

Cosmo Specialty Fibers Awarded PEFC Chain-of-Custody Certification

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COSMOPOLIS, Wash - Chain-of-custody certification has been awarded to Cosmo Specialty Fibers from the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC). "PEFC certification allows us to ensure to our customers that the wood fiber we use comes from sources using sustainable forestry practices" says Mike Entz, CEO.

PEFC is the world's largest, third-party certification system and incorporates both CSA and SFI sustainable forest management systems in its certification process.

"We chose PEFC because they managed to gather a number of really good sustainable forestry standards under one umbrella. Because we sell our products into a global market, we wanted to be able to assure our customers that our own chain-of-custody fiber processes met a number of regional sustainable forestry standards that would be recognized in their own markets. PEFC certification allows us to do that."

Chain-of-custody certification is critical to customers of Cosmo Specialty Fibers in a number of current and potential markets. This process follows wood fiber from forest, to harvesting, transport, processing and production — right through to the customer. It is an inventory control procedure to allow CSF to track fiber in order to be assured that it is from forests audited and certified by a third party to be sustainably managed — meaning the forest is ecologically, socially and economically sustainable.

PEFC originated in Europe and has gained worldwide acceptance from recognized certification systems including the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), American Tree Farm System (ATFS), and the Canadian Standards Association (CSA). PEFC has achieved compatibility between these independent forest certification systems, and has implemented that umbrella approach worldwide.