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Inspire trust.

## FSC™ Chain of Custody certification

Demonstrate the responsible origin of your wood and paper products.

### Your challenges

The demand for wood, paper and other products sourced from well-managed forests continues to grow. Consumers and business partners want assurance that your products are sourced from forests that are responsibly managed. This includes ensuring the rights and safety of both forest workers and indigenous communities, as well as preventing any negative impact on the ecosystem.

In addition, documentation of the source, as well as the legality of wood and fibre products, are also required by law in many countries around the world, including the European Union, Japan and the USA.

### What is FSC Chain of Custody certification?

The Forest Stewardship Council™ (FSC) is a non-profit organisation that sets standards for, and promotes environmentally responsible, socially beneficial and economically viable, management of the world's forests. Wood and paper products may 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?

With FSC certification, your customers can be assured that you use wood and fibre from responsibly managed forests. It also enables you to offer your customers better value in terms of origin of material and promotion of responsible forestry. Offering FSC certified material also opens up new business opportunities to 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 holds the licence (FSC® A000530) to perform relevant certification services. Our trusted audit experts understand all the technical and social complexities of CoC certification for a wide range



of industries within 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 complete 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 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.

### Add value. Inspire trust.

TÜV SÜD is a trusted partner of choice for safety, security and sustainability solutions. It specialises in testing, certification, auditing and advisory services. Since 1866, the company has remained committed to its purpose of enabling progress by protecting people, the environment and assets from technology-related risks. Through more than 24,000 employees across over 1,000 locations, it adds value to customers and partners by enabling market access and managing risks. By anticipating technological developments and facilitating change, TÜV SÜD inspires trust in a physical and digital world to create a safer and more sustainable future.

### Related services

TÜV SÜD provides the following related services:

- PEFC certification
- ISO 14001 – Environmental management
- ISO 50001 – Energy management
- ISO 9001 - Quality management
- ISO 45001 - Occupational health and safety