interpretive questions. Through this process, the SFI program shall maintain a record of opinions and concerns available to both Program Participants and certification bodies to assist with certification planning. SFI Inc. shall periodically review this record and, where appropriate, recommend changes for inclusion in the SFI Standard or SFI audit procedures.”

No current interpretations for Objectives 1-15.
Part 2: Interpretations for Section 3 - SFI 2015-2019 Fiber Sourcing Standards

No current interpretations for Objectives 1-13.
Interpretations for Section 3 - Appendix 1: Rules for Use of the SFI Certified Sourcing Label SFI 2015-2019 Fiber Sourcing Standards

1. If I am a **primary producer** certified to the *SFI 2015-2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard* (Section 3, Objectives 1-13), and 100% of the raw material is sourced from *primary sources* that are certified to *SFI 2015-2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard* (Section 3, Objectives 1-13), are there additional requirements to meet Appendix 1, specifically Part 7. Minimum Management System of Appendix 1?

   **No.** If you are a *Primary Producer* and certified to the *SFI 2015-2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard* (Section 3, Objectives 1-13), you have met the minimum management systems requirements specified in Part 7 of *SFI 2015-2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard Appendix 1: Rules for Use of SFI Certified Sourcing Label.* (March 2015)

2. If I am a **primary producer** and source more than 5% of the raw material from *secondary sources* (the remaining raw material is from primary sources that are certified to the *SFI 2015-2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard’s requirements*), are there additional requirements to meet Appendix 1, specifically Part 6. Due Diligence System to Avoid Controversial Sources as well as Part 7. Minimum Management System of Appendix 1?

   **Yes.** If more than 5% of the raw materials are sourced from *secondary sources* you will need to meet Part 6. Due Diligence System to Avoid Controversial Sources as well as Part 7. Minimum Management System of Appendix 1. (March 2015)

3. If I am a **secondary producer** am I obligated to meet all of the requirements (except those referencing *primary producers*) in *SFI 2015-2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard* - Appendix 1 to use the *SFI Certified Sourcing label*?

   **Yes.** A *secondary producer* must meet all the requirements in *SFI 2015-2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard* - Appendix 1 except those referencing *primary producers* in order to use the *SFI Certified Sourcing label*. This includes Part 6. Due Diligence System to Avoid Controversial Sources as well as Part 7. Minimum Management System of Appendix 1. (March 2015)

No current interpretations.
Part 4: Interpretations for Section 5 - Rules for Use of SFI On-Product Labels and Off-Product Marks

No current interpretations.
Part 5: Interpretations for Section 9 – SFI 2015-2019 Audit Procedures and Auditor Qualifications and Accreditation

No current interpretations.