



## FSC<sup>®</sup> and PEFC Chain of custody certification

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

### **BM TRADA offers certification to the following schemes:**

**FSC** is an international not for profit organisation that brings people together to find solutions which promote 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 - the highest standards of forest management which are environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial and economically viable.

**PEFC** is a global umbrella organisation for the assessment and mutual recognition of national forest certification schemes developed in a multi-stakeholder process. These national schemes build upon the inter-governmental processes for the promotion of sustainable forest

management. PEFC works throughout the forest supply chain to promote good practice and to ensure forest products are produced with respect for the highest ecological, social and ethical standards.

### **What is chain of custody?**

Chain of custody certification is for companies who process, manufacture or trade in timber-derived products.

By implementing and maintaining a robust chain of custody system, companies can provide assurances to suppliers and clients that their products are sourced and produced in compliance with an ecological, social and economic standard.

Certification works through the entire supply chain to provide proof of traceability back to well-managed forests, controlled or recycled sourced.

For a product to qualify for certification, all companies in the supply chain who take legal ownership of certified products and process, trade or repack them, need to be certified in order to sell on these products with an FSC or PEFC claim.

### **What are the benefits?**

Chain of custody certification demonstrates to your customers your commitment to responsible supply chain management, it also provides:

- added value to your products
- access to new markets
- compliance with legislation
- proof of traceability
- use of the FSC or PEFC trademark
- assurance to your customers that they are contributing to environmental conservation and economic stability.

# How to achieve certification

## 01 Application and review

Complete the BM TRADA request for quotation form. The information provided will allow us to provide you with a quotation and a competent audit team.

## 02 Main evaluation (this is completed in two stages)

### On site:

- review the chain of custody system
- review the procedures and processes covering all activities 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
- review the record keeping process
- evaluate all outsourced processes

- verify the company's use of the appropriate trademark for on-product labelling and off-product market communications and claims.

### Off site:

- provide a written report on the audit findings and non-conformances that need to be addressed
- review the written report (reviewed by BM TRADA head office).

## 03 Certification

On completion of step two (and closure of any identified non-conformities) certification is granted by BM TRADA. You will be issued with a certificate and certification marks to demonstrate and promote your certification.

Certification is valid for five years and is maintained through a programme of annual surveillance audits and a recertification audit in the fifth year before the certificate expires.



### Additional services include:

- UTZ certified cocoa & coffee
- Supply chain – palm oil & soy
- BRC global standard food safety
- BRC global standard packaging
- Food safety – ISO 22000 & HACCP
- Quality – ISO 9001
- Environmental – ISO 14001
- Energy – ISO 50001
- Health & safety – OHSAS 18001
- Integrated – ISO 9001, ISO 14001 & OHSAS 18001
- Information security – ISO 27001
- BM TRADA Q-Mark

### Related training services:

- Chain of custody internal auditing

Call us for a quote or to discuss your certification needs

## Why BM TRADA?

Choosing BM TRADA means you are working with a major international certification body with a leading reputation in responsible sourcing and sustainable supply chain certification. Our industry expertise and the standard of our services have helped us deliver certificates to businesses in 70 countries around the world.

We pride ourselves on being approachable and responsive, and on offering clear, transparent pricing with no hidden costs. Making us your certification partner means you will have a designated auditor who understands your business.



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