
Chain of custody of wood and wood-based products

Chaîne de contrôle des produits en bois et à base de bois



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Introduction

This document is intended to provide a framework for implementing a chain of custody system for the purpose of passing on information regarding wood and wood-based products, cork and lignified materials other than wood, such as bamboo, from the source to the finished product. A chain of custody system is a process by which information about materials can be tracked throughout the entire or parts of the supply chain.

This document is designed to provide a consistent basis against which the chain of custody of wood and wood-based products can be assessed.

This document can be used for several purposes. It can facilitate business-to-business communications by providing a common framework that allows businesses to “speak the same language” when describing their chain of custody system. This document is intended to be used by organizations in the supply chain regardless of their size.

This document cannot be used on its own for product claims about the organization’s product(s).

Purchasers can use this document to evaluate the information they receive from suppliers to help identify suitable input material. This information can then be used together with a set of specified criteria to determine whether a product/input material fulfils the conditions for the intended use. Other standards and certification schemes can use this document as a reference regarding chain of custody systems.

This document does not cover forest management but can be used to transfer information about the source of the wood-based product.

Chain of custody of wood and wood-based products

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for a chain of custody (CoC) of wood and wood-based products, cork and lignified materials other than wood, such as bamboo, and their products.

NOTE The term “material” will henceforth be used throughout this document to denote “raw materials and products from wood, cork and lignified materials other than wood, such as bamboo”, as defined in 3.8.

This document is applicable to material that originates from different categories of input material and can be derived from mechanical, chemical, biological and/or thermal processing or a combination thereof.

A chain of custody relies on a control system to track and handle material throughout the entire supply chain or parts of the supply chain, including transportation, receipt, production, sale, resale and output declaration. This document is intended to enable tracking of material from different categories of source to finished products.

Furthermore, this document also specifies minimum requirements for input material.

This document is not applicable to forest management.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

chain of custody

process by which information linked to *materials* (3.8) is transferred, monitored and controlled throughout the entire supply chain or parts of the supply chain

3.2

wood

lignocellulosic substance between the pith and bark of a tree or a shrub

[SOURCE: ISO 24294:2013, 3.1, modified — Notes to entry have been deleted.]

3.3

wood-based product

product wholly or partially derived from *wood* (3.2) or wooden components

Note 1 to entry: The product can be the result of mechanical, chemical, biological and/or thermal processing.