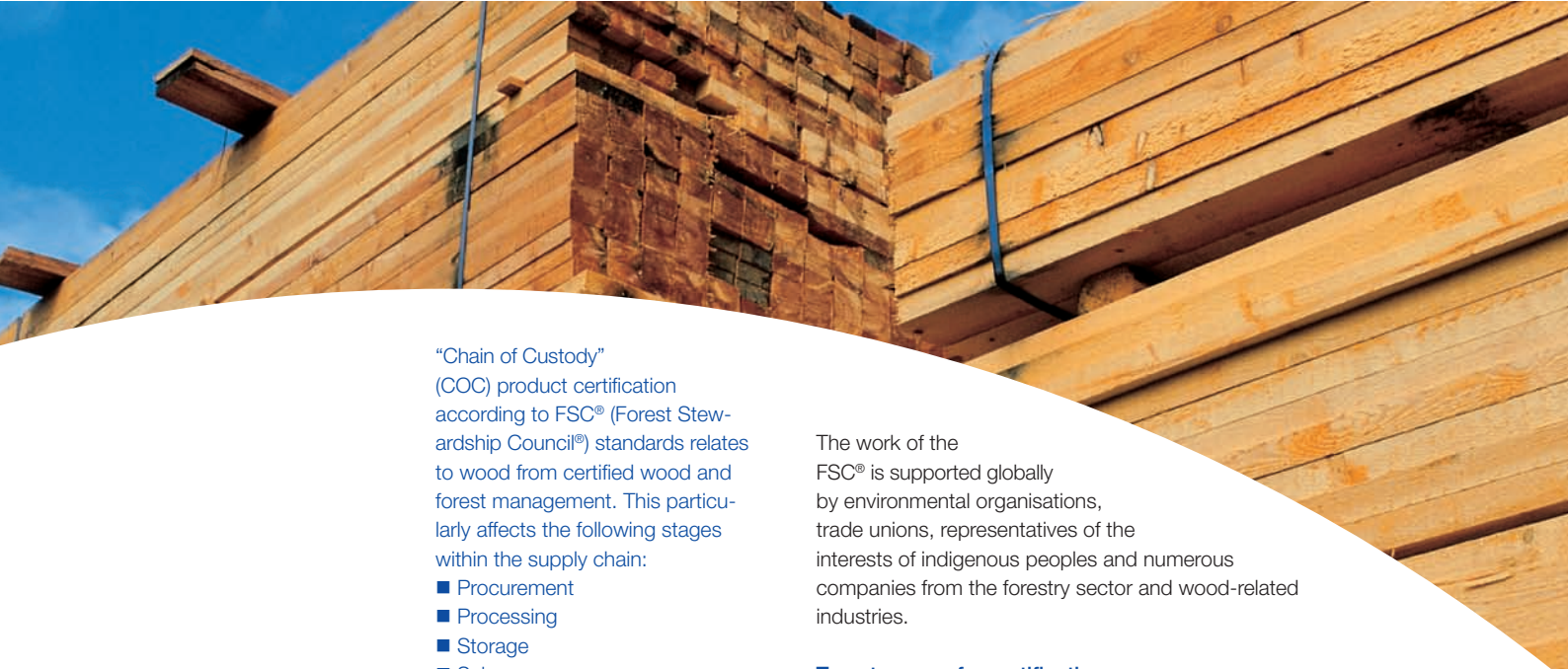


# TÜV NORD CERT – Certification according to FSC®-COC rules



“Chain of Custody” (COC) product certification according to FSC® (Forest Stewardship Council®) standards relates to wood from certified wood and forest management. This particularly affects the following stages within the supply chain:

- Procurement
- Processing
- Storage
- Sale

The FSC® was established in 1993 and is a non-governmental, not-for-profit organisation, which promotes environmentally-friendly, socially acceptable and economically viable use of the world's forests.



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The work of the FSC® is supported globally by environmental organisations, trade unions, representatives of the interests of indigenous peoples and numerous companies from the forestry sector and wood-related industries.

#### Target groups for certification

Combined or group certification can be used by groups of small companies which have come together to form an organisation, or by companies with branch offices or subsidiaries. Among others, these include **sawmills, wood wholesalers and retailers, furniture and paper manufacturers, publishing houses and printers.**

#### Benefits of certification

FSC®-certified companies demonstrate commitment to the environment and to ethical behaviour. At the same time, wood can be clearly identified at any time and at all stages of processing and trading. Inspection and certification by TÜV NORD CERT provides clear benefits to the customer and his market partners, such as:

- **Increased confidence** through proof of fulfilment of the requirements of an internationally-recognised standard
- **Greater acceptance** of the wood and wood products on the part of customers and consumers who place importance on proof of origin
- **Acquisition** of new groups of customers who have a high level of environmental awareness when making purchases
- **Use of the FSC® mark** as an effective marketing instrument over competitors without the certification
- **Proof** that the wood does not originate from questionable sources

#### Prerequisites for certification

- No mixing of FSC® wood with non-certified wood
- Proof of quantities of FSC® wood obtained, stored and sold on (stock control system)
- Adherence to the inspected type sample in the case of manufactured products
- Proof of the quantities of FSC®-certified wood that was used, at what times and in which products

#### Our know-how for your success

TÜV NORD CERT is a well-established and reliable partner for inspection and certification services. Our experts and auditors have extensive knowledge based on experience and are generally permanently employed by TÜV NORD. This guarantees independence and neutrality, and also means we can offer continuity in supporting our clients. The benefit to you is clear: our auditors accompany and support the development of your company and provide you with objective feedback.

TÜV NORD CERT makes use of expert auditors with experience gained from the 300 certificates currently issued in the area of wood chain of custody certification. We are not only an expert partner in Germany, but also offer our services all over the world.

Wood processing companies are confronted with a large number of possible certification systems. These also include management system certification according to ISO 9001 or 14001. With its comprehensive experience and know-how, TÜV NORD CERT covers many different areas of certification from one source. If certification is required according to several systems, it is possible to make use of synergy effects which lead to considerable cost savings.

#### Are you interested?

Please send your response by fax.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

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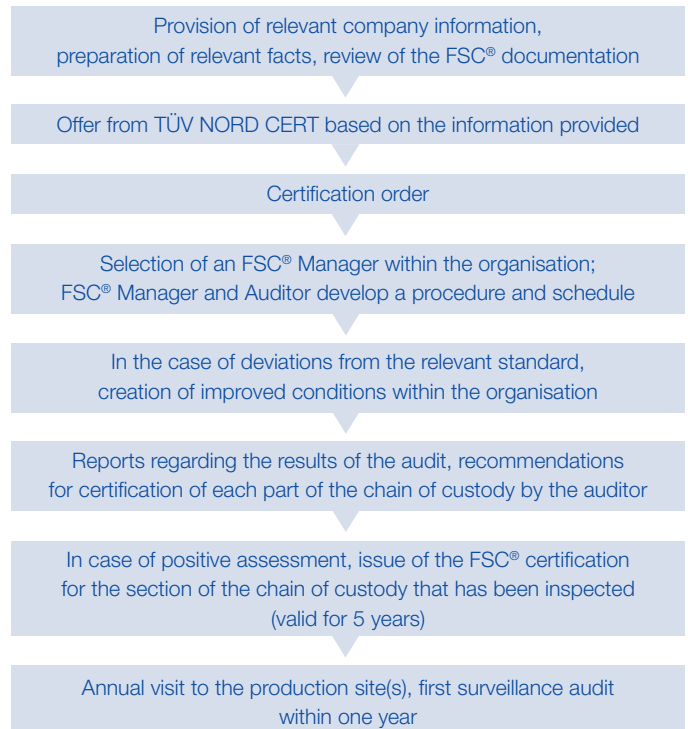
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#### The route to the certificate



- Yes, I am interested in certification according to FSC®-COC rules. Please contact me.

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