

Standards Committee Meeting Minutes Summary

Date: 17th July 2024

Time: 14:00-15:30 BST

Location: Virtual / Microsoft Teams link

Participants:

Standards Committee participants: Ainsley Butler (Co-Chair), Didier Backaert, Philippe Telouk, Jennifer Hillard, Marco Quadri, Ebony Yeboah-Amankwah, Marcin Piersiak, Sara Yood, Maggie Gabos, Marie-Charlotte Druesne Chancogne, Charlène Nemson, Salah Hussein, Robin Kolvenbach.

In Attendance: Lea Meheust.

RJC Management Team: Melanie Grant (Executive Director) Suzanne Brooks, Caroline Watson, Effie Marinos, John Hall, Daniel Finn, Jasmeet Kaur Baggha, Charlotte Stanbridge.

Apologies: Purvi Shah (Co-Chair), Joelle Ponnelle, Eduard Stefanescu, Ilan Keplan, Trisevgeni Stavropoulos.

Materials circulated in advance of call:

1. Presentation slide deck
2. Minutes from the meeting held on 19 June 2024 – for approval in the meeting

1. Opening:

Co-chair Ainsley Butler gave opening remarks and reminded attendees of RJC's conflict of interest policy, Chatham House rules, and anti-trust statement. An overview of the meeting agenda was presented, and a roll call was conducted. Marie-Charlotte and Jennifer Hillard approved the previous meeting minutes.

2. Executive Update:

The RJC Executive Director expressed optimism about the upcoming CoC meeting and progress with LGMS. No further updates at this time.

3. Standards Committee Composition:

Current committee representation and outreach efforts for new members were discussed. A timeline for continuity planning was presented, with discussions on term extensions.

4. Standards Programme Updates:

- **Code of Practices:**

Draft standard nearing completion: small working groups to be assembled to address remaining topics (Claims).

Comments to be published on the website in alignment with ISEAL.

G7 derogation implementation update to be provided on 1st September in line with new restrictions.

- **Chain of Custody**

The revised draft standard is now complete pending feedback on the recycled materials provisions which requires RJC Executive Committee and Board approval. Further engagement will take place during August/September.

Discussion on alignment with ISO and implications if ISO revision does not stick to the projected timelines.

Final guidance, pending recycled materials definition, to be circulated before the August in-person workshop meeting.

- **Laboratory-Grown Material Standard**

Public consultation launched on 26th June with Roundtable discussions held in early July. Feedback from these discussions will inform the next revision draft of the standard.

An amended draft standard will be circulated to the Standards Committee and LGM Taskforce once comments and feedback are taken into consideration.

5. August In-Person Meeting (27-28 August, London):

A high-level 2-day schedule was presented, with information on travel and financing for non-committee members discussed. A detailed agenda will be available at the August meeting.

6. Any Other Business (AOB):

The RJC continue to work with KUMI for the EU Conflict Mineral Regulation recognition and to secure shadow audits as per their choices. 40 summary reports have been uploaded online to the RJC website with many others in draft and at various stages of approvals.

A question was raised whether there would be a Standards Committee meeting in August due to the in-person meeting at month-end. It was confirmed that the meeting for August was still to go ahead.

An update on in-person meetings for late 2024 and early 2025 provided.

Closing: Closing comments by Co-Chair Ainsley Butler.

Next meeting: 14.00-15.30pm (BST) 14 August 2024.