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Forest Stewardship Council

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC®): what it stands for?

FSC® label identifies products containing wood from forests fairly and reliably managed according to FSC standards covering environmental, social and economic aspects. The original forest has been screened and rated according to these standards (principles and criteria of good forest management), set and approved by the Forest Stewardship Council® A.C. through stakeholder engagement and agreement.

Founded in 1993 by a small group of environmental associations, foremost Greenpeace and WWF, it has expanded over time to become an international NGO that is today inclusive of other environmental, social, and indigenous community groups, scientists and technicians, forest owners, and industries that process, transform, and trade wood.

In terms of the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**, FSC's core focus is on Sustainable Development **Goal 15** (progress toward sustainable forest management, halting deforestation, restoring degraded forests, and increasing reforestation and afforestation), namely:

- propose methodological and operational tools aimed at the **sustainable management of forests** and wood products
- prove that consumer demand can be met by **suppliers' and producers' range of products making a tangible contribution to the long-term maintenance of forest biodiversity** and its fundamental ecological functions while benefiting local communities

FSC label lets companies certify of not being directly or indirectly involved in activities such as:

- illegal logging, illegal trade in timber or forest products
- breach of human and customary rights in forestry operations



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- destruction of forests having high conservation value
- significant changeover of forests to plantations or non-forest use
- introduction of genetically modified organisms
- breach of the ILO Convention, as determined in the 1998 Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work



*The mark of responsible
forestry*

The FSC scheme is divided into the following three different levels of certification:

- **Forest Management, FM:** to achieve this certification, an evaluation of all the methods by which the forest area is managed is essential. This entails analysis of both the early planning stages of forest activities and the operational aspects in the field, up to felling and extraction of timber and other products. The agreement of any local and national stakeholders is further required.
- **Chain of Custody, CoC:** ensures traceability of materials sourced from FSC-certified forests: a key condition for making use of FSC logo on products.
- **Controlled Wood, CW:** a material classified as Controlled Wood, can be mixed with certified wood when making products labelled as FSC® Mixed.

Fedrigoni Group guarantees its **pulp is 100% covered by FSC claims**, and in 2022, the primary raw material for Fedrigoni was 96% CoC and 4% CW.

Why do we use the FSC® certification (FSC-C015523) instead of the PEFC certification?

Although both bodies have a similar scope, the way the organisations work differs slightly.

FSC is a standards development organisation, creating specific standards or benchmarks that forest managers and owners need to follow in order to earn certification.

PEFC is not a standards development organisation, but a mutual recognition agency.

We regard the FSC certification as more stringent and therefore we set the target by 2030 to have 100% of pulp purchased with FSC certification.

Sources:

[Group Code of Ethics](#)

[Group Sustainability Policy](#)

[Group Sustainability Report](#)

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