

Interpretation on Requirements for Communicating Claims from Certified Areas

Requirement	Interpretation
<p>Criterion 8.3: Documentation shall be provided by the forest manager to enable monitoring and certifying organisations to trace each forest product from its origin, a process known as the “chain of custody”.</p> <p>Indicator 8.3.1: Forest managers shall provide relevant documents to ensure that all forest products leaving the certified area can be identified (including volumes and types) so that their origin can be determined.</p>	<p>For the purpose of communicating claims from certified areas, the documentation provided by the forest manager for chain of custody shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) specify “100% PEFC certified” or another scheme specific claim as claim to be used to communicate the origin of products in an area covered by the standard to customers with a PEFC chain of custody; b) require that where owners/managers of forests are selling products from areas other than covered by the standard, only products from areas covered by the standard are sold with the claim “100% PEFC certified” or a scheme specific claim; c) require that claims on the origin of products in an area covered by the standard are only made by forest owners/managers covered by a PEFC recognised certificate issued against the standard; d) specify requirements concerning the information which need to be provided to a PEFC chain of custody certified customer.