

**Sustainability**

**Environmental  
Certification**

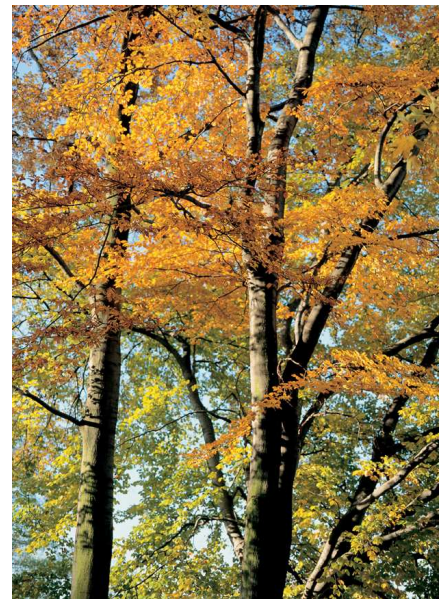
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## Introduction

Society increasingly demands that companies be environmentally responsible. Consequently, this growing concern for respecting the environment creates a market for sustainable products, services and technologies. For companies that wish to assume an even larger commitment to protecting the environment, the most widespread way of ensuring truthful and precise environmental management is through obtaining ISO 14001 environmental certification and EMAS European certification. All of Torraspapel's mills are ISO 14001 and EMAS certified.

In the case of industries that use forest products as raw material, such as the paper industry, concern for sustainable development of forests requires additional certifications to guarantee that the exploitation of forest resources is not environmentally destructive.

To this end, Chain of Custody forest certifications were established to guarantee the traceability of forest products from their extraction to their final delivery to the customer. They constitute the instrument that demonstrates to the consumer that wood, or any other forest product, comes from forests that are managed responsibly and other controlled or recycle sources.



The main forest certification systems are the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification schemes (PEFC) and the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)<sup>1</sup>. Torraspapel has certified its Chain of Custody under both systems - PEFC<sup>2</sup> and FSC<sup>3</sup> - and certifications are available for all of its product lines upon request.

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<sup>1</sup> © 1996 Forest Stewardship Council A.C.

<sup>2</sup> PEFC / 14-33-00002

<sup>3</sup> FSC / SGS-COC-003753

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## Environmental Management Certification Systems

Since June 2005, all of Torraspapel's production of cellulose pulp and paper has been certified in accordance with **ISO 14001** standards. Obtaining ISO 14001 certification bears witness to the continuing improvement of processes, including waste management, more efficient use of energy, pollution control and prevention, and employing all means necessary to ensure that Torraspapel's actions actively contribute to sustainable development.

A step further in this direction is Torraspapel's commitment to obtaining European **EMAS** environmental certification. All of Torraspapel's mills have successfully completed the strict environmental review required by EMAS. The European environmental management and auditing system, known internationally as EMAS (Eco-Management and Audit Scheme), is a voluntary system that promotes continuing improvement of the environmental performance of public and private organizations through:

- Implementation of an environmental management system
- Systematic, periodic, and objective evaluation of this system
- Distribution of information to the public and shareholders
- Training and active involvement of employees

This system is based on the ISO 14001 standard for environmental management and requires, in addition, the elaboration of an environmental declaration verified by an external auditor and made available to the public. EMAS is a symbol of modern environmental management, transparency, and environmental commitment.

## Forest Certifications

Torraspapel significantly increased its purchase of pulp from certified forest plantations, reaching 86% in 2009, thus actively contributing to the forest certification process. The remaining 14% comes from controlled sources accepted by the certifications themselves.

To this end, all suppliers of cellulose to Torraspapel must indicate the percentage of supplied cellulose that comes from certified wood sources, the type of certificate applicable with the corresponding references, and the origin of the wood (forests, plantations, saw mills).

At the same time, Torraspapel has certification the Chains of Custody of all its mills in accordance with PEFC and FSC multi-site standards. Chain of Custody Certification verifies, via traceability, that the wood used in the production process comes from responsibly managed forests and from controlled sources, ensuring the conservation of forests and betterment of the social conditions of forest workers and local populations.

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**PEFC Forest Certification** is a widely used forest certification system at the international level, with nearly 223 million certified hectares in 24 countries and almost 7,000 Chain of Custody certifications in 52 countries. In Spain, over 1.2 million hectares and 507 Chains of Custody have been certified in accordance with this system. PEFC was established in 1998 as a voluntary initiative of the private timber sector; it is based on criteria and indicators originating in the Ministerial Conferences of Helsinki (1993) and Lisbon (1998) for the protection of European forests.



The mark of  
responsible forestry

Backed by various non-governmental organizations, among them Greenpeace and the WWF, **FSC Certification** was established in the nineties with the aim of promoting environmentally responsible, socially beneficial and economically viable forest management in forests throughout the world. In addition to being concerned with the management of wood, this certification system also covers the social and economic use of forests. Over 135 million hectares in 81 countries have been certified according to this system, of which 116,000 hectares are in Spain. Currently, more than 18,000 FSC Chain of Custody certifications exist in 100 countries, with 261 certifications in Spain.

## **Torraspapel's Chain of Custody Policy in accordance with FSC and PEFC certifications**

Chain of Custody Policy in accordance with Company policy is:

- To optimize the consumption of natural resources with the aim of contributing to sustainable development
- To show maximum respect for our surroundings, satisfying the expectations and needs of our customers
- To ensure that part of our paper production utilizes certified pulp obtained from a Sustainably Managed Forest.

To guarantee that these objectives are being achieved, a Multi-Site Chain of Custody Management System was implemented.

The principles on which our Management System is based are the following:

- Satisfying the needs and requirements of our customers is fundamental for us to continue being a competitive company. As such, supplying at all times products and services that meet our customers' demands is of the utmost importance.
- Efficient management of resources and raw materials for the development of our actions also ensures competitiveness. For this reason we must, as much as possible, opt for the implementation of sustainable practices with the aim of improving our operations on an ongoing basis and contributing in this way to protection of the environment.
- Implementation of a Chain of Custody System permits promoting environmental protection of forests and guarantees, through control of the different phases of the process, that the products we sell to our customers are ones with credit material or declared credits.
- Fulfillment of the applicable regulation.



In accordance with PEFC and FSC standards, forest products that come from conflictive sources will be avoided. The probability at the country/regional level and supply chain level of these products being evaluated as "high risk" is likely in the event of:

- Proven cases of violation of traditional and civil rights

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- High-conservation-value forests
- Genetically modified trees
- Illegally harvested wood
- Wood harvested in areas which have been converted into natural forest plantations or in areas which have been designated for non-forest use.