

Ball & Doggett

FSC® & PEFC™ Chain of Custody (CoC) Systems

What does FSC® Stand for?

FSC® stands for The Forest Stewardship Council®. Established in Toronto, Canada in 1993, its Head Office remains in Canada.

What does PEFC™ stand for?

PEFC™ stands for The Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification™. Established in Paris, France in 1999, its Head Office is in Geneva, Switzerland.

What do these organisations do?

Both FSC (The Forest Stewardship Council) and PEFC (The Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification) are international not-for-profit organisations whose aim is one and the same: creating and implementing sustainable forestry policy on a global basis. The policies of both PEFC™ and FSC® rest on three pillars: social, economic and environmental impacts.

FSC & PEFC are global certification systems that enable consumers to easily identify and purchase wood-based products from well-managed and legally harvested forests via recognisable product labels.

FSC and PEFC work throughout the forest supply chain to promote good practice and to ensure forest products are produced with respect and legality.

What is Chain of Custody Certification (CoC)?



Chain of Custody certification is a voluntary process that ensures wood or wood-based products (e.g. building supplies, outdoor furniture, paper and paperboard packaging) are from certified forests. The system tracks and records material through every stage of the manufacturing process, from forest to end-user, and records each step through strict tracking requirements. Put simply, it is a 'track and trace' process.

What is a Chain of Custody Documented Control System?

FSC and PEFC Chain of Custody certifications require that a company seeking or holding certification produce and maintain a Documented Control System (DCS) covering all valid FSC and PEFC Chain of Custody (CoC) requirements. The document explains the system/s used to track, manage and store certified products within that specific business. It simply documents the businesses procedures.

The DCS must be available to all staff within **Ball & Doggett** for reference at any time, along with the FSC and PEFC standards. It must also be available publicly upon request.

What are the benefits of FSC and PEFC Chain of Custody Certification for Ball & Doggett?

- **Ball & Doggett** will play its part in protecting both New Zealand's and the world's forests and their environments by achieving and retaining certification to the FSC and PEFC standards and by supplying our customers with certified products.
- It shows that **Ball & Doggett** complies with the highest social and environmental standards in the market today.
- It enables **Ball & Doggett** to meet sustainability requirements of corporate procurement policies.
- Certification gives **Ball & Doggett** proof of sustainable environmental practices – increasingly, customers are looking for proof that pulp, paper and packaging products can be traced back to a responsibly managed and legally harvested forest.
- Our customers expect it of us. It is now a global expectation of Pulp & Paper Mills, Manufacturers and Paper Distributors.

What is the difference between FSC and PEFC?

- While both are committed to the same cause, the main difference between FSC® and PEFC™ is the way in which they carry out the certification process. PEFC™ depends primarily on underlying inspection companies like SFI in America and Responsible Wood in Australia. Forest can be considered PEFC™ certified by examining local processes and assessing whether these meet PEFC™ requirements. This is also called 'bottom-up' certification.
- FSC® has a 'top-down' approach to the market, where a separate policy is determined for each individual country. Once FSC® has established the standards for this policy, they examine each individual forest in the country in question to determine whether it meets the criteria.
- PEFC now accounts for over 264 million hectares of certified forests and its certifications system is recognised in over 30 countries and is the world's largest forest certification scheme. Meanwhile, FSC has certified forests in over 80 countries with 7% of the world's forest area (180 million hectares) carrying the FSC certification.

Who can use the FSC and PEFC logos on products?

Only companies that hold an FSC and/or PEFC Certificate are legally allowed to reproduce the trademarks and only certified products may carry the FSC or PEFC on-product labels.

The FSC and PEFC trademarks allow consumers worldwide to quickly recognise products that support the growth of responsible forest management.

Where do I get copies of the Ball & Doggett FSC and PEFC Chain of Custody certificates, FSC and PEFC Standards and the Documented Control System?

In NZ: Copies of the certificates, FSC & PEFC Standards and the Documented Control System can be found on the G: Common Drive under Environment and on SharePoint. You can also contact Kelly McLean in Auckland.

In Australia: Copies of the certificates, FSC & PEFC Standards and the Documented Control System can be found on the N: Common Drive under Environment and on the intranet. You can also contact Kelly McLean in Auckland.

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