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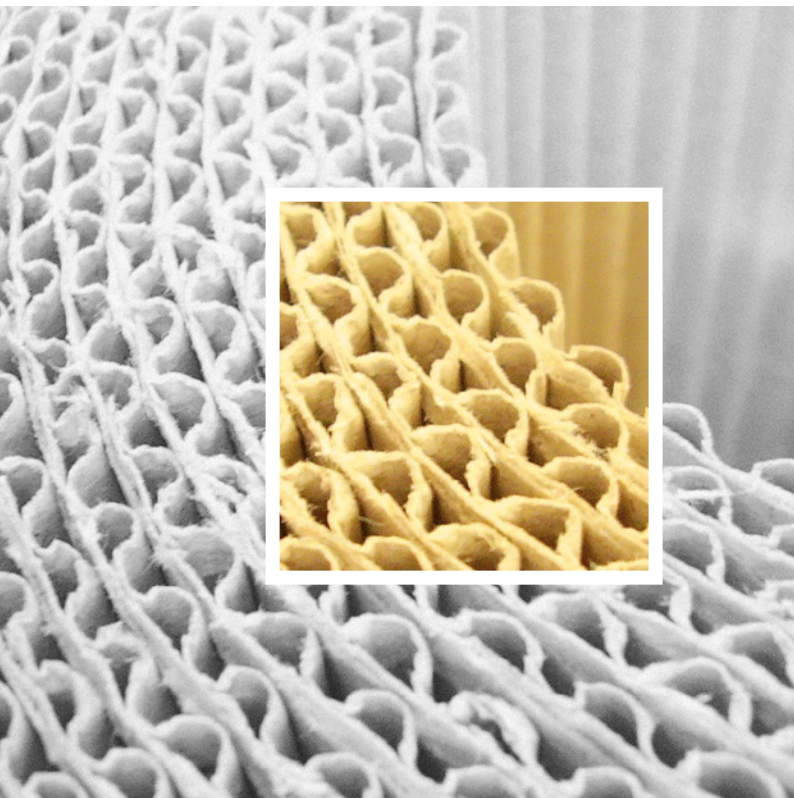
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PEFC „Chain of Custody“



PEFC „Chain of Custody“ Certification

Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes



logical, economic and social terms throughout the processing chain. For customers, PEFC certifies that purchasing of a labelled product guarantees and supports ecologically compatible forest management.

Chain of Custody (CoC) certification reviews the entire processing chain. This helps to guarantee that the product ranging from the forest to the end product has been checked according to the strict CoC criteria. This demonstration is furnished by companies processing wood or trading with products made of wood and reviewed by independent bodies at regular intervals.

Contents

PEFC stands for sustainability, credibility and certainty of supply:

- **Sustainability:** The PEFC Quality Seal stands for sustainable, careful and responsible forest management. Thus our forests will remain preserved as a basis for life, workplace and recreational areas even for future generations. PEFC, in particular, represents the holistic approach of sustainability and has internalized the integrative idea of nature protection and conservation.
- **Credibility:** At PEFC, independence of the Certification Bodies is guaranteed by their accreditation acc. to international Standards and regulations to a particular extent. PEFC furnishes uninterrupted and binding demonstration of sustainable use of resources, which each user can rely on.
- **Certainty of supply:** PEFC enables fair participation of all forest owners, no matter what the company size is, makes allowance for the diversity of the eco-systems of the forests, of the cultural heritage and the owner structures. Therefore, PEFC is the market leader worldwide. Thus PEFC guarantees sufficient supply with wood and wood products coming out of forests certified to be managed sustainably.

Motivation and benefits

Certification of wood flow yields several advantages to wood treating and processing industry, the suppliers and buyers and wholesale and retail trade:

- They will be listed in the Purchasing Guide and on the homepage of the international umbrella organization PEFC.
- They can improve access to the market: As surveys show, customers increasingly require wood and wood products that demonstrably come out of certified forests.
- They can demonstrate their sense of responsibility and commitment to environmental protection in the sense of sustainable development.
- They can use certification as a tool for risk prevention (“consumption free from sorrows”).
- They can improve the image of the wood sector.
- By using the logo, they signal higher acceptability and credibility among the customers, who attach utmost importance to demonstration of origin.
- They will be trusted more in that people are convinced that the wood does not originate from contested sources.

Goals

PEFC – Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes – is labelling wood and paper products as to certify that they originate from forest management that is sustainable in eco-

Among other things, the following aspects will be considered at the audit:

- supplier assessment
- training evidence
- balancing the quantity
- risk management
- usage of the logo
- documentation

Target group

- sawing and planing mills
- wood processing industry
- joiners and cabinet makers
- carpentries
- wood trade
- paper industry and trade
- print shops and publishing houses

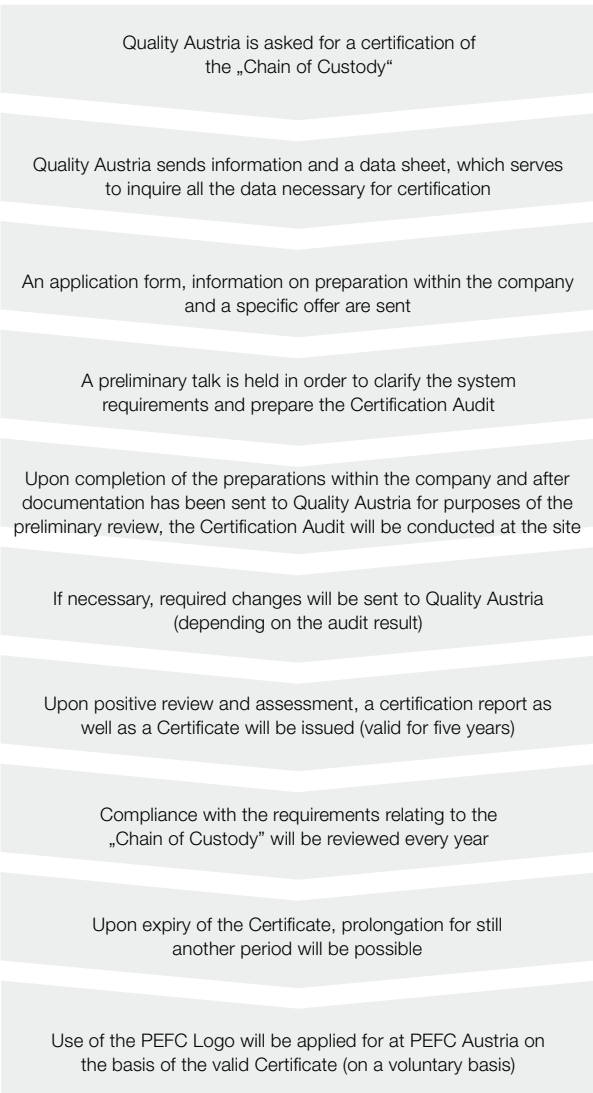


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The way to the Certificate and logo



Accreditation

The audit services provided by Quality Austria are based on the accreditation at the Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy. A Notification Agreement has been concluded with PEFC Austria.

Other standards and regulations that are relevant

ISO 9001, ISO 14001, EMAS, Sustainability Reports, Austria Quality Seal

Quality Austria introduces itself

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As Quality Austria is the national representative of IQNet, EOQ, EFQM, the ties with these organizations are particularly close. In addition, Quality Austria co-operates with IPC, VDA-QMC and IATF. This makes it possible to impart global know-how and turn the organization into a competent partner. Quality Austria co-operates with about 50 partner and member organizations world-wide. Quality Austria is a stable factor when it comes to creating valuable synergies at the economic site of Austria.

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