



Alaska RFM Program of Work for Chain of Custody (CoC) Standard – September 2015 – December 2015

The Alaska RFM Chain of Custody Standard is reviewed by the ASMI Technical Committee for recommended changes. Details of this committee and relevant TOR's are available on the ASMI website.

Phase 1

September-October 2015

ASMI's Technical Committee conducted a review of the RFM CoC Standard Version 2.3 to create a new issue of the Alaska RFM CoC Standard to a Version 2.4.

This revision is restricted in its scope to:

- Standard Name change from 'FAO Based RFM' to 'Alaska RFM Chain Of Custody'
- Change of Accreditation term from ISO Guide 65 to ISO 17065
- Alignment with new GSSI Clauses (Sept 2015)
- Correction of any Grammar
- Addition of any necessary specificity

The new Standard revision 2.4 was approved by the ASMI Board in November 2015, and is effective January 1, 2016.

Phase 2

October 2015 – Oct 2016

During 2016 a full review of this RFM Version 2.4 CoC Standard will be conducted by the ASMI Technical Committee.

Two key objectives will be explored:

- To review the process and Standard requirements for first point of handling
- To assess if and how it may be harmonized with other internationally recognized and GSSI aligned CoC standards

This aim is for a new Version 3 to be drafted for Public Comment in March 2016. This comment period will be for a period of 60 Days.

The scope and geographic application of the proposed Version 3 of the CoC standard will remain unchanged.

The objectives of the standard will be alignment to the GSSI Benchmarking Tool.

The target date for approval of a Version 3 is Oct 2016.

Draft Review Process and Timelines

Stage	Description	Target Date	Participants	Status
1	Review of issue 2.3 to restricted scope	Sept -Oct 2015	RFM Team, Expert Consultants	Completed
2	Review of issue 2.3 procedures	Oct 2015	RFM team, Expert Consultants	Completed
3	Technical Committee Meeting: Approve Contents of issue 2.4 and revised procedures	Oct 2015	Technical Committee, RFM team, Expert Consultants	Completed
4	ASMI Board: Approve issue 2.4 and revised procedures	Nov 2015	ASMI Board	Completed
5	Technical Committee Meeting: to Agree on the Development Framework of V. 3 Redraft CoC standard to harmonize with other CoC standards	Feb 2016	RFM team, Expert Consultants	Pending
6	Public release of Draft V. 3 for consultation	Mar 2016	RFM team, Expert Consultants	
7	Compilation of feedback for consideration	May 2016	RFM team, Expert Consultants	
8	Consultation phase with Technical and RFM committees	May-June 2016	RFM& Technical Committee, RFM Team, Expert Consultants	
9	Construct Draft of V. 3 CoC standard	May-June 2016	RFM Team, Expert Consultants	
10	RFM and Technical Committee Webinar: To agree V. 3 CoC draft standard and commercialization model	July 2016	RFM& Technical Committee, RFM Team, Expert Consultants	
11	Public Consultation and harmonization meetings conducted	Aug-Sept 2016	RFM Team, Expert Consultants	
12	Technical Committee Webinar: to Finalize V. 3 CoC standard and supporting procedures	Oct 2016	Technical Committee RFM Team, Expert Consultants	
13	ASMI Board Meeting: Draft V 3 CoC standard and commercialization model presented for approval	Oct 2016 All Hands	ASMI Board, open public meeting	
14	New Standard posted on website, Certification Bodies and all relevant RFM organizations notified	Nov 2016	RFM Team	