

## FSC - The highest level of quality assurance

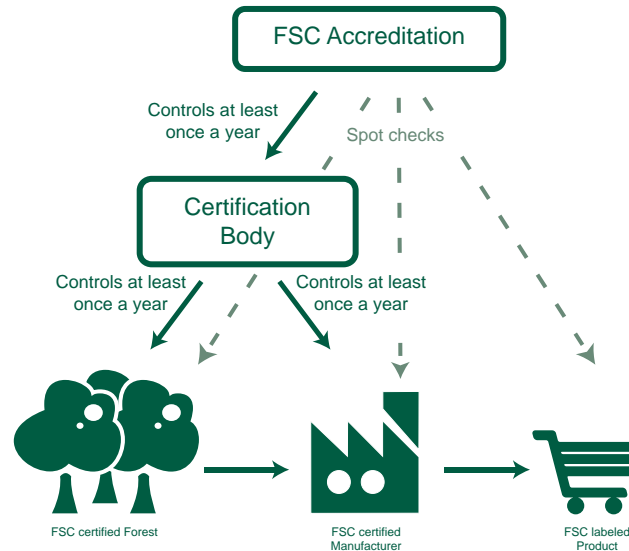
- ✓ FSC standards are globally recognized as the highest social and environmental standards in forestry.

Each individual operation is audited at least once a year. A company must fully comply with all FSC requirements to achieve and maintain FSC certification.

Certification bodies are also regularly audited to ensure strict and consistent implementation of FSC rules and procedures.

A tracking system allows tracking of FSC certified wood through the production chain to the final product when it is labeled.

- ✓ FSC is the only internationally recognized standard setting organization for responsible forest management supported equally by environmental organizations and social groups as well as the corporate sector.



## Buy responsibly – buy FSC!

- ✓ Almost everything made from wood and other forest products is available with the FSC label.

The range of FSC products covers paper and lumber, furniture, jewelry, guitars, footballs and cosmetics.

Depending on where you live, you will be most likely to come across the FSC label on:

- Books (check your copy of the final Harry Potter!)
- Train tickets (Germany)
- Sandwich packages (Marks & Spencer in the UK)
- And of course your local Do-It-Yourself store

- ✓ Search for FSC certified products at: [www.fsc-info.org](http://www.fsc-info.org)

If you need help finding a specific product, check the FSC web site at [www.fsc.org](http://www.fsc.org) for the nearest FSC representative near you or email [fsc@fsc.org](mailto:fsc@fsc.org).

## You can also get involved...

- Become a member – join today!
- Become FSC certified

FSC's open and truly participatory processes includes anyone who is affected by or interested in what happens to forests. This guarantees the strongest standards possible and helps create mutual trust and confidence.





Forests provide us with clean water, fresh air, and help combat global warming. They also provide food, medicine and important natural resources, such as timber and paper. If managed responsibly, forests and plantations benefit forest people and the global community.

However, in some countries as much as 80% of the timber is harvested illegally. This often involves violation of human rights and felling of protected forests.

✓ Choose products from FSC certified forests. This will support the conservation of forests and wildlife and help people lead better lives.

FSC is an independent, non-governmental, not for profit organization established to promote the responsible management of the world's forests.

It provides standard setting, trademark assurance and accreditation services for companies and organizations interested in responsible forestry.

Products carrying the FSC label are independently certified to assure consumers that they come from forests that are managed to meet the social, economic and ecological needs of present and future generations.

FSC maintains representation in more than 45 countries.

For further information, please visit: [www.fsc.org](http://www.fsc.org)

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