

FSC Chain of Custody Certification Services



WHAT IS FSC?



The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) promotes responsible management of the world's forests through the development of voluntary, internationally recognized forest management standards and the most widely recognized forest certification program globally. The FSC certification program supports biodiversity, protects stream sides, and ensures protection of high conservation value 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 subsequently was among the first certifiers to become duly accredited to offer FSC-endorsed certification services. We remain a leader in this industry.

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 receive 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.

CERTIFICATION PROCESS

The assessment process includes the following steps:

Step 1. Application

Complete an application form, including types of products to be certified and locations. SCS staff will return a work order for your signature. Return a signed work order and certification agreement to begin the process.

Step 2. On-Site Audit

An inspector audits client facilities and reviews applicant's control systems.

Step 3. Records Review

SCS staff reviews auditor report and applicant's administrative procedures to assess readiness for certification.

Step 4. Certification

SCS makes final certification decision. Applicant Acknowledges audit report findings, including any requests for corrective action.

Step 5. Monitoring

Annual onsite audits are required to maintain certification. In addition, SCS reserves the right to conduct irregularly-timed, short-notice inspections of client's facilities and records.

Step 6. Product Labeling

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

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. We have become known as "the printer's choice" for FSC Chain of Custody certification due to our high level of customer service, our fast turnaround, and our streamlined logo approval system. SCS has certified over 270 print clients in the previous year alone with new printers and print chains achieving FSC certification daily. 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 meet the deadlines printers require.

SCIENTIFIC CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS

Founded in 1984, Scientific Certification Systems is an internationally-recognized third-party evaluation, testing, and certification organization based in Emeryville, California. SCS programs span a wide cross-section of the economy, including manufacturing and retailing, consumer products, the energy industry, marine fisheries, the home improvement and construction sectors, and agricultural production.

In addition to FSC Chain-of-Custody certification and other FSC-accredited auditing and certification services, ask us about our other certification programs for the forest products industry, such as SCS Independent, Verification of Legality, and Recycled/Recovered Fiber Certification.

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