

Forest Certification Update

What is forest certification?

Forest certification is a means of protecting forests by promoting responsible and sustainable forest management. Certification provides an independent third-party assurance that a forestry operation meets standards set by a certification program.

Forests are evaluated according to previously defined standards of the certification program by a qualified independent auditor. If satisfied, the auditor certifies the forest (or area) as well-managed.

A well-managed forest satisfies standards for environmentally, socially and economically responsible management.

What are certified forest products?

Wood products originating from those forests independently certified as being managed sustainably may be labelled as certified.

This labelling or product marking requires an inventory tracking system, known as a chain-of-custody. The chain of custody tracks a wood product from a tree in the forest through all the steps of harvesting, transport, processing and production until the final product reaches the consumer.

Chain of custody and product marking are one way of communicating to the public, customers and stakeholders that the forests from which the products originated are being managed according to established principles of sustainable forest management.

What certification standards are available through The Teal-Jones Group?

The Teal Jones Group currently has Canadian Standard Association (CSA) Z809 sustainable forest management certification on more than 2/3's of its forest lands. These lands are located on Southern Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland of British Columbia.

A chain of custody certification (known as the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification [PEFC]) exists not only on these lands but also on all Teal manufacturing facilities.

As all manufacturing facilities are certified, Teal is a leader and is strategically positioned to supply the widest range of sustainably certified products and services in British Columbia. Certified products include raw logs, lumber, specialty products, shake and shingles, and chips. Certified services include custom cut manufacturing and log sorting at our Duke Point Dryland Sort.



What is the CSA Z809 Sustainable Forest Management Standard?

The CSA sustainable forest management (SFM) requirements set out in the standard are specific in nature. These requirements cover off three key and interrelated areas: public participation, performance, and systems to achieve the desired results.

The minimum performance criteria and critical elements of the CSA standard are consistent with the internationally recognized Montreal Process and Helsinki Process criteria for the sustainable management of temperate and boreal forests.

The Council of European Paper Industries has ranked the CSA as among the best in the world. In addition, the CSA Z809 standard has been endorsed by the PEFC as international verification of credible forest certification scheme.

What is the PEFC Annex 4 Chain of Custody Standard?

The PEFC chain of custody standard enables Teal to process raw logs that are CSA certified into finished goods that may be labelled or claim as being sourced from sustainably managed forests. The Canadian chain of custody system is the PEFC Annex 4 standard.



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