

FSC Chain of Custody Certification Services for the Print Industry



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SCIENTIFIC CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS



Why Should I Get Certified?

Chain of Custody is a quality assurance to your customers that your paper products have positive environmental attributes that are backed by a global system of verification. When you earn a 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.

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

What is FSC?

The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) advances responsible management of the world's forests 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 was proud to play a role in the formation of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), and was among the first certifiers to become accredited to offer FSC-endorsed certification services. With certified companies in 34 countries and every U.S. state, we remain a leader in this industry.

Certification Process

The assessment process includes the following steps:

Step 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.

Step 2. On-Site Audit

SCS visits all sites where FSC material will be handled, per FSC requirements.

Step 3. Records Review

After the audit and records review, SCS makes a certification decision based on our auditor's findings. If corrective actions are needed, the applicant is given a prescribed amount of time to make the corrections.

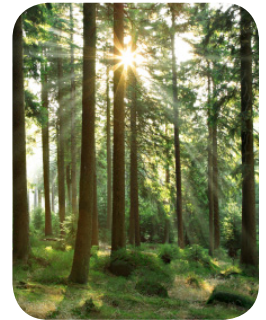
Step 4. Certification

Step 5. Monitoring

Annual onsite audits are required to maintain certification. SCS also reserves the right to conduct short-notice inspections of client's facilities.

Step 6. Product Labeling

Certified companies can use both the SCS and the FSC trademarks to promote their products.



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for information about becoming certified
or locating certified products:

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Setting the standard for sustainability™
Providing global leadership in independent, third-party certification,
auditing, testing and standards development for more than 25 years.

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 chain-of-custody certification by an FSC accredited third party.

SCS has become known as “the printer’s choice” for FSC Chain of Custody certification because of our exceptional customer service, fast turnaround, and streamlined, online logo approval system.

SCS has certified more than 500 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 to meet the fast deadlines so common in the print industry.

Scientific Certification Systems

Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) has been providing global leadership in third-party environmental and sustainability certification, auditing, testing and standards development for more than 25 years. In addition to certification for the Forest Stewardship Council’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.



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