Certification of Responsible Forest Management

Forest protection and conservation are major issues in international environmental protection. They are of increased relevance especially in relation to the global issues of climate change and protection of biodiversity. At the same time, forests are an important source of raw materials and a working environment. Responsible forest management contributes to preserving forests with all their ecological, economical and social functions.

Ecocert IMOswiss AG performs audits and issues certificates according to the following standards:

- FSC®
- Naturland

The Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC) is an independent non-profit organization which promotes environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial and economically viable forest management. FSC was founded in 1993 as result of the well-known Rio-Conference and is currently represented with national initiatives in more than 80 countries. FSC offers standards for ecological, social and economical forest management, as well as for wood processing and trade.

The Naturland Association, based in Germany, has been active in eco certification since 1982, focusing mainly on organic agriculture. As a label for foodstuffs from organic agriculture, Naturland has an excellent reputation. Naturland developed a standard for ecological forest management as early as 1996, and based on it, the first forest certificates in Germany were issued.

Why certification?

- Get an internationally recognized label as a quality seal for your products
- Visualizes your responsible forest management and increases consumers’ trust
- Opens new markets and retains your market share
- Shows your contribution to a more responsible handling of the raw material wood
- Establishment and improvement of your quality-management system
## Procedure of an FSC certification

### Application
1. For a formal certification application, some working data are needed. Contact Ecocert IMOswiss AG and complete our application form.
2. We will submit an offer according to your individual requirements, detailing the audit procedure and costs.
3. We will provide you with further documentation to prepare your audit.

### Audit
4. Prior to the audit, we inform stakeholders and ask for a comment on your company.
5. At the audit, compliance with the standard is checked on site.
6. A report describes the compliance with the standard in your company, names non-conformities and necessary corrective measures.

### Certificate
7. In addition, an independent evaluator assesses the facts documented in the report.
8. After having successfully passed the audit, you receive your certificate and are registered in the public database of FSC.
9. In order to guarantee compliance with the FSC standard, annual audits are conducted.

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### Ecocert IMOswiss AG – Your expert for world-wide certification

- Competent and experienced auditors
- Since 1996 accredited for Naturland control of ecological forest management standards
- Since 1998 accredited for FSC certification of Forest Management (FM) and Chain of Custody (CoC)
- Since 2004 accredited for PEFC certification of Chain of Custody (CoC)
- Numerous clients in Europe, South America and Asia

### Get certified!

Profit from our expertise concerning certification and contact us for further information:

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Quality assurance of sustainable products.