What do the FSC Labels Mean?

**FSC Mix**
The timber or fibre in an FSC Mix product is a mixture of some/all of the following:

- Virgin timber/fibre from an FSC certified forest
- Reclaimed/recycled timber/fibre
- Virgin timber/fibre from other controlled sources (Controlled Wood)

If the product is produced under the FSC ‘percentage system’ it must contain a minimum of 70% FSC certified wood/fibre and/or post-consumer input, and the balance must be controlled wood and/or pre-consumer reclaimed material. In paper products, both pre-consumer and post-consumer reclaimed materials count as valid “FSC” inputs.

If the product is produced under the FSC ‘credit system’, there is no minimum FSC/post-consumer input, however, only a proportion of products (relative to the FSC/postconsumer inputs) can be labelled and/or promoted as FSC certified.

**FSC Controlled Wood**
FSC Controlled Wood is material from acceptable sources that can be mixed with FSC-certified material in products that carry the FSC Mix label. To count as FSC Controlled Wood a material’s forest of origin must be risk assessed against the FSC Controlled Wood standards and found to be at a low risk of being:

- Illegally logged
- Harvested from areas where there is violation of traditional or civil rights
- Harvested from forests in which high conservation values are threatened by management activities
- Harvested from areas being converted from forests and other wooded ecosystems to plantations or non forest uses
- Harvested from forests in which genetically modified (GM) trees are planted

**FSC Recycled**
All timber or fibre in an FSC Recycled product must be pre-consumer or post-consumer reclaimed. For wood products produced under the FSC ‘percentage system’ a minimum of 70% of the inputs must be post-consumer reclaimed; there is no threshold for paper products, but all inputs must be verified as reclaimed. FSC Recycled products can also be produced under the FSC ‘credit’ or ‘transfer’ systems.

**FSC Certified Forests**
FSC certified forests are managed with consideration for people, wildlife and the environment. They are independently audited to meet FSC’s Principles and Criteria for Forest Management.