



PEFC™ CHAIN OF CUSTODY CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME FOR THE ENDORSEMENT OF FOREST CERTIFICATION SCHEMES™



WHO IS CONCERNED?

PEFC™ certification applies to products originating from forests, such as timber (roundwood, lumber, veneer, firewood, wood chips, etc.) and timber-based products (fibreboard, furniture, frames, pellets, etc.) as well as derived products such as pulp and paper (tissue paper, office paper or newspaper, etc.).

Non-timber forest products – such as mushrooms, honey, berries, gums, resins, cork, etc. – may also be PEFC™ certified, as long as they originate from responsibly-managed forests certified as such.

FRAMEWORK

The PEFC™ Council (the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification schemes) is a worldwide not-for-profit organisation promoting sustainable forest management through independent third-party certification.

The PEFC™ Council endeavours to promote good forest management practices and to ensure that timber and non-timber forest products are produced in compliance with the highest environmental, social and ethical

standards. The PEFC™ logo and label provide information on the origin of products emanating from sustainably managed forests. The main purpose of the PEFC™ logo and label is to encourage the demand for and the supply of products originating from forests that are managed in a sustainable manner, thereby stimulating the potential market trend towards continuous improvement of the world's forest resources.

OUR SERVICES

Certiquality is accredited by the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes (PEFC™) to carry-out Chain-of-Custody certification, which guarantees that any wood (or wood-based product) present in the final product originates from a certified forest, managed according to PEFC™ standards, and ensures the traceability of such product at the successive stages of its processing and transformation.

YOUR BENEFITS

Being PEFC™ certified enables your company to demonstrate its commitment to environmental sustainability to its customers;

PEFC™ certification is evidence that your product originates from forests which are managed sustainably, according to rigorous international standards;

PEFC™ certification provides both certified companies and their customers with the opportunity to brand their products with an internationally recognized trademark that is highly appreciated by the end-consumer;

PEFC™ certification will enable you to enter into a dialogue with public and private entities which are committed to purchasing PEFC™-certified timber and paper products or have sustainable purchasing policies (such as green public procurement for public administrations) that encourage sustainable forest management and the legal sourcing of materials.

PEFC™ certification will give your company access to additional markets and customers. Only PEFC™-certified companies may supply PEFC™-certified products or semi-finished products, thereby differentiating your products on the market.

THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS

✓ CERTIFICATION APPLICATION

The company sends a completed application form to Certiquality, which can be downloaded from the website www.certiquality.it.

✓ OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE

On the basis of the information supplied, Certiquality sends an offer which, once accepted, will initiate the certification process.

✓ AUDIT

✓ Following a successful certification audit, a certificate is issued which is valid for five years.

✓ Annual surveillance audits are performed.

Such audits may be integrated with audits against other standards, and particularly with the following: FSC-CoC, ISO 9001, ISO 14001, EMAS, REMADE IN ITALY, EPD, Consorzio Italiano Compostatori (CIC) compostability, FOOTPRINT, EUTR (Regulation (EU) No. 995/2010).

OUR REFERENCES

- ✓ NAVA MILANO (magazine, diary and calendar manufacturer)
- ✓ CARTIERE PAOLO PIGNA (paper and paper products manufacturing)
- ✓ CONVERTING WET WIPES (production of wet wipes of various kinds for different uses)
- ✓ GIUNTI INDUSTRIE GRAFICHE (edition of books and weekly and monthly magazines)
- ✓ ITALDECOR (manufacture of furniture doors and furniture in general)
- ✓ LEDIBERG (magazine, diary and calendar manufacturer)

FURTHER READING AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

For more information, please visit the following websites:

- ✓ Certiquality: www.certiquality.it/pefc ;
- ✓ PEFC INTERNATIONAL: <http://www.pefc.org/> ;
- ✓ PEFC ITALIA: <http://www.pefc.it/> .

Certiquality offers both distance courses and courses on company premises for the professional training of PEFC™ Chain-of-Custody managers.

Training courses are aimed at consolidating knowledge of PEFC™-related issues and allow company employees to acquire the basic knowledge necessary for the management of the PEFC™ Chain-of-Custody system.



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