

What do the FSC Labels Mean?

B FSC Mix

The timber or fibre in an FSC Mix product is a mixture of some/all of the following:

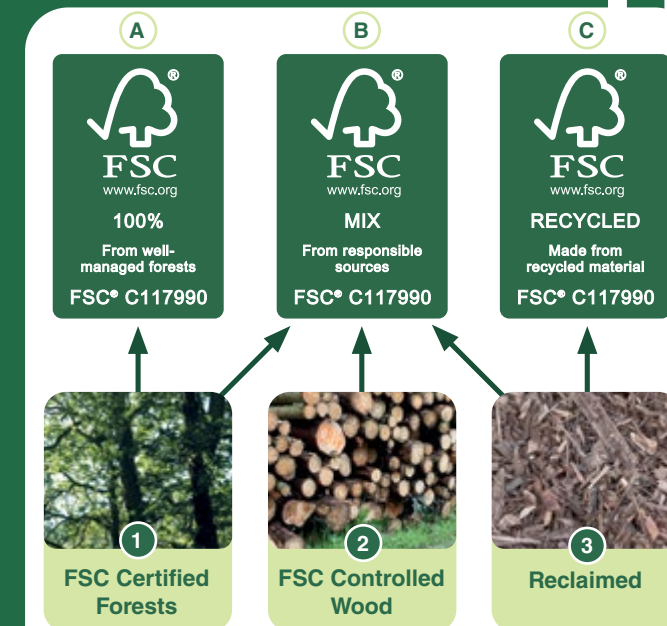
- Virgin timber/fibre from an FSC certified forest
- Reclaimed/recycled timber/fibre
- Virgin timber/fibre from other controlled sources (Controlled Wood)

If the product is produced under the FSC 'percentage system' it must contain a minimum of 70% FSC certified wood/fibre and/or post-consumer input, and the balance must be controlled wood and/or pre-consumer reclaimed material. In paper products, both pre-consumer and post-consumer reclaimed materials count as valid 'FSC' inputs.

If the product is produced under the FSC 'credit system', there is no minimum FSC/post-consumer input, however, only a proportion of products (relative to the FSC/postconsumer inputs) can be labelled and/or promoted as FSC certified.

1 FSC Certified Forests

FSC certified forests are managed with consideration for people, wildlife and the environment. They are independently audited to meet FSC's Principles and Criteria for Forest Management.



2 FSC Controlled Wood

FSC Controlled Wood is material that avoids certain unacceptable sources and that can be mixed with FSC-certified material in products that carry the FSC Mix label. To count as FSC Controlled Wood a material's forest of origin must be risk assessed against the FSC Controlled Wood standards and found to be at a low risk of being:

- Illegally logged
- Harvested from areas where there is violation of traditional or civil rights
- Harvested from forests in which high conservation values are threatened by management activities
- Harvested from areas being converted from forests and other wooded ecosystems to plantations or non forest uses
- Harvested from forests in which genetically modified (GM) trees are planted

A FSC 100%

All the timber or fibre in an FSC 100% product comes from an FSC certified forest. FSC 100% products are processed using the FSC 'transfer system'.

C FSC Recycled

All timber or fibre in an FSC Recycled product must be pre-consumer or post-consumer reclaimed. For wood products produced under the FSC 'percentage system' a minimum of 70% of the inputs must be post-consumer reclaimed; there is no threshold for paper products, but all inputs must be verified as reclaimed. FSC Recycled products can also be produced under the FSC 'credit' or 'transfer' systems.

3 Reclaimed

Post-consumer reclaimed:

Material that is reclaimed from consumer or commercial products that have been used for their intended purpose by end-users.

Pre-consumer reclaimed:

Material that is reclaimed from a process of secondary manufacture or further downstream industry, in which the material has not been intentionally produced; is unfit for end-use; is not capable of being re-used on-site in the same manufacturing process that generated it. Examples include sawdust, damaged stock and off-cuts.