



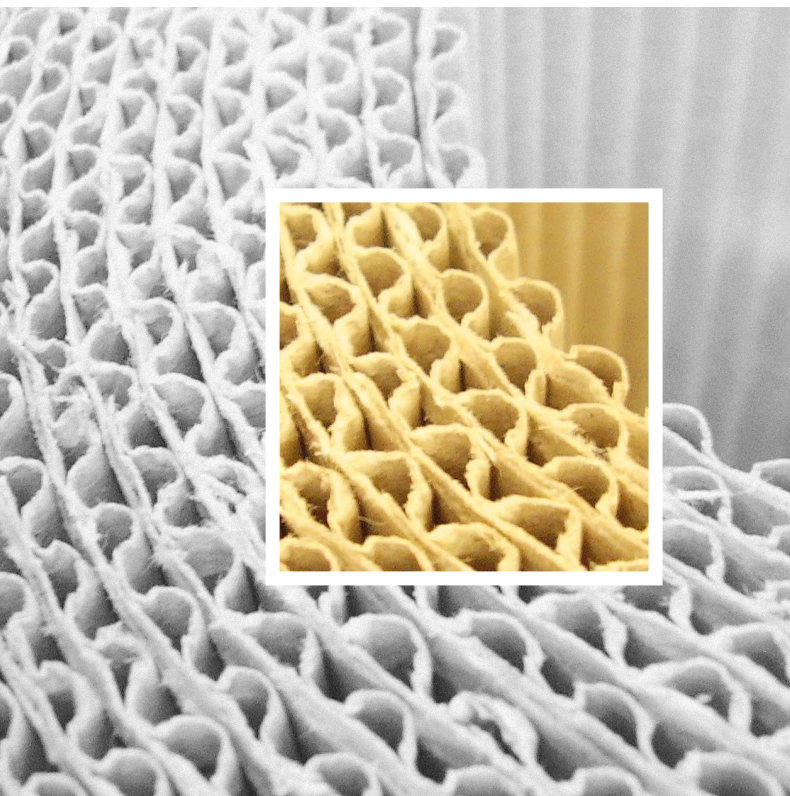
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FSC® CoC

Forest Stewardship Council® Chain of Custody (FSC® CoC)

The international label for sustainable timber industry



Motivation and benefits

Consumers are becoming more and more critical. They increasingly desire products that are manufactured according to ecological and social criteria. By indicating the FSC® Logo, companies ensure wood originates from sustainably cultivated forests. Certified companies can place the FSC Logo directly on the product and can use this logo for advertising purposes. As the number of critical consumers is growing and FSC gained an increasing degree of recognition, FSC provides companies with a simple management tool, which enables them to work sustainably and communicate their actions in a credible way.

In 1993, the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC) was established as a worldwide independent and non-profit organization by environmental bodies, representatives of domestic ethnical groups and companies active in forestry and timber industry. FSC is a member-based organization that is open to any individual and legal entities.

Objectives

The certification procedure helps to achieve cultivation of forests that is

- ecologically compatible
- socially compatible as well as
- economically sustainable

and to improve the marketing of timber produced in a manner that is ecologically and socially correct. In addition, it aims to support companies active in forestry and timber industry to continually improve their performance.

Target group

- sawing and plough mills
- wood processing industry
- building joiners and cabinet makers
- carpenters
- timber trade
- paper industry and trade
- print offices, publishing companies and bookbinding

Requirements

FSC has established ten principles for forest certification (FSC Forest Management FM), which are valid all over the world. Among other things, the following elements are essential:

- compliance with the laws and FSC principles, conformity to labour laws and health protection
- respecting the rights of ownership and rights of use and enjoyment
- endeavours to protect, maintain and preserve the relationship with the local population
- renouncing clear-cutting
- principle of regeneration
- establishing reservations
- planning and control documentation
- preserving the protective forests
- maintaining biodiversity

Certification of the Chain of Custody (FSC CoC) requires the following:

- documented control system
- acknowledgement of receipt of goods
- separation and/or identification of certified and non-certified received goods
- safe product labelling
- identification of certified outgoing goods
- accounting



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Upon successful certification, FSC CoC Certificates can be granted for five years. Every year a Surveillance Audit will take place. FSC CoC Certificates are recognized internationally.



The mark of
responsible forestry
FSC® A000536

Accreditation

Quality Austria is accredited for the certification of FSC® CoC by ASI since 19th January 2015 with the accreditation number ASI-ACC-071. The regulation for FSC® CoC audits can be found at www.qualityaustria.com/environment.



Other relevant standards

ISO 9001, ISO 14001, EMAS, Sustainability reports, Austria Quality Seal, Ecolabel

Quality Austria introduces itself

Quality Austria - Trainings, Zertifizierungs und Begutachtungs GmbH is your competence partner for the Integrated Management System in the fields of Quality, Environment, Safety and Industry Standards as well as Business Excellence. The services provided by Quality Austria range from trainings in the field of international management trends and techniques via certification of management systems according to international standards, regulations, national guidelines, directives and assessments acc. to the EFQM Excellence Model to awarding the Austria Quality Seal. The Austrian Excellence Award will be presented to Austrian organizations in cooperation with the Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy. Quality Austria is accredited by the Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy and has numerous international registrations and accreditations.

Having more than 1.000 auditors, trainers, assessors and technical experts, Quality Austria secures successful implementation of standards and regulations within the organizations and provides sector and product specific know-how with a very high focus on practical work.

Based on the competence network in the field of comprehensive sector specific, technical and methodological knowledge as well as comprehensive experience, trends will be influenced while innovations will be interpreted and tomorrow's requirements will be co-designed actively and consistently in corresponding bodies even on an international scale.

The close connection of Quality Austria as a national representative with international partner organizations as well as cooperations enable global know-how to be imparted and turn the organization into a competent partner. Quality Austria cooperates with some 50 partner and member organizations. Quality Austria is a stable factor when it comes to creating valuable synergies at the economic site of Austria.

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