

# Certification of Chain of Custody

## General Information

Wood based products pass through several stations of ownership between the forest and the consumer. This chain, the Chain of Custody (CoC), may have different steps and length. It is crucial is that all owners within this chain (traders as well as manufacturers) hold a certificate. The verification of trader, producers and processors by a notified body such as Holzforschung Austria ([www.holzforschung.at](http://www.holzforschung.at)) guaranteed that only certified products can be sold as such. Important elements of the assessments are the verification of the origin of the timber, the plausibility of the quantity and the long-term management of the prevention of the incorrect mixture of certified and non-certified timber. Consequently FSC-certified timber remains at all times and clearly identifiable through the whole sequence of processing and trade. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.

Current information about CoC certification system of FSC® and PEFC™ being offered by Holzforschung Austria are available at:

FSC: [www.fsc.org](http://www.fsc.org), [www.fsc-deutschland.de](http://www.fsc-deutschland.de)

PEFC: [www.pefc.org](http://www.pefc.org), [www.pefc.at](http://www.pefc.at)

## Overview of the certification procedures

