



# FSC® Chain of Custody

## Certification Services for the Print Industry

Certification under the internationally acclaimed Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Chain of Custody (CoC) program assures your customers that you uphold the strict integrity of FSC-certified paper products used in your printing operation.



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When you earn an FSC Chain of Custody certificate you gain the right to use the FSC logo and trademarks both on your products and in company communications. The certification label helps both businesses and retail customers make purchasing decisions that support sound forest management.

### BENEFITS OF CERTIFICATION

Certification provides a variety of direct benefits that help the environment, people, and your bottom line. It also allows you to:

- Respond to customer demand
- Increase your competitive edge
- Promote responsible forest management
- Benefit from fast and attentive service

### CHAIN OF CUSTODY AND THE PRINT INDUSTRY

FSC requires that all paper manufacturers, paper brokers, printers and print brokers who purchase and sell FSC certified paper, and who wish to make a claim about the certified status of their product, obtain CoC certification by an FSC accredited third party.

SCS has earned its reputation as the printer's choice for FSC CoC certification because of our exceptional customer service, fast turnaround, and streamlined, online logo approval system.

SCS has certified more than hundreds print clients, with many new printers and print chains in the process of certification. When one of our clients has a question or an urgent need, they can be confident that we are just a phone call away. Moreover, through the development of our exclusive online logo approval system, SCS is able meet the fast deadlines so common in the print industry.

for information about becoming  
certified or locating certified products:

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## CERTIFICATION PROCESS

The assessment process includes the following steps:

- 1. Application.** Upon receipt of your application, SCS prepares a proposal for your approval that is inclusive of all costs. Returning the signed work order starts the process.
- 2. On-Site Audit.** SCS visits all sites where FSC material will be handled, per FSC requirements.
- 3. Report and Certification Decision.** After the site visit and records review, the auditor prepares a detailed report, and the SCS certification committee makes a certification decision. If corrective actions are needed, the applicant is given a prescribed amount of time to make the corrections.
- 4. Certificate Issuance.** Your FSC certificate is issued along with information you need to know as a certified company.
- 5. Certificate Maintenance.** Annual on-site audits are required to maintain certification. SCS also reserves the right to conduct inspections of client's facilities on short notice.
- 6. Product Labeling.** Certified companies can use both the SCS and the FSC trademarks to promote their products. Using both labels provides the greatest visibility and recognition of your achievement.

## ADVANCING RESPONSIBLE FORESTRY

The FSC has been advancing responsible management of the world's forests for two decades, through the development of voluntary, internationally-recognized forest management standards and the world's most widely recognized forest certification program. FSC certification supports biodiversity, ensures protection of forests, assures consideration of human benefits, provides for stakeholder input and ensures long-term timber supplies.

SCS is proud to have participated in the formation of the FSC, and to have been an accredited certifier since its launch. With certified companies in 34 countries and every U.S. state, we remain a leader in this industry.

## SCS GLOBAL SERVICES

SCS Global Services has been providing global leadership in third-party environmental and sustainability certification, auditing, testing and standards development for nearly three decades. In addition to certification for the FSC's Forest Management and Chain of Custody programs, SCS programs recognize accomplishments in agricultural production, food processing and handling, fisheries, flowers and plants, energy, green building, consumer and business products, and corporate social responsibility.