

CHAIN OF CUSTODY STANDARD

1 Purpose

Forico Pty Limited (Forico) is committed to Chain of Custody certification to demonstrate to customers and stakeholders that wood products have originated from sustainably managed forests

2 Scope

The Chain of Custody Standard applies to all processing and exporting sites of Forico

3 Outcomes

Forico Pty Limited will maintain Chain of Custody certification through application of the following principles:

- Avoid trading, associating and sourcing wood or fibre directly or indirectly from activities that involve (i) illegally harvested wood or forest products; (ii) wood harvested in violation of traditional and civil rights; (iii) wood harvested from forests in which high conservation values are threatened by management activities; (iv) wood harvested from areas being converted from forests and other wooded ecosystems to plantations or non-forest use; and (v) wood from forests in which genetically modified trees are planted;
- Obtain comprehensive information regarding the origin of wood fibre sourced through a Due Diligence System and associated Risk Assessment;
- Ensure compliance with and commitment to the laws and regulations at the processing facilities addressing social, economic, occupational health and safety, and environmental impacts;
- Maintain systems and processes to demonstrate traceability of all forest product inputs;
- Ensure that sufficient training and resources are in place to implement and control the Chain of Custody system;
- Maintain a system that enables credible and valid use of logos or other certification marks on wood products;
- Ensure continuous improvement in the Chain of Custody system, underpinned by regular internal assessment, review and revision.
- The Chain of Custody system will be independently audited by third-party Certification Bodies to verify and report on performance.

4 Definitions

Chain of Custody - The process of tracking wood and forest products originating from sustainably managed forests through all phases of ownership, transportation, processing, and delivery to customers.

5 References

Chain of Custody Manual.
Responsible Wood Certification Scheme.
Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC) Standards.