

Who is the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)?

- The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is a non-profit, international body which accredits certification to organizations in order to guarantee the authenticity of their claims. The goal of the FSC is to promote environmentally responsible, socially beneficial, and economically viable management of the world's forests, by establishing a worldwide standard of recognized and respected principals of forest stewardship.

What is FSC Chain of Custody (COC) Certification?

- Chain of Custody (CoC) is the verified path taken by raw materials harvested from an FSC certified source through processing, manufacturing, and distribution through to the end use. Valid FSC Certificate holders are permitted to utilize the FSC product label on their products and use the FSC logo and trademarks in promotion of their items.

What is Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) and how does it relate to FSC?

- The LEED® rating system is a performance oriented system where credits are earned for satisfying criterion designed to address specific environmental impacts inherent in the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of buildings. Different levels of LEED® building certification are awarded based on the total credits earned. Using FSC certified wood is just one way contractors can receive points towards a LEED® certified project. Utilizing Koetter Woodworking products on a LEED® project, provides the contractor with the ability to earn up to 5-points in the following categories:
 1. FSC Certified Wood (MR credit 7)
 2. Regional Materials - 10% extracted, processed and manufactured regionally (MR credit 5.1)
 3. Regional Materials - 20% extracted, processed and manufactured regionally (MR credit 5.2)
 4. Low-Emitting Materials - Paints and Coatings (EQ credit 4.2)
 5. Low-Emitting Materials - Composite Wood and Agrifiber Products (EQ credit 4.4)

For complete details on the LEED® Green Building rating system, and specifics on how the above criteria relates to obtaining LEED® points, please visit the U.S. Green Building Council web site at www.usgbc.org or www.usgbc.org/leed/homes.

What types of FSC Certified products are available from Koetter Woodworking?

- Koetter Woodworking manufactures an unprecedented selection of FSC certified products including; architectural mouldings, doors, custom millwork, framestock, cabinet components, & flooring. These products are all available in our basic specie offering of Cherry, Poplar, finger-joint Poplar, Red Oak, Hickory, Maple, Walnut and White Oak. (Other species may also be available upon request.) In addition, Koetter Woodworking distributes a line of FSC certified plywood. For complete details regarding price and availability, please contact our office.

What is the lead time for FSC certified products?

- Lead times will vary based on the quantity and species ordered. Please contact us for details on your particular project.

What is the additional charge for FSC certified material?

- Pricing for FSC certified material may vary depending on quantity, species, and availability. Please contact your Account Representative. They will work with our FSC specialist to obtain pricing on your specific project.

Do I need my own COC certification to sell FSC products?

Architectural Millwork Customers

- **Possibly.** You are able to purchase FSC products from Koetter Woodworking without obtaining your own chain-of-custody certificate, however, the chain-of-custody will be broken and only holders of valid FSC CoC certificate holders are permitted to advertise and market FSC material. Non-certificate holders may apply directly to FSC for a FSC Logo Use agreement.
 - If you are modifying, repackaging, or reselling FSC products you **will** be required to seek your own FSC CoC Certification.
 - If you are selling to other retailers you **will** need to obtain your own FSC chain of custody certificate.
 - If you are selling to contractors that are requesting FSC certified materials for LEED® or other green building programs, you **will** need to obtain your own chain of custody certificate.

It is up to you to verify whether or not you need to obtain certification to sell FSC certified products. Contact Koetter Woodworking and we will gladly put you in contact with the third-party verification company that we recommend in providing you with more information regarding FSC certification.

Cabinet & Furniture Manufacturers

- **Yes.** You will need to obtain your own chain-of-custody certificate for material used in the construction of FSC certified cabinets for LEED® or other green building programs. Your policies and procedures may differ from that of an architectural millwork distributor since you will be re-manufacturing/altering the material. Contact Koetter Woodworking for more information. We will gladly put you in contact with the third-party verification company that we recommend in assisting you with your certification.

As a customer of Koetter Woodworking, am I able to use the FSC logo in my own marketing materials?

- **No.** FSC owns three trademarks: the name FOREST STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL, the initials FSC, and the checkmark-and-tree logo. Non-certificate holders must apply directly to FSC for a FSC Logo Use Agreement in order to use the FSC logo or Trademarks for promotion or advertising. Upon acceptance from FSC you will receive directions on appropriate and allowable use of the FSC Logo.



Responsible Forest Management

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By purchasing products with the FSC label, you are supporting the growth of responsible forest management worldwide.