



Alaska RFM Program of Work for Chain of Custody (CoC) Standard – September 2015 – December 2016

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.

Jan 2016 – Oct 2016

During 2016 a review of this RFM Version 2.4 CoC Standard certification mechanism 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, and the feasibility of a 'self-assessment' for CoC if low risk is determined;
- To assess if and how it may be harmonized with other internationally recognized and GSSI aligned CoC standards

This aim is to reduce audit fatigue within the supply chain and to promote additional use of the Alaska RFM seal to support the RFM program.

The scope and geographic application of the Alaska CoC standard will remain unchanged.

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

The target date for approval of these key objectives to be applied to the program shall October 2016.

Draft Review Process and Timelines

Stage	Description	Target Date	Participants	Status
1	Development of a CoC standard discussion paper to review the first key aim	Jan 2016	RFM team, Expert Consultants	completed
2	Conduct initial research to assess if the current CoC holders have additional CoC standards to the RFM to establish if harmonization would be practical	Jan 2016	ASMI	completed
3	Present findings of stages 1 & 2 to Technical Committee to review and agree next steps	Feb 2016	RFM team	
4	Depending on decision of TC @ Feb meeting- test self-assessment checklist and consult with CBs	Mar 2016	RFM team, Expert Consultants	

5	Compilation of feedback for consideration for draft 2 of the self-assessment mechanism	April 2016	RFM team, Expert Consultants	
9	Continue to explore harmonization - Commence Consultation phase with other CoC programs to establish if harmonization would be possible	Mar-June 2016	RFM Team, ASMI ED, Expert Consultants	
10	Conduct gap analysis of RFM CoC standard with interested CoC programs	July 2016	RFM Team, Expert Consultants	
11	Technical Committee Webinar: To review the finding of the harmonization gap analysis	Aug 2016	Technical Committee, RFM Team, Expert Consultants	
12	Public Consultation and harmonization meetings conducted	Aug-Sept 2016	RFM Team, Expert Consultants	
13	RFM/Technical Committee Webinar: To finalize review of CoC standard certification and supporting procedures	Oct 2016	Technical Committee RFM Team, Expert Consultants	
14	ASMI Board Meeting: CoC standard and certification model presented for approval	Oct 2016 All Hands	ASMI Board, open public meeting	
15	New Standard requirements on website, Certification Bodies and all relevant RFM organizations notified	Nov 2016	RFM Team	