

§8867-G. Forest certification programs

1. Requirements for state land. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may obtain or maintain certification from a forest certification program for state land only if the program, in order to obtain certification under the program:

A. Contains performance-based indicators described in subsection 2 that protect forest workers, including logging and trucking contractors, that can be assessed and verified by a recognized certifying entity; and [PL 2023, c. 380, §1 (NEW).]

B. Does not require payment to a trade association that is registered with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices. [PL 2023, c. 380, §1 (NEW).]

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2. Performance-based indicators. Performance-based indicators required by subsection 1 include the following labor practices:

A. No use of child labor; [PL 2023, c. 380, §1 (NEW).]

B. No use of forced labor; [PL 2023, c. 380, §1 (NEW).]

C. No discrimination; [PL 2023, c. 380, §1 (NEW).]

D. Freedom of association and collective bargaining; [PL 2023, c. 380, §1 (NEW).]

E. Promotion of gender equality; [PL 2023, c. 380, §1 (NEW).]

F. Implementation of legal occupational health and safety practices; [PL 2023, c. 380, §1 (NEW).]

G. Payment of fair wages that meet or exceed the minimum wage; [PL 2023, c. 380, §1 (NEW).]

H. Adequate and effective training; and [PL 2023, c. 380, §1 (NEW).]

I. Grievance resolution and compensation for damages. [PL 2023, c. 380, §1 (NEW).]

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SECTION HISTORY

PL 2023, c. 380, §1 (NEW).

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