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## Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)

### Q: Is Dalton Paper FSC Certified?

A: Yes!

Dalton Paper are very happy to announce that we are now an FSC Certified supplier! We have a great range of FSC certified stocks covering coated, uncoated, specialty, copy and packaging grades. All of our branches across Australia are FSC Certified.

Our Chain of Custody certification means that every FSC certified product that we deliver can be traced back to it's original sustainable source. It's our promise to you.

### Q: How and when was FSC formed?

A: A group of timber users, traders and representatives of environmental and human-rights organizations met in California (USA) in 1990 to discuss how they could combine their interests to improve global forest management. Their meeting confirmed the need for an honest and credible system for identifying well-managed forests as acceptable sources of forest products. It was from these beginnings that the Forest Stewardship Council developed.

In September 1993 in Toronto (Canada), 130 representatives from around the world came together to hold the Founding Assembly of the Forest Stewardship Council. In October 1993 an agreement was reached to launch FSC, and by August 1994 a definitive set of Principles and Criteria, together with the Statutes for the Council were agreed and approved by the votes of the Founding Members.

### Q: What is forest certification?

Forest certification is the process of evaluating forests or woodlands to determine if they are being managed according to an agreed set of standards.

### Q: What is chain of custody?

Chain of custody is the path taken by raw materials from the forest to the consumer, including all successive stages of processing, transformation, manufacturing and distribution.

From a customer perspective, the FSC label represents a promise that is being made to them. Chain of custody standards are the mechanism FSC has to ensure that 'promise' is delivered.

### Q: How can I support FSC?

Individuals, companies and organizations can show their commitment to improving forest management by:

- Buying FSC products.
- Getting involved in National Initiative activities and participating in the development of national or sub-national standards.
- Becoming an FSC member and participating in the strategic direction of FSC.
- Supporting FSC activities and projects.
- Certifying your forest or forest product operation to FSC standards.



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## **Q: Can I use the FSC logo?**

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There are rules about using the FSC so it's best to get a copy of the guidelines from the FSC assessor. Contact us and we are more than happy to put you in touch with the correct people.