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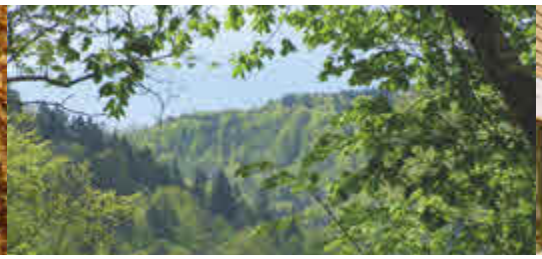

FSC® CONTROLLED WOOD

FSC Mix products can contain timber or fibre from FSC certified forests, postconsumer reclaimed timber or fibre and/or FSC Controlled Wood.

There are two different systems under which FSC Mix products can be produced:

1. Percentage System
Products (solid wood) must contain a minimum of 70% FSC and/or postconsumer reclaimed materials, the balance (maximum 30%) must be FSC Controlled Wood (transitory requirements – minimum of 50% FSC/recycled for chip and fibre products until end of 2010)

2. Credit System
There is no minimum level of FSC and/or post consumer reclaimed input but only a proportionate percentage of outputs can be labelled as FSC. All non-FSC/ nonrecycled content must be FSC Controlled Wood.

Controlled Wood Risk Assessments

To count as FSC Controlled Wood a material's forest of origin must be risk assessed against FSC's 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 nonforest uses
- Harvested from forests in which genetically modified (GM) trees are planted

Sourcing Controlled Wood

1. FSC Controlled Wood can be purchased from forests which have been successfully assessed against FSC's Controlled Wood Standard for forest management enterprises (FSC code: XX-CW/FM-000000)
2. FSC Controlled Wood can be purchased from FSC Chain of Custody certified organisations whose certificate includes a Controlled Wood code (XX-CW-000000)
3. FSC certified organisations can carry out their own Controlled Wood risk assessments following the procedures specified in FSC-STD-40-005 V2-1. This process is easiest for suppliers fairly close in the supply chain to the forest source e.g. sawmills and paper mills, the further down the supply chain a company is, the more difficult it is likely to be for them to conduct the assessments

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Selling Controlled Wood

- There is no FSC Controlled Wood label but Controlled Wood can be included in FSC Mix product groups.
- Organisations can sell FSC Controlled wood business to business with a Controlled Wood claim, but in order to do so the company must be covered by a valid FSC Controlled Wood code (XX-CW/FM-000000 or XX-CW-000000).

Global Forest Risk Registry

http://www.globalforestregistry.org/

The Global Forest Risk Registry is a free tool providing information about the risk of sourcing controversial wood and other forest products from more than 150 countries. It is under development by NEPCon in cooperation with FSC and the Rainforest Alliance. The registry contains countrywide risk assessments categorised as one of the following:

1. Official approved by FSC, Mandatory for Chain of Custody certified companies with Con trolled Wood in scope
2. Draft prepared by National Initiatives, under review by FSC, for guidance only
3. Draft prepared by NEPCon, for guidance only

Controlled Wood Risk Assessment for the UK

FSC UK has completed an FSC Controlled Wood Risk Assessment for the UK (FSC-CWRA-006-GBR V2-1). The assessment received official approval in March 2011, it concludes that England, Scotland and Wales are all low risk for all categories. Northern Ireland remains an unspecified risk for legality until new felling licence regulations are fully implemented.

Finding Suppliers

Suppliers of Controlled Wood can be identified using the FSC International certificate database at http://info.fsc.org/

To search for forests certified to FSC Controlled Wood standards select ‘CW/FM’ from the drop down list of categories under the ‘Certificate Code’ search field.

To search for FSC Chain of Custody certified companies with Controlled Wood included in the scope of their certification place a tick in the ‘CW’ box under the ‘Certificate Code’ search field.

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