

TIMBER CERTIFICATION BODIES

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CHAIN OF CUSTODY FOR CERTIFIED WOOD AND FOREST PRODUCTS

CERTIFICATION

Australia has three forestry certification schemes that enable users of wood and wooden products to know the source of the wood.

THE AUSTRALIAN FOREST CERTIFICATION SCHEME (AFCS)

This scheme uses the Australian Forestry Standard (AFS) and certifies extensive areas of native forests and plantations across Australia.

The AFCS also includes a Chain of Custody Standard to track forest and wood products throughout the supply chain. This provides consumers with assurance that the forest and wood products they are purchasing are from forests that are managed to the highest possible standards.

A world-class forestry standard, the AFS is endorsed by the world's biggest assessor of sustainable forest management, the Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC).

THE FOREST STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

This uses internationally agreed FSC Principles of Responsible Forest Management to enable FSC accredited certification bodies to issue a certificate for any forestry operation that meets their requirements. The system also includes Chain of Custody (COC) certification.

PROGRAMME FOR ENDORSEMENT OF FOREST CERTIFICATION (PEFC)

The Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) is an international non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to promoting Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) through independent third-party certification.

PEFC works throughout the entire forest supply chain to promote good practice in the forest and to ensure that timber and non-timber forest products are produced with respect for the highest ecological, social and ethical standards..

PEFC is an umbrella organization. It works by endorsing national forest certification systems developed through multi-stakeholder processes and tailored to local priorities and conditions.

With about 30 endorsed national certification systems and more than 220 million hectares of certified forests, PEFC is the world's largest forest certification system.

AS4708 (The Australian Forestry Standard) and AS4707 (Chain of Custody Standard) were developed in accordance with Standards Australia procedures and have been accepted as Australian Standards. (COC)

The Standards Australia development process is clear and is rigorously defined and based on three internationally recognised principles of openness and transparency of process, consensus and balance. AS4708 is intended for voluntary application by any forests in Australia being managed for wood production, whether native or planted forests. Likewise, AS4707 is intended for voluntary application by any organisation that seeks to ensure its certified wood and forest products are sourced from a certified forest.