



**BUREAU  
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## Bureau Veritas Certification

# FSC® CERTIFICATION

### Ensuring good Forest practices.

## BUSINESS CHALLENGE

Consumers, companies, public authorities require more and more guarantees that harvested trees, paper and wood products come from properly managed sources. FSC® (Forest Stewardship Council®) certification system enables to differentiate wood products that come from responsible forest management which delivers added value.

This scheme is based both on sustainable development and good practises principles applied to forest management and on traceability principle applied to trading and processing companies using wood products from the certified forests.

## SOLUTION

### What is FSC Certification?

The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC®) is an independent NGO (Non Governmental Organization) created in 1993 by environmental NGOs, wood trade organizations, foresters, indigenous people and certification bodies representing 25 countries. It stands as the one of the most globally recognized group promoting forestry certification standards.

FSC® is based on two solutions:

- a Forest Management certificate, for companies that manage forests resources;
- a Chain Of Custody certificate, for companies using forest products (i.e., furniture manufacturers, publishers, pulp industries, and all wood products...) to attest the wood origin traceability.

### What are the key benefits?

- Increasing consumer confidence
- Ensuring better access to your markets through strong differentiation
- Protecting forest resources
- Improving your brand image

### RELATED SERVICES

To complete your FSC® certification, we offer services that can be combined to other certifications schemes:

- ISO 9001: Quality
  - ISO 14001: Environment
  - OHSAS 18001: Occupational Health and Safety
  - OLB: Origin and Legality of the Timber
  - PEFC (Program for Endorsment of Forest Certification schemes): sustainable Forest Management and Chain of Custody
  - SA 8000: Social Responsibility
- Bureau Veritas can easily combine these different standards thus generating audit efficiency, consistency and optimization.

## WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS CERTIFICATION ?

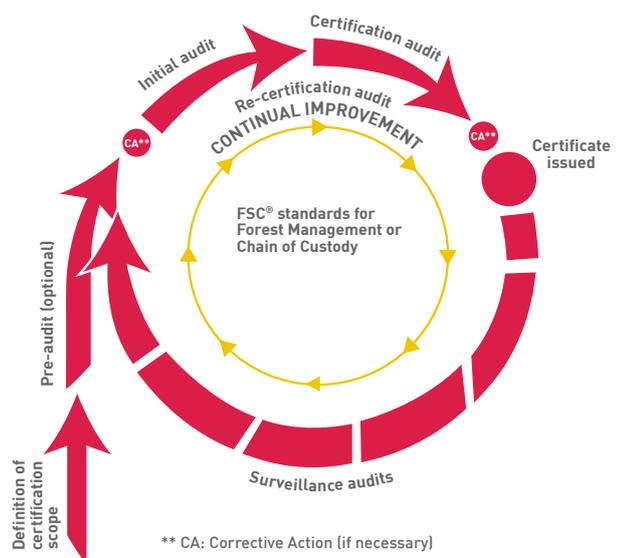
- **Expertise** - With 80,000 clients in more than 100 countries, delivering over 100,000 certificates, Bureau Veritas Certification is the world's leading certification body.
- **Recognition** - Forest Stewardship Council (FSC®<sup>1</sup>) accredited (globally); Program for Endorsment of Forest Certification schemes (PEFC<sup>2</sup>) accredited in many countries from which the most famous are the Brazilian, Canadian, American and European schemes (Cerflor, CSA, SFI, PEFC...).
- **Network** - 5,700 highly qualified auditors worldwide with a vast expertise that is recognized by more than 35 national and international accreditation bodies.
- **Business understanding** - Top-qualified audit teams make up Bureau Veritas Certification's global forestry industry services network. This includes foresters and technical experts who understand the complex nature of the environmental, social and technical aspects of forest management.
- **Mark of global recognition** - The Bureau Veritas Certification Mark is a globally recognized symbol of your organization's ongoing commitment to excellence, sustainability and reliability.



## OUR CERTIFICATION PROCESS

- Key steps in our certification process are:
- Issuance of a contract adapted to your company;
  - Pre-audit (optional<sup>1</sup>); gaps between your current situation and the certification requirements;
  - Initial audit: global assessment of the certification requirements;
  - Certification committee decision;
  - Certificate issuance;
  - Surveillance audits to verify the continuity of your system conformity;
  - Certificate renewal after a five-year period.

1 - The pre-audit is optional in certain circumstances but mandatory in others.



## YOUR QUESTIONS

### How to promote my certification?

The Forest Stewardship Council certification gives certificate holders the use of the internationally recognized trademarks on promotional materials and certified products, visibly demonstrating to supply chain partners and consumers forestry standards compliance.

### Why asking for a FSC® certification?

FSC® certification is first of all forest management or wood products follow up recognition. This is also a way to demonstrate your company's commitment to sustainable development, it gives your company an edge over competitors and at the end improves your company's image and management system.

### How much time and money are needed for this certification?

The certification costs depend on the size, complexity and organisation of your company. Between the formal application and the certificate issuance, it may take from some weeks to a few months, but a Bureau Veritas Certification representative will be able to provide details relative to your unique situation.



1 - FSC® International Certification Centre in France - FSC® Accredited under registration code FSC-A000504 - © 1996 Forest Stewardship Council A.C. - The mark of responsible forestry.

2 - PEFC or equivalent accredited by ANAB, Inmetro, Swedac, Cofrac and other national accreditation bodies.

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