



Forest Stewardship Council® Chain of Custody

The international label for sustainable timber industry



MOTIVATION AND BENEFITS

Consumers are becoming more and more critical. They increasingly desire products that are manufactured according to ecological and social criteria. By indicating the FSC® Logo, companies ensure wood originates from sustainably cultivated forests.

Certified companies can place the FSC® Logo directly on the product and can use this logo for advertising purposes. As the number of critical consumers is growing and FSC® gained an increasing degree of recognition, FSC® provides companies with a simple management tool, which enables them to work sustainably and communicate their actions in a credible way.

In 1993, the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) was established as a worldwide independent and non-profit organization by environmental bodies, representatives of domestic ethnical groups and companies active in forestry and timber industry. FSC® is a member-based organization that is open to any individual and legal entity.

OBJECTIVES

The certification procedure helps to achieve cultivation of forests that is

- ecologically compatible
- socially compatible as well as
- economically sustainable

and to improve the marketing of timber produced in a manner that is ecologically and socially correct. In addition, it aims to support companies active in the forestry and timber industry to continually improve their performance.

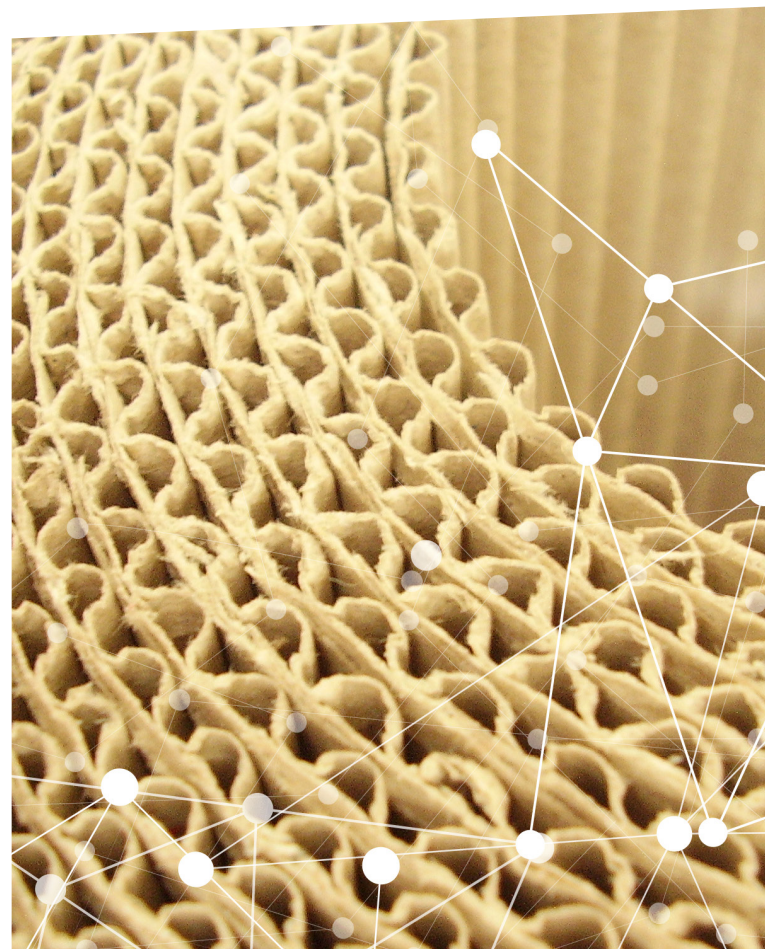
TARGET GROUP

- sawing and plough mills
- wood processing industry
- building joiners and cabinet makers
- carpenters
- timber trade
- paper industry and trade
- printing companies, publishing companies and bookbinding

REQUIREMENTS

FSC® has established ten principles for forest certification (FSC Forest Management FM), which are valid all over the world. Among other things, the following elements are essential:

- compliance with the laws and FSC® principles
- conformity to labour laws and health protection
- respecting the rights of ownership and rights of use and enjoyment
- endeavours to protect, maintain and preserve the relationship with the local population
- renouncing clear-cutting
- principle of regeneration
- establishing reservations
- planning and control documentation
- preserving the protective forests
- maintaining biodiversity





Certification of the Chain of Custody (FSC® CoC) requires the following:

- documented control system
- acknowledgement of receipt of goods
- separation and / or identification of certified and non-certified received goods
- safe product labelling
- identification of certified outgoing goods
- accounting

Upon successful certification, FSC® CoC Certificates can be granted for five years. Every year a Surveillance Audit will take place. FSC® CoC Certificates are recognized internationally.



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ACCREDITATION

Quality Austria - Trainings, Zertifizierungs und Begutachtungs GmbH is accredited for the certification of FSC® Coc by ASI since 19th January 2015 with the accreditation number ASI-ACC-071. More information can be found on our website (www.qualityaustria.com/environment).



Advice: in the context of FSC® Quality Austria does not offer any audits or certifications according to the current version FSC-STD-40-005 Requirements for Sourcing FSC Controlled Wood. Current FSC CoC Standards, Interpretations, Policy etc. can be found in the FSC®-Document Centre.

OTHER RELEVANT STANDARDS

ISO 9001, ISO 14001, EMAS, Sustainability Reports, Austria Quality Seal, Ecolabel

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Additionally, we organize several forums and conferences and have issued numerous publications. We participate actively in standardization bodies and international networks such as EOQ, IQNet and EFQM. We cooperate with some 50 partner and member organizations worldwide and thus ensure the facilitation of global know-how.

Having more than 1.000 auditors, trainers, assessors and technical experts all over the world, we ensure the successful implementation of standards and regulations within the organizations and provide sector and product specific knowledge with a very high focus on practical relevance. More than 10.000 customers in approx. 30 countries and over 6.000 annual participants in our trainings benefit from the long-standing expertise of our organization. We adapt our offer according to our clients' needs and support them in achieving their long-term goals!



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