# TÜVNORD

## TÜV NORD CERT – Certification of the FSC<sup>®</sup>-Product Chain

#### Change in values in the manufacture of timber, pulp and paper products

#### **General situation**

The value judgements of consumers and business customers with respect to timber, pulp and paper products are changing. Products from responsible forestry management are increasingly in demand.

#### Your challenge

Sustainability along the entire production chain is a decisive criterion in this. This also includes the protection of wooded areas, the population which depends on the forest, all of the employees involved and aspects of nature conservation. As a company which would like to import timber, pulp or paper products into the EU, you also have to prove that your products stem exclusively from legal and non-controversial sources.

## Unbiased proof of sustainable and socially responsible forestry

The independent non-profit organisation Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC) has drawn up standards for sustainable, environmentally and socially responsible forestry. For the "Chain of Custody" (CoC) certification according to FSC® the entire product chain from the forest to the end customer is taken into account. TÜV NORD CERT is accredited by FSC® as an international certification body and carries out product chain certifications according to the FSC<sup>®</sup> standard. Products that fulfil the requirements of the FSC<sup>®</sup> standard can be awarded the FSC<sup>®</sup> logo.

#### Target groups for the certification

This certification is suitable for sawmills, timber merchants, furniture producers, paper manufacturers, publishers, printers and for do-it-yourself stores and all other companies that offer products made from timber or wood fibre.

### Certification relates in particular to the following stages in the supply chain:

- Purchasing
- Processing
- Storage
- Sale

#### **Prerequisites for certification**

- No mixing of FSC<sup>®</sup> certified timber with uncontrolled timber
- Quantity verification/inventory control systems for purchased, stored and supplied FSC<sup>®</sup>-certified goods
- Compliance with the process description



