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## **HOW CAN YOU REASSURE YOUR CUSTOMERS ABOUT THE ORIGINS OF YOUR WOOD & PAPER PRODUCTS?**

**FOREST AND WOOD SUPPLY CHAIN SOLUTIONS**



# TRUST THAT YOUR WOOD COMES FROM A WELL-MANAGED FOREST OR OTHER SUSTAINABLE, CONTROLLED SOURCE



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Timber and paper products are involved with some of the most geographically complex supply chains. Providing certification of traceability through the supply chain is a way in which companies can show that they are meeting their customers' needs for legal and sustainable timber and paper products. In addition, many countries are now building mandatory legality requirements into their national legislature. These two factors are creating an environment where companies in the supply chain are under increasing pressure to demonstrate traceability for the product back to source and to verify that the product has been legally harvested and supplied to the market.

**CERTIFICATION FROM SGS SUPPORTS ORGANISATIONS TO DEMONSTRATE TIMBER AND PAPER PRODUCTS HAVE BEEN HARVESTED AND SUPPLIED IN COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONALLY AND LOCALLY APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS.**



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## ABOUT FOREST AND WOOD SUPPLY CHAIN CERTIFICATION

SGS is a trusted partner to organisations worldwide for solutions across the forest and wood supply chain. We provide independent assessment and certification of forest management activities in accordance with the requirements of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC®) and the Programme for Endorsed Forest Certification scheme (PEFC™). FSC is an independent, non-governmental, not-for-profit organisation, and is widely regarded as one of the most important initiatives of the last decade in promoting responsible forest management worldwide. PEFC is an international, non-governmental, not-for-profit organisation, and is dedicated to furthering Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) through independent third-party certification.

### Forest Management Certification

Forest management certification is the assessment and verification of a forest against a specific set of criteria known as a forest management standard. The standard covers the environmental, social and economic activities associated with the forest, and is adapted to meet the specific local needs and requirements of the region.

### Forest Product Chain-of-Custody Certification

Chain-of-custody certification verifies that products originate from certified forests and recognises that timber and paper products go through complex supply chains and manufacturing processes. Companies that undergo chain-of-custody certification are able to make claims that their products originate from certified well-managed forests and other controlled sources.



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**HOW DOES THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS WORK?**

**Forest Product Chain-of-Custody Certification (COC)**

STEP A – Onsite pre-evaluation: (optional) overview of your procedures to ensure you understand the requirements of the SGS evaluation and identify likely control points against the relevant COC standards

STEP B – Onsite visits: visual checks of all appropriate site-based facilities at your organisation

STEP C – Onsite reports: reporting of identification and segregation procedures, records keeping and staff interviews

STEP D – Corrective actions: discussion of identified problems and, if necessary, of non-conformances (NCs).

STEP E – Evaluation report: feedback on the audit findings and the certification recommendation

STEP F – Certification: in the case of a successful certificate decision, SGS issues a certificate and updates the relevant website (i.e. FSC® or PEFC™)

STEP G – SGS conducts annual surveillance audits to ensure continued compliance to the relevant standard

STEP H – SGS conducts a re-evaluation audit before the expiry date and issues a new certificate

**Forest Management Certification**

STEP A – Onsite pre-evaluation: overview of your procedures to ensure you understand the requirements of the SGS Qualifor evaluation and to identify likely control points

STEP B – Main evaluation: this step involves the following stages...

- i. A contract is signed to begin the main evaluation
- ii. A checklist is developed for local conditions and requirements based on the international FSC® standard
- iii. Consultations are held with all stakeholders who have an interest in the management of the forest areas to be certified
- iv. Field evaluations determine how closely your activities in the field comply with the management systems

- v. Stakeholder interviews clarify the issues raised and your responses to them
- vi. A closing meeting is held to discuss with your management the areas of non-conformance and inform you on the certificate recommendation
- vii. COC inspection ensures that any wood entering the production process is drawn solely from certified forests, or if not, adequately segregated
- viii. A report including the findings from the field evaluation is prepared
- ix. Peer and internal review allows scrutiny of the report by nationally recognised independent forest experts. The report and peer reviewers' comments are internally reviewed, after which the final decision is made regarding the certification

STEP C – Certification: in the case of a successful certificate decision, a certificate is issued

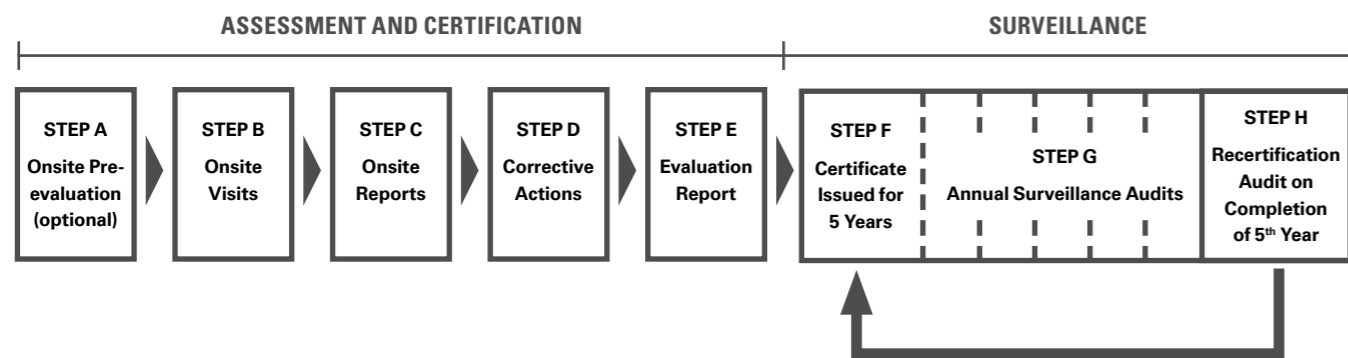
STEP D – Surveillance audits: the first visit is approximately six months after certification and subsequent visits follow at least annually or more frequently in the case of any outstanding major non-conformances (NCs)

STEP E – SGS conducts a re-evaluation before the expiry date and issues a new certificate

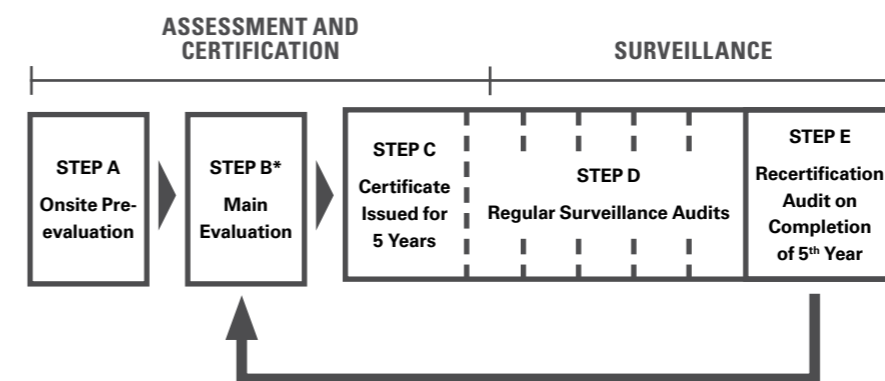
**Verification of compliance with applicable legal requirements**

Certification supports organisations that have an obligation to verify that their timber or paper products have been harvested and supplied in compliance with nationally and locally applicable laws. However, certification does not remove the legal obligations from organisations in scope for laws such as the European Union Timber Regulation, the US Lacey Act or the Australian Illegal Logging Prohibition Act.

**FOREST PRODUCT CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY CERTIFICATION PROCESS**

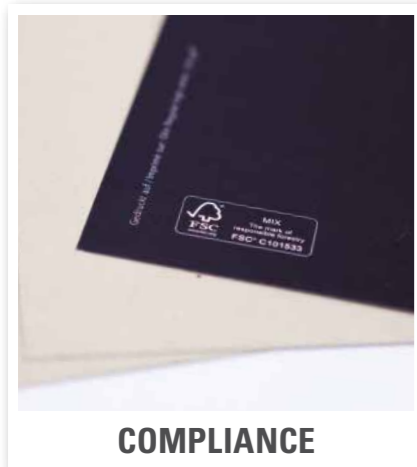


**FOREST MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION PROCESS**



\* Includes Stakeholder consultation and interviews, refer to Step B in the text above.

**WE PROTECT YOUR REPUTATION AND HELP REDUCE THE RISK OF YOUR ORGANISATION SUPPLYING ILLEGAL TIMBER OR PAPER PRODUCTS TO THE MARKET.**



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## **SGS IS A GLOBAL LEADER THAT CERTIFIES WOOD FROM FOREST TO MARKET AGAINST THE MOST RECOGNISED FORESTRY STANDARDS.**

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### **CERTIFICATION IMPROVES YOUR PROCESSES, PERFORMANCE AND REPUTATION**

Certification allows you to demonstrate compliance with globally agreed standards for forest management or product traceability. We work with your organisation to verify compliance with the applicable standards and bring credibility to your claims of product origin.

Certification improves your internal processes and performance through a systems based approach to product traceability. We facilitate the improvement of your organisation's internal product management systems so that they deliver increased efficiency and reductions in costs.

Certification protects your reputation by verifying product traceability back to a certified source. We help your organisation document direct evidence that products originate from a certified forest, and that the product has met specific environmental, economic and social management criteria.

Certification helps you implement a due diligence system. We offer third-party certification for your organisation to identify and demonstrate evidence of compliance to legality regulations.

### **TRAINING RELATED TO FOREST AND WOOD SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT**

We offer a range of training programmes covering Forest Management, Forest Product Chain-of-Custody Certification and European Union Timber Regulation. Please visit [www.sgs.co.uk/training](http://www.sgs.co.uk/training) to find the available programs in your location.

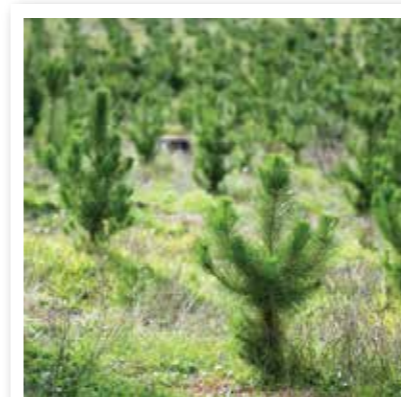
### **OTHER SOLUTIONS FOR FOREST AND WOOD SUPPLY CHAINS**

We are known for our comprehensive range of solutions for forest and wood supply chains. Our services allow a wide range of organisations to demonstrate compliance with local, national and international regulations; and promote the legality of their products to their customers. We assist in the development of due diligence systems and have extensive knowledge of global forestry, timber or paper supply chains. We bring this experience to your business in order to support the development of your systems and reduce the risk of your organisation supplying illegal timber or paper products to the market.

We have applied to become a Monitoring Organisation to allow any organisation in scope for the European Union Timber Regulation 995/2010 to implement a due diligence system that will facilitate compliance with the regulation.

Our other solutions related to forest and wood supply chains:

- Environmental Management Systems (ISO 14001) audit, certification and training services
- Forest Product Inspection Services: round wood and poles, wood chips, pellets, particles, sawdust wood pulp fibres, sawn wood, veneer sheets, plywood as well as fumigation, collateral management, and financial services
- Consumer Wood Products Testing Services against Japanese, EU and US market requirements



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### **WHY SGS?**

SGS is the world's leading inspection, verification, testing and certification company. SGS is recognised as the global benchmark for quality and integrity. With more than 80,000 employees, SGS operates a network of over 1,650 offices and laboratories around the world.

Enhancing processes, systems and skills is fundamental to your ongoing success and sustained growth. We enable you to continuously improve, transforming your services and value chain by increasing performance, managing risks, better meeting stakeholder requirements, and managing sustainability.

With a global presence, we have a history of successfully executing large-scale, complex international projects. Our people speak the language, understand the culture of the local market and operate globally in a consistent, reliable and effective manner.



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