

**THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO QUESTION
THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE WOOD**



SGS

FORESTRY CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY

DEMONSTRATE YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE AUTHENTICITY AND TRACEABILITY OF WOOD PRODUCTS

From logs, to lumber, to furniture to wood pulp, it's becoming more and more important to know exactly where your materials have come from. Added to that, mandatory requirements are becoming more stringent and consumers, aware of environmental issues, are demanding wood from well-managed forests. They also want this information up-front, in addition to being assured that your company will continue to meet their needs now and in the long term. Yet with more and more wood being supplied and manufactured from different global sources, the process of tracking has become more complicated. It's a challenge, but it's also an opportunity for companies to prove their responsibility and provide traceability of information right through the supply chain.

PROOF THAT YOU ARE COMMITTED TO YOUR CUSTOMERS

The Forestry Chain-of-Custody certification enables you to demonstrate your commitment to traceability in your supply chain and satisfy customer demand, as well as continuously improving your corporate image.

WHAT IS FORESTRY CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY?



Chain-of-Custody is the path wood products take from the forest to the consumer, including all manufacturing, transformation and distribution links. The Chain-of-Custody certification from SGS involves tracking the origins of wood and guarantees its authenticity through the entire supply chain.

To demand Chain-of-Custody, customers fill in a straightforward questionnaire covering operation background, company details and

any supply chain knowledge. With these details SGS assessors inspect the relevant manufacturing, transformation or distribution sites. If everything is in order, customers will then receive a full report and product certification.

SGS can also certify forestry management programmes and standards of forestry practice together with Chain-of-Custody, saving both time and money. In forestry management, SGS certifies against many recognised programmes – Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)[®], Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC), the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) and several other national schemes. Each programme has its own standards, while taking into consideration economic, social and environmental factors influencing the forest environment.

THE BENEFITS OF FORESTRY CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY

With Chain-of-Custody certification from SGS, anyone, anywhere in the supply chain, can quickly determine precise origins and processes wood products have gone through. It provides evidence that your products originate from certified, well-managed forests or from other uncertified controlled wood sources. What's more, the process is simple, efficient and can be completed within 20 days (depending on the type of audit and response time to our proposal). The international recognition that Forestry Chain-of-Custody brings is a boost to any company's credibility. Compliance with forestry management standards reduces the risk of product denial and possible litigation. Demonstrating a real commitment and responsibility to the origins of your wood products can also transform your corporate image and act as an effective entry-to-market tool.

Certifying your Chain-of-Custody/Forestry Management through SGS will help your organisation develop and improve performance.

- SGS utilises global certification methods that are measured against current Forestry Management standards,
- With the worldwide SGS network, specialising in inspection and verification of products, you get fast service, accuracy and a complete report you can use as a business-building tool.

WHY SGS?

SGS is the world's leading certification body in Forest Management with over 1 500 Chain-of-Custody certifications worldwide. SGS is also the only global certification body that certifies wood from forest to market, against the most recognised forestry standards (FSC[®], PEFC, SFI).

Our global brand is built upon our presence in 75 countries with over 80 000 certificates globally. SGS is the world's leading certification body also in other standards, including ISO 9001:2000, ISO 14001:2004 and food safety management systems.

We do not turn audits into the simple filling-in of a checklist and checking your document systems. Our auditors are trained the "SGS way", they listen to the client and are objective and ethical at all times.

Our network of experienced auditors identifies the Corrective Action Requirements (CAR) in a consistent manner, globally. Our auditors are trained on multiple standards and can perform integrated audits when needed.

START TODAY

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