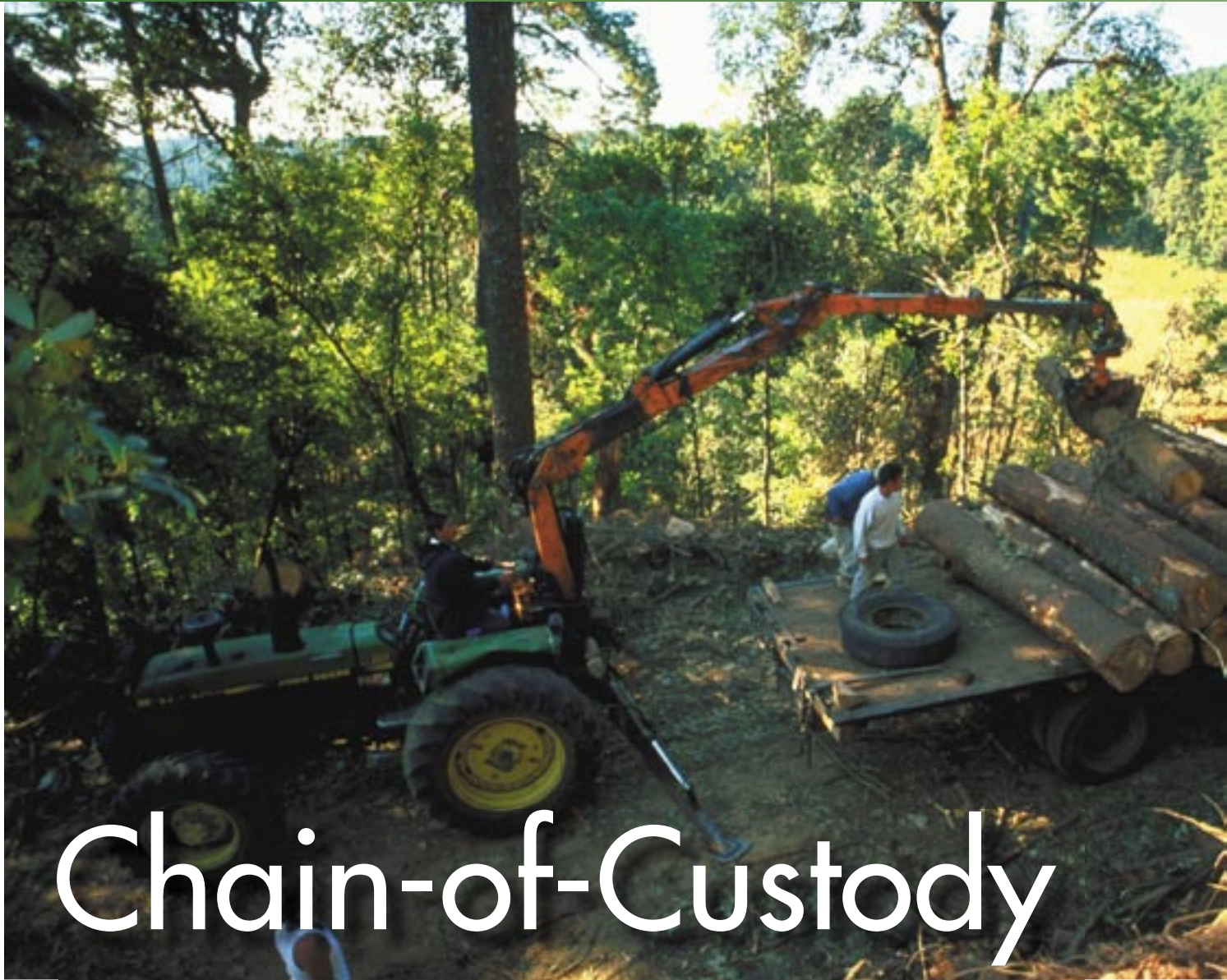


Forest Stewardship Council



Chain-of-Custody

By Kristin Berkery

The Forest Stewardship Council (www.fscus.org) offers Chain-of-Custody (COC) certification for forest products manufactured and marketed in compliance with FSC policies. What is COC certification? It's a tracked path taken by raw materials harvested from FSC-certified sources through processing, manufacturing, distribution, and printing until they become a product ready for sale to the end consumer.

According to FSC, COC certification allows the consumer to choose products that provide an assurance of social and environmental responsibility on the part of the producer. FSC does not conduct COC certifications itself – it accredits independent, third-party auditors to handle that task. Although the accredited certifiers assess companies based on FSC's policies for COC, each certifier uses its own evaluation process. FSC says it developed this process so it could remain outside the certification assessment process and maintain the integrity of its policies.



A FSC-certified forest in Mexico. Photo courtesy of Forest Stewardship Council.

Not every company that sells FSC-certified products is required to obtain COC certification. Retailers that resell FSC-certified products without changing them or their packaging in any way do not need COC certification. However, if the retailer intends to change the packaging or remanufacture the material, COC certification is required for those products to be sold as FSC-certified.

If a contractor is using FSC-certified products in a construction project that will be LEED-certified, the contractor does not need COC certification. However, the lumberyard supplying the products to the contractor is required to obtain COC cer-



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tification. The lumber supplier will provide a FSC-COC number for the products on the invoice, which will be necessary as documentation for the LEED certification.

How does a company become certified? First, contact a FSC-accredited certifier and submit an application for COC certification. (A list of certifiers is available at www.fscus.org.) An inspector from the certifying firm will visit the applicant's manufacturing site to determine that appropriate systems are in place for tracking certified inventory. The certifier's assessment will be provided to the applicant and both parties will sign a contract agreeing to the terms of the assessment. Certification is then granted. Every year, certified firms are audited to ensure their compliance with the certification agreement, and short-notice inspections may also be done by the certifier.

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Certification Alternatives

There are other environmental certification programs besides the Forest Stewardship Council's Chain of Custody program, which can create some confusion for companies that want to offer environmentally-friendly products or pursue an environmental certification. According to the U.S. Green Building Council, FSC is used in LEED requirements because "the LEED development committees believe that FSC is currently the most comprehensive" (according to the LEED website 'frequently asked questions'). However, there are organizations that can certify a variety of other attributes in products, such as recycled content, VOC content, and environmentally-friendlier alternatives.

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