



FSC Chain of Custody Certification for Wood Products

The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is an international certification system that recognizes the highest levels of environmental and socially responsible forest management.

Use of FSC certified materials is one of the most widespread environmental strategies employed by contractors, mills, manufacturers, distributors and wholesalers to demonstrate environmental performance across the supply chain. It is also a key factor in sustainability and green building standards such as the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED program.

To earn FSC Chain of Custody certification, companies must develop and implement procedures that cover all of the elements of the relevant FSC standard. These procedures include accounting for the purchasing, inventorying, manufacturing, sale and recordkeeping of certified materials as well as establishing protocols for determining appropriate FSC claims and use of logos.

Benefits of FSC Certification

FSC Chain of Custody certification is a quality assurance to your customers and consumers that your wood products have been sourced from well-managed forests. When you receive the FSC CoC certificate, you gain the right to use the FSC logo and trademarks on both your products and marketing materials. The FSC certification label helps purchasers make decisions that support sound forest management practices.

FSC Certification helps your business:

- Demonstrate your commitment to responsible business practices
- Gain a competitive edge by differentiating your products
- Support responsible forestry and conservation
- Qualify your products for LEED certification (MR credit 7)



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What are FSC Certified Products?

- Lumber
- Furniture
- Panel products
- Building materials
- Pulp and paper
- Other wood-based products

Certification Process

1. **Application:** Complete and submit an application form. An SCS staff member will then provide you with the necessary documentation relevant to your particular type of operation and prepare a detailed proposal.
2. **Procedures & Desk Audit:** Your company creates a set of procedures that demonstrate how you track FSC products throughout the operation. SCS provides materials to help you better understand the FSC requirements.
3. **On Site Audit:** At the site visit, an auditor will review your FSC procedures and documentation and will tour facilities where your FSC material is handled.
4. **Report & Certification Decision:** After the site visit, the auditor prepares a detailed report. The SCS certification committee reviews the auditor's report and makes a certification decision.
5. **Certification Maintenance:** Once certified, your company will be listed on the FSC and SCS websites. You'll also receive information about the use of FSC and SCS trademarks and gain access to our online logo-use approval system.

Why Choose Scientific Certification Systems?

Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) is a leading third-party certification body with more than 25 years of experience certifying environmental and sustainability claims to the highest standards of performance. SCS is respected throughout the world for our integrity, scientific rigor and true independence.

SCS is a founding member of the FSC, the leading FSC CoC certification body in the United States and among the top FSC certifiers worldwide. With auditors in Australia, Brazil, China, India, Japan, Germany, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand and Sweden, SCS has certified more than 2,000 companies across the globe.

SCS is very focused on customer service and is typically able to contract with companies, deploy auditors to the field and make certification decisions within a six to eight week time frame. Once certified, SCS provides certification support services including informational updates about FSC requirements, a superior logo approval system with quick turnaround times and other highly personal assistance from our staff.

In addition to FSC Certification, SCS can provide complementary certifications for additional products claims of indoor air quality and recycled content.



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