

2020 – Costs of FSC® Chain of Custody Certification

1. FSC® - Annual Administration Fee (AAF) for Chain of Custody (CoC) in Dollar

Class	Annual Turnover (in US \$)	Single CoC	Multi-Site CoC	Trader Single	Trader Multi-Site
1	< 200.000	\$ 77	\$ 77	\$ 31	\$ 31
2	200.000 – 1.000.000	\$ 316	\$ 316	\$ 119	\$ 119
3	>1 - 5 Million	\$ 620	\$ 620	\$ 235	\$ 352
4	>5 - 25 Million	\$ 1.249	\$ 1.249	\$ 468	\$ 468
5	>25 - 100 Million	\$ 2.194	\$ 2.194	\$ 784	\$ 784
6	>100 - 500 Million	\$ 4.667	\$ 5.428	\$ 1.168	\$ 1.284
7	>500 -1.000 Million	\$ 7.816	\$ 11.664	\$ 2.334	\$ 2.451
8	>1.000 – 2.000 Million	\$ 10.966	\$ 23.327	\$ 4.667	\$ 4.959
9	>2.000 – 3.000 Million	\$ 17.496	\$ 34.990	\$ 5.833	\$ 6.999
10	>3.000 – 5.000 Million	\$ 22.550.	\$ 45.099	\$ 7.893	\$ 9.021
10+	>5.000 Million	\$ 33.834	\$ 56.372	\$ 11.275	\$ 13.531

The Annual Administration Fee (AAF) is based on the annual financial turnover of all certified and non-certified products containing wood or wood fiber components. The annual turnover refers to the most recently completed fiscal year. Quality Austria must pay the Annual Administration Fee to FSC Global Development. The underlying Standard is FSC-POL-2-005 V2-7 (Annual Administration Fee, www.fsc.org).

AAF for multi-site CoC: The AAF will be calculated on the basis of the aggregate annual turnover of the sites included in the scope.

Group CoC certificates: A fixed fee of \$ 20 will be charged for each group member, plus the Annual Administration Fee.

2. Right of use - Quality Austria

The right to use the **qualityaustria** Evidence of Conformity and conformity marks includes:

- the initial issuance of **qualityaustria** certificates or Evidence of Conformity
- a 12-month right to use the Evidence of Conformity and the conformity mark for commercial purposes, in particular for advertising and forming the confidence of business partners and the public.

Employees	Usage fee in €
1-50	€ 385,-
>51	€ 755,-

3. Audit costs

The costs of FSC® certification are estimated on the basis of the expectable expenditure for audit planning, conduct of the audit and audit documentation. Furthermore, these costs are based on the minimum time guideline, taking into account the complexity of the organization (number of employees, number of sites, products, processes etc.).

If a customer is interested in FSC® certification, he/she will receive an individual detailed offer for initial certification, including a five-year cycle (surveillance audits), after completion of the data record sheet.

In addition to the costs stated in the offer, we are obliged by FSC International to invoice the annual FSC AAF charges (see Clause 1), which will then be forwarded to FSC Global Development. These fees are accounted in the offer and usually change once a year as a result of inflation adjustments.

Please understand that due to the increasing number of logo releases in 2018, Quality Austria had to come up with a new regulation. The fees for logo release are classified as follows:

- Approval of FSC logo use (logo release) will be granted free of charge up to 10 times per year
- from the 11th to 99th logo release, Quality Austria will charge a lump sum of **€ 75. -- as of 2019**
- from the 100th logo release, a lump sum of € 150. -- will be charged.

The costs for logo releases will be accounted at the end of the respective calendar year, based on the number of releases issued (first accounting at the end of 2019).

Other applicable documents to the offer are the **qualityaustria** GTCs and the FSC® product regulation, in the respective current version.

The **qualityaustria** pricing policy can be requested from the Customer Service Center (office@qualityaustria.com).