

Certified Forests



Finnforest has been active in initiating and financing the requirements of FFCS (Finnish Forest Certification System). The wood procurement of Finnforest is certified according to the ISO 14001 environmental standard and the ISO 9002 quality standard.

Finnforest quality management system has been certified for several years. The most recent ISO 9001 approval changed external auditors to BVQI (Bureau Veritas Quality International) certification. This national certification has been approved by the European forest certification system PEFC (Pan European Forest Certification).

In environmental certification we are among the first to have reached the right to use BVQI, PEFC and FFCS certification. This certification means our raw material chain is approved and our raw material purchases and production process fulfill all requirements.

Finnforest is certified by third party management that accounts for the entire chain of custody including private land owners, industry and other forest owners as a group. According to forest certification rules Finnforest owns the right to use these same logos on products, services and marketing.

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A forest certification system suitable for local conditions has been established in Finland. It is known as the FFCS (Finnish Forest Certification System) (**found on**

www.ffcs-finland.org). FFCS certification indicates impartially and reliably that Finland's forests and forest ecosystems are being sustainably managed.

Over 311,500 Finnish forest owners have already committed themselves to certification. Please check the current situation at the FFCS website.

The Finnish system includes requirements for forest management, wood chain of custody certification and the carrying out of external auditing. These requirements are set out in standards.

The system, which is based on regional group certification, is voluntary for forest owners and it requires an audit to be carried out by a third, impartial party.

The system permits both forest certification and wood chain of custody certification. The system does not include its own product label, although it is planned to be compliant with different international certification and labelling schemes.



Pan European Forest Certification
The Pan European Forest Certification (PEFC) Council was officially launched in Paris on the 30th of June 1999, following months of intensive development work. The PEFC scheme, a voluntary private sector initiative, will provide assurance to the customers of woodland owners that the products they buy come from independently certified forests managed according to the Pan European Criteria as defined by the resolutions of the Helsinki and Lisbon Ministerial Conferences of 1993 and 1998 on the Protection of Forests in Europe.

The purpose of the PEFC scheme is to promote an internationally credible framework for forest certification schemes and initiatives in European countries, which will facilitate mutual recognition in all countries. The PEFC Technical Document and Statutes (**found on www.pefc.org**) define the basic requirements of forest certification and set-up of institutional arrangements at Pan-European and national and sub-national levels. Timber from certified forests that meet the PEFC criteria and requirements will have access to the PEFC logo.



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