



FSC® Chain of Custody

Certification Services for the Print Industry

Certification under the internationally acclaimed Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Chain-of-Custody (CoC) program assures your customers that you uphold the strict integrity of FSC-certified paper products used in your printing operation.



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When you earn an FSC 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.

BENEFITS OF CERTIFICATION

Certification provides a variety of direct benefits that help the environment, people, and your bottom line. It allows you to:

- Respond to customer demand
- Meet specifications
- Increase your competitive edge
- Promote responsible forest management

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 products, obtain CoC certification by an FSC-accredited third-party certification body.

SCS Global Services (SCS) has earned its reputation as the printer's choice for FSC CoC certification because of our exceptional customer service, fast turnaround, and streamlined online logo approval system. When our clients have a question or an urgent need, they can be confident that we are just a phone call away. Through our online logo approval system, we can help you meet your rapid turnaround deadlines.

for information about becoming certified or locating certified products:

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CERTIFICATION PROCESS

The assessment process includes the following steps:

- 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.
- 2. On-Site Audit.** SCS visits all sites where FSC-certified material will be handled, per FSC requirements. Brokers and distributors will receive a desk audit.
- 3. Report and Certification Decision.** After the site visit and records review, the auditor prepares a detailed report, and the certification committee makes a certification decision. If corrective actions are needed, SCS will work with you to address them.
- 4. Certificate Issuance.** Your FSC certificate is issued along with information you need to know as a certified company.
- 5. Certificate Maintenance.** Annual on-site audits are required to maintain certification.
- 6. Product Labeling.** Certified companies can use both the SCS Kingfisher and the FSC trademarks to promote their products. Using both labels provides the greatest visibility and recognition of your achievement.

ADVANCING RESPONSIBLE FORESTRY

FSC has been advancing responsible management of the world's forests for two decades through the development of voluntary, internationally-recognized forest management standards. Today, FSC is 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 guarantees long-term timber supplies.

We are proud to have participated in the formation of the FSC and to have been an accredited certifier since its launch. With certified companies in 34 countries and every U.S. state, we continue to be a leader in this industry.

CHOOSE SCS

SCS Global Services (SCS) has been providing global leadership in third-party environmental and sustainability certification, auditing, testing, and standards development for nearly 30 years. We have certified hundreds of printers, with many new printers and print chains in the process.

Our programs span a wide cross-section of industries, recognizing achievements in green building, product manufacturing, food and agriculture, forestry, retail, and more. We are accredited to provide services under a wide range of nationally and internationally recognized certification programs. Consistent with our mission, we are a chartered benefit corporation and Certified B Corp™, reflecting our commitment to socially and environmentally responsible business practices.