



# Chain of Custody Certification FSC and PEFC

**Certification of timber or timber-derived products provides independently verified assurance that the wood used originates from responsibly managed forests with the material tracked from the forest to end-user.**

Certification works through the entire supply chain to provide proof of traceability back to well-managed forests and controlled or recycled sources. For a product to qualify for certification, all companies who take legal ownership of certified products and process, trade or repack them, need to be certified in order to sell these products on with an FSC or PEFC claim.

## EXOVA BM TRADA OFFERS CERTIFICATION TO BOTH FSC AND PEFC SCHEMES:

**FSC** is an international not for profit organisation which promotes responsible stewardship of the world's forests. Members include environmental, social organisations and businesses as well as forest owners, campaigners and individuals who set the FSC Principles and Criteria.

**PEFC** is a global umbrella organisation for the assessment and mutual recognition of national forest certification schemes developed in a multi-stakeholder process. PEFC works throughout the forest supply chain to promote good practice.

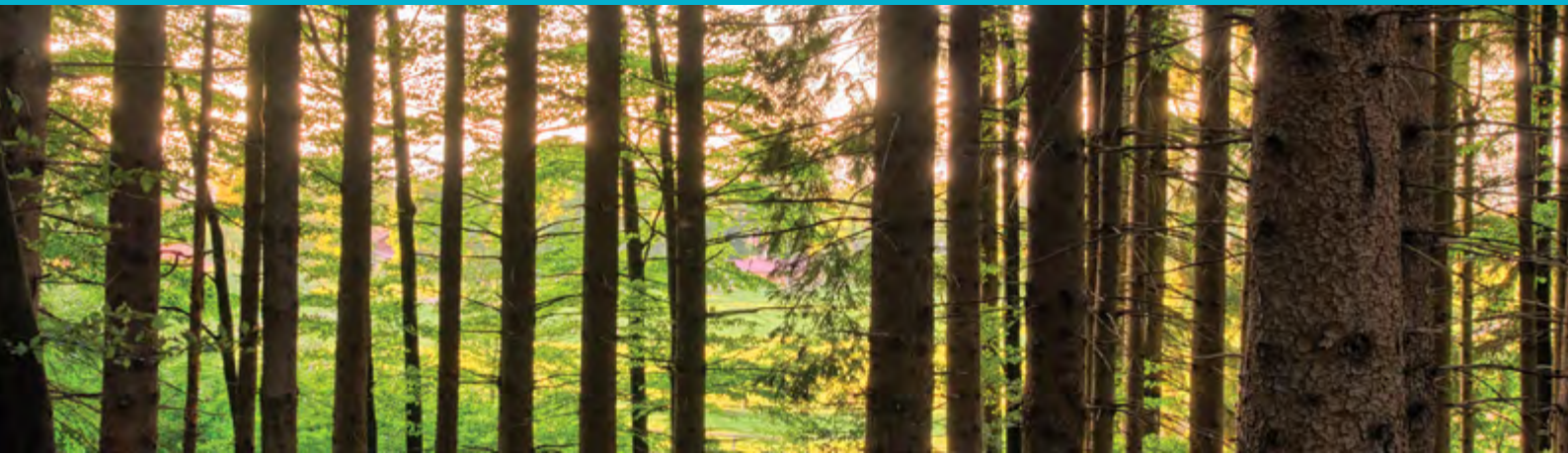


The mark of responsible forestry



## BENEFITS OF CERTIFICATION

Chain of custody certification demonstrates commitment to responsible supply chain management and can provide access to new markets and add value to products. It also ensures compliance with legislation, proof of traceability and allows the use of the FSC or PEFC trademark depending on the scheme chosen.



## HOW TO ACHIEVE CERTIFICATION

### 01 APPLICATION AND REVIEW

Complete the Exova BM TRADA 'request for quote' form. This allows us to accurately define your certification requirements.

### 02 GAP ANALYSIS

An optional gap analysis can be undertaken before the certification audit to identify any gaps that might prevent or delay certification. Typically this can be completed in one day.

### 03 MAIN EVALUATION

The evaluation includes two mandatory stages.

#### Stage one, on site:

- chain of custody system review
- review of procedures and processes related to the chain of custody system
- evaluate whether critical control points (CCPs) have been identified and the risk of product mixing eliminated or minimised
- record keeping review
- verify the company's use of the appropriate trademark
- evaluation of any outsourced processes.

#### Stage two, off site:

- a written report on the audit findings and non-conformances that need to be addressed
- written report reviewed by Exova BM TRADA.

### 04 CERTIFICATION

You will be issued with a certificate and certification marks, provided all requirements are met. Certification is valid for five years and is maintained through a programme of annual surveillance audits. A recertification audit takes place in year five before the certificate expires.

### WHY CHOOSE EXOVA BM TRADA?

Exova BM TRADA provides independent certification, inspection, technical and training services. We help organisations to prove their business and product credentials and to improve performance and compliance. We have a long history of technical excellence in management systems, supply chain and product certification. We offer certification to businesses in over 70 countries to ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 50001, BS OHSAS 18001, ISO 27001, FSC™ A000503, PEFC™, BRC, RSPO and UTZ.



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