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**The global marketplace is increasingly aware of, and concerned with, the origins of its timber products.**

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With far greater interest in forestry management, companies and the businesses that use their products clear authentication providing proof of origin can be vital.

Working in association with SAI Global we deliver 'chain of custody' certification that allows forestry-based products to be tracked from the original forest to the end product and vice-versa.



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## Gains in growth from strength in standards.

**Gain credibility.** As consumers become educated as to the origins of their timber products the proof that your product comes from a responsibly managed forest is now more important. Complying with credible standards and proving this to the marketplace can be essential.

**Gain a commercial advantage.** It's not just the aforementioned benefits in the marketplace that makes good business sense. The industry landscape is now changing dramatically to where sustainability requirements are intrinsically part of many corporate procurement policies.

**Gain the right result.** Reaching the right standard allows you to play your part in protecting the world's forests. Complying with the highest social and environmental standards, while certainly business-savvy, is also important at an individual level. It's about protecting this important resource for long-term returns.

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## Who is it for?

In New Zealand a huge number of businesses can benefit from Forestry chain of custody certification. From timber mills to toy makers, and every use of wood in between, these companies can gain the necessary standard and highlight this commitment to the marketplace. Such companies include:

- Home builders
- Furniture makers
- Fencing companies
- Printers
- Paper suppliers
- MDF manufacturers
- Timber mills
- Packaging companies



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## **FSC®: Forest Stewardship Council**

The Forest Stewardship Council® is an independent, not-for-profit, non-government organisation promoting responsible forest management. Gaining Forest Stewardship Council® chain of custody certification provides assurance to stakeholders, clients and consumers that a business complies with the highest social and environmental standards in the market. It shows to everyone that a commitment has been made for the ongoing management of the resources obtained from a specific forest.

FSC® certification is particularly relevant to forest owners, timber mills, printing plants, and any business that use wood or paper products in their operation. At each stage of processing and transformation, chain of custody certification is needed to confirm that FSC® certified wood products are kept separate from uncertified products, or mixed in approved ways.

## **PEFC: Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification**

The world's largest forest certification programme, the PEFC provides a universally accepted standard recognising the social, ethical and economic value of environmental sustainability.

The logo and labels of this international non-profit, non-governmental establishment are globally trusted, with this quick identification making it easy for associated businesses to highlight their compliance and receive recognition for their efforts.

If you're a forest owner, or run a printing plant or timber mill, PEFC certification shows that you have responsible management practices. If you're a business that uses wood and/or paper this certification shows you use material from sustainably managed forests.

## **Our approach to forestry chain of custody certification.**

Our auditors are trained to look at the big picture, finding the right chain of custody certification for your business and adding value throughout the audit process. We perform annual surveillance audits and periodic re-assessment procedures to proactively verify a certified company maintains compliance with the requirements.

With forestry chain of custody certification covering a huge range of different industries we recognise the standard should work for all types of organisations and ensure the manner in which it is assessed is always appropriate to the business requiring it.

