

PEFC — Chain of Custody Summary



Introduction



What is PEFC?

- The Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) is the world's largest certification system.
- Standards are adapted to reflect local priorities, ecological conditions, and cultural context.
- PEFC endorses national and regional certification systems, granting them international recognition.

Why choose PEFC?

- Access to the global market.
- Risk management.
- Build customer trust and brand value.
- More accessible internationally recognised certification system.
- Competitive advantage.

Who does PEFC-CoC apply to?

- Forest products producers
- Forest product processors and manufacturers
- Traders and distributors of forest raw materials
- Retailers of forest products

What products and Materials are covered by PEFC-CoC?

- Material originating from the forest
- Recycled Materials
- Controlled sources

How does PEFC-CoC work?

The requirements for implementing PEFC-CoC are based on the [Chain of Custody, PEFC ST 2002:2020](#) document.



Know your material

- PEFC certified material
 - Forest materials covered by a PEFC recognised certificate.
- Recycled material
 - Forest materials that are recovered from waste.
- PEFC controlled sources
 - Forest materials that have a negligible risk of originating from controversial sources.



Apply due diligence

Steps in Due Diligence System (DDS):

1. Gather information
2. Assess risk
3. Manage risk



Choose method

- Physical separation method
- Percentage method
- Credit method



Record and Audit

- Document and record needed:
 - Supplier list
 - List of raw materials
 - certified content calculation
 - Sales and transfer records
 - Due diligence records
 - Internal audit records
 - Complaints records
 - Outsourcing activities agreement
- Annual Internal audit and management review.

Trust & Transparency: DDS and Logos

Due Diligence System

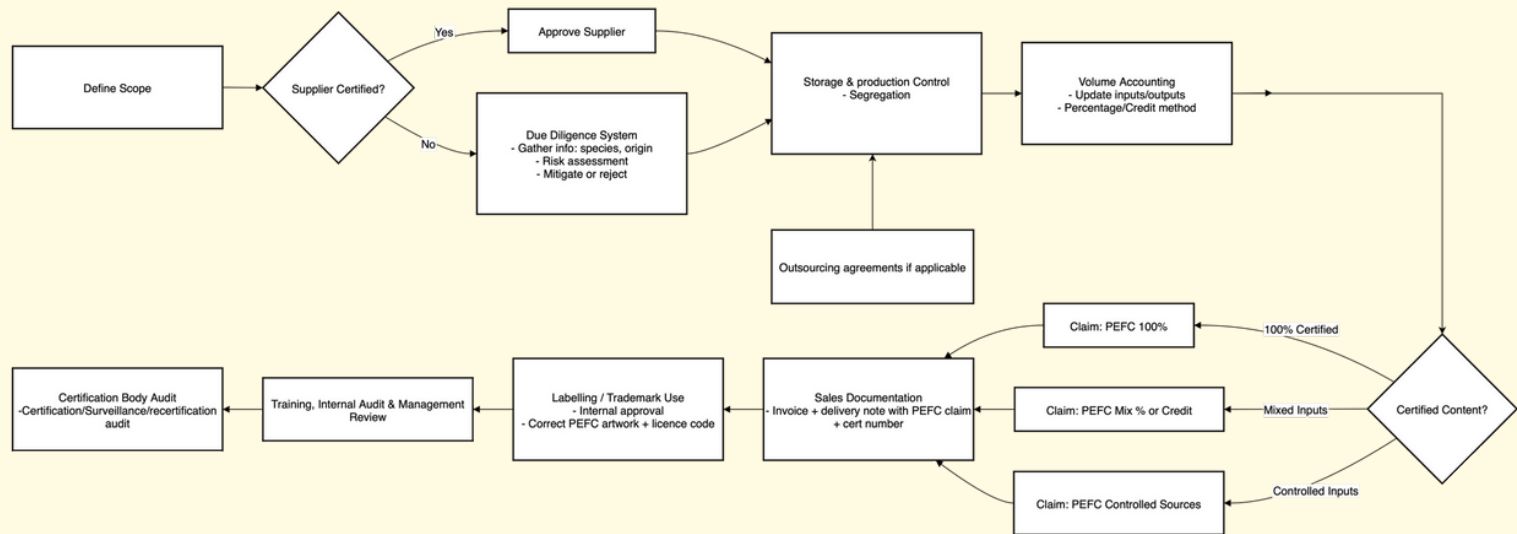
- Gather information
 - Tree species
 - country/origin of harvest
- Risk Assessment
 - Assess all input materials unless it is delivered with a PEFC claim.
 - All materials used must fall under “negligible risk” of originating from a controversial source (e.g., from illegal logging).
 - Criteria for negligible or significant risk are from Tables 1, 2, and 3 of the Chain of Custody, PEFC ST 2002:2020 document
- Risk Management
 - Identification of the whole supply chain and the forest area of the supply’s origin
 - On-site inspection as appropriate
 - Corrective action if required

PEFC Trademarks and logo

- The use of the PEFC logo must follow the guidelines from the PEFC Trademarks Rules, PEFC ST 2001:2020 document.
- The logo and labels must be obtained from the PEFC Label Generator on <https://labelgenerator.pefc.org>
- Example of the use of PEFC logo and labels:



PEFC-CoC simplified



Common pitfalls to avoid

- Expired certificates from suppliers
- Incomplete information on species/origin
- Percentage or credit method miscalculation
- Uncontrolled outsourcing
- Poor segregation in storage and production areas
- Weak Due Diligence System (DDS)
- Incorrect use of the PEFC label and logo