

The First Step in Securing FSC Certification – Contact an Accredited Certifier

The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is a global non-profit organization devoted to encouraging the responsible management of the world's forests. It is the most widely recognized, independent third-party certification program which links logs to finished products through a chain of custody (COC.) The COC is a process which documents the path taken by logs from the forest to the consumer, including primary and secondary manufacturing, fabrication and finished product distribution.

FSC COC certification addresses a company's ability to track certified products throughout their inventory and distribution processes. For the chain-of-custody to remain intact from our plants to finished product, distributors and fabricators need to secure FSC COC certification from an accredited certifying body like Smartwood or Scientific Certification Systems, two prominent players in certification in North America. These firms certify and audit operations to handle FSC-certified wood.

If your company is interested in obtaining an FSC-COC certification including next steps, requirements and costing, please contact one or both of these certification bodies for more information:

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For additional information on certification including other accredited certifiers
please visit: www.fscus.org

For information on Columbia's line of panel products certified in accordance
with the standards of the Forest Stewardship Council please visit:
www.specifyColumbia.com