

CHAIN OF CUSTODY POLICY

1 Purpose

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

2 Scope

The Chain of Custody Policy applies to all wood purchasing, processing and exporting activities of Forico, and to any outsourcing facilities utilised by Forico.

3 Procedural Principles

Forico Pty Limited will maintain Chain of Custody certification to the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) and Responsible Wood (RW) Certification Schemes through implementing the following approach:

- 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, including verification audits of uncertified third-party operations;
- 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; and
- Third-party Certification Bodies will independently audit the Chain of Custody system to verify and report on performance.

4 Definitions

Chain of Custody - The process of verifying and 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.
- AS 4707:2021 Chain of custody for forest and tree-based products
- FSC® Standards: FSC-STD-40-003, FSC-STD-40-004, FSC-STD-40-005, and FSC-STD-50-001.

Checked and Confirmed Compliance with Statutory Requirements

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