

## ENVIRONMENT INFORMATION SHEET

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PEFC**Introduction**

Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) is an independent, non-profit, non governmental organisation, founded in 1999 which promotes sustainable managed forests through independent third party certification.

PEFC is a global umbrella organisation that acknowledges and endorses different national forest certification schemes (e.g. the national scheme in Finland is endorsed by the PEFC). These national schemes build upon the inter-governmental processes for the promotion of sustainable forest management, a series of on-going mechanisms supported by 149 governments in the world covering 85% of the world's forest area.

Organisations who are PEFC certified provide an auditable **Chain of Custody** which assures customers they are buying wood and paper products that originate from sustainable managed forests.

**Forest and Chain of Custody Certification**

Sustainable managed forests are those whose management implements performance standards based on internationally agreed environmental, social and economic requirements. Although many forests are sustainably managed, the only way to provide credible proof of this is through independent verification.

Chain of Custody certification is an independent assessment, by a qualified and accredited expert, who verifies systems are in place to trace the flow of wood containing products back to the certified forest.

**Business benefits of using PEFC Certified Paper**

For most corporate organisations procurement and sourcing policies are now included as a fundamental element of their Corporate Social Responsibility strategy. This impacts on their use and choice of paper and print. For paper, commonly products either from a sustainable certified source, like FSC or PEFC or alternatively paper with a recycled content are specified.

**What PEFC papers are available**

Today there is a comprehensive range of both PEFC and FSC certified products suitable for most print applications.

**Useful contact websites**

HSPG Chain of Custody website: [www.sustainablepaper.co.uk](http://www.sustainablepaper.co.uk)

Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)

Global website: [www.pefc.org](http://www.pefc.org)

UK Website: [www.pefc.co.uk](http://www.pefc.co.uk)

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**More information**

To learn more about the environmental and business opportunities of using PEFC certified paper please contact us.

