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## FSC® Chain of Custody certification

Demonstrate the responsible origin of your wood and paper products.

### Your challenges

The demand for wood, paper and other forest products sourced from well-managed forests continues to grow. Consumers and business partners want assurance that your products come from responsibly managed sources that limit their damage to the forest environment and forest-dependent indigenous communities. Your business must also prove that your goods come exclusively from legal sources as required by the EU Timber Regulation, the Lacey Act in the U.S. or similar legislative requirements.

### What is FSC Chain of Custody certification?

The Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC) is a non-profit organisation that sets standards for forestry practices with the aim of promoting environmentally responsible and socially beneficial forestry. Wood and paper products can be labelled as FSC certified if they meet the high standards set by the organisation. To be certified, the flow of the wood material – from the forest to the customer – must be monitored to demonstrate its origins. This evidence is known as the Chain of Custody (CoC).

### Why is FSC CoC certification important for your business?

This assures customers that your company uses legal sources from responsibly managed forests for its material. It enables you to offer your customers better value in terms of origin of material and promotion of responsible forestry. By using FSC material, you can also open up new business opportunities for your company in markets requiring the certification.

### How can we help you?

As an internationally accredited Certification Body for the FSC CoC, TÜV SÜD Czech is a one-stop provider of certification services. Our trusted audit experts understand all the technical and social complexities of CoC certification for a wide range of industries in wood processing, pulp and paper, packaging, and printing. We can offer FSC CoC audits in combination with other audit services such as ISO or other forest certification schemes.



## Our FSC CoC services

We offer services to support your company at every stage of the certification process, from pre-audit throughout the entire five-year certification cycle.

### ▪ FSC CoC certification

Designed for all businesses involved in the supply chain of forest-based products, FSC CoC certifications require ongoing annual audits. We can perform these audits within the five-year certification cycle to monitor how your organisation has implemented the requirements of the FSC Standards. Our auditors observe your company's separation and flow of material, its management systems, and your use of the FSC trademark.

### ▪ FSC Controlled Wood

FSC Controlled Wood covers wood that is not FSC certified but meets the specifications of the FSC Controlled Wood Standard. This includes legality of the harvest and due consideration to key social and environmental issues. FSC Controlled Wood can be mixed with certified wood for production of FSC-certified products, provided it meets respective requirements. FSC CoC and FSC Controlled Wood systems and certification is a tool to show compliance with the EU Timber Regulation.

## Your business benefits

- **Demonstrate compliance** – by featuring the prestigious FSC trademark on your products and packaging.
- **Gain a competitive edge** – by targeting purchasers who increasingly prefer to select wood and paper products that are originally sourced from sustainably managed forests.

- **Enhance your brand image** – as a company in the forest product sector that is environmentally aware.
- **Improve transparency** – by having your business listed as a certified company on the FSC website.

## Why choose TÜV SÜD?

TÜV SÜD Czech is a trusted market leader for credible CoC certification. We are known worldwide for the high quality of our certifications and the outstanding performance of our auditors. Our experts are committed to a fast turnaround on approvals of submitted artwork using the FSC trademark, delivering on deadlines as short as two days or even a few hours in the case of printing businesses.

## Choose certainty. Add value.

TÜV SÜD is a premium quality, safety and sustainability solutions provider that specialises in testing, inspection, auditing, certification, training and knowledge services. Represented in over 800 locations worldwide, we hold accreditations in Europe, the Americas, the Middle East, Asia and Africa. By delivering objective solutions to our customers, we add tangible value to businesses, consumers and the environment.

## Related services

TÜV SÜD provides the following related services:

- PEFC certification
- Carbon footprint certification
- ISO 14001 – Environment management system certification
- ISO 50001 – Energy management system certification