

Transition Guidance for MarinTrust Chain of Custody (CoC) Certified Facilities transitioning from V1.1 to V2 of the CoC Standard

About this document

This document is intended to help all facilities certified under the MarinTrust Version 1.1 Chain of Custody (CoC) Standard and Certification Bodies (CB) to understand how the revised MarinTrust Version 2.0 Chain of Custody Standard will affect their business and the transition process.

This document outlines the transition requirements from Version 1.1 of the MarinTrust CoC Standard against the new Version 2 (published 31 August 2020 [here](#)) and contains information on what to do next.

Background

In August 2020, the new Version 2.0 of the MarinTrust CoC Standard was launched, and a transition period was communicated to stakeholders and interested parties. Due to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic that was in circulation at this time, it was outlined that as part of the transition process, the transition period would be reviewed 6 months after publication to assess the ongoing status of the pandemic and how this may be affecting the implementation of the new version of the CoC Standard.

After discussion with the MarinTrust Standard Steering Committee (SSC), and upon recommendation to the Governing Body Committee (GBC), it was agreed that due to the ongoing restrictions of the pandemic that the transition period shall be extended.

The information below outlines the extended transition timeframes for current certified sites and new applicants to the MarinTrust Programme.

When will these changes come into effect?

From the date of the release of Version 2 of the MarinTrust CoC standard there will be a transition period to allow both currently certified facilities and new applicants to the programme to adjust to the new standard.

Current CoC Certificate Holders:

Current certified factories under V1.1 of the MarinTrust CoC standard will have **1 year from the effective date 30 November 2020** to understand and apply the revisions.

- Where your re-certification or annual surveillance audit falls between 30 November 2020 and 30 November 2021, you should be applying under Version 2.0¹, however, should your production facility not be ready for Version 2.0 or an onsite audit is not possible due to COVID-19 travel restrictions you can continue to be certified against the Version 1.1 Standard but you will be required in your next re-certification or annual audit to be audited and certified against the New Version 2 Standard.
- Where your re-certification or annual surveillance audit falls between 30 November 2021 and 30 November 2022, you must apply to Version 2, however, where the onsite audit is not possible due to

¹ **Note:** all audits to V2 of the MarinTrust CoC standard shall be conducted onsite.



COVID-19 travel restrictions, you can continue to be certified against Version 1.1 via remote auditing, but you will be required in your next re-certification or annual audit to be audited and certified against the New Version 2 Standard.

MarinTrust aims to have all MarinTrust facilities certified to the new Version 2 standard by the end of 2022.

Next surveillance/recertification audit due	Which version to use
Before Nov 30, 2020	Version 1.1
Between Dec 1, 2020 and November 2021	Certificate holder may choose V1.1 or V2
After Nov 30, 2021	Must apply to Version 2*

**where the onsite audit is not possible due to COVID-19 restrictions, the audit may be conducted against V1.1.*

New applicants to the CoC Standard:

New applicants to the MarinTrust Standard will have **1 year** from the release of the new standard to understand updates and the requirements until the new standard become effective in November 2020. After that date:

- From 30th November 2020 to 30th November 2021, new applicants may choose between being certified against V1.1 of the standard and V2. Where the applicant selects certification against V1.1 of the CoC standard, the next audit will be required to be onsite against V2 of the CoC standard.
- From 1st December 2021, all new applicants must apply to V2 of the standard. Applications submitted after 30th November 2021 shall not be permitted against V1.1. of the CoC standard.

Disclaimer:

This transitional support document is intended as guidance only. Following this document is not a fully comprehensive way of preparing for an audit against the new version of the MarinTrust Chain of Custody Standard Version 2. MarinTrust advises, that in addition, all certificate holders read the MarinTrust Chain of Custody Standard Version 2.0 in full and evaluate the updated processes and procedures specific to your company. If you are unsure of any details on any of the subjects covered, please consult the relevant [MarinTrust Version 2.0 Standard](#) documents or contact the MarinTrust team at standards@marin-trust.com.