

Requirement for Companies Holding Chain of Custody Certification for FSC and/or PEFC

Requirements prior to entering into an agreement with Crest Nicholson

Before Crest Nicholson can enter into an agreement with your company, you must provide evidence demonstrating that you are certified under the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and/or the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) schemes and that you fully comply with Chain of Custody invoicing requirements. This ensures that only certified timber is used on Crest Nicholson sites.

Crest Nicholson will not enter into an agreement without verifying the following information:

Required evidence prior to agreement

Requirement		When evidence is due
1.	Valid Chain of Custody certificate(s) in your company (or your parent company) name. The certificate must be for the type of certified timber you are supplying.	Before contract agreement.
2.	Example copy of completed invoice or application for payment to Crest Nicholson for timber products and services that correctly meets FSC and PEFC requirements. Crest Nicholson will be looking for: a. Your Chain of Custody number on the invoice, b. A clearly itemised list of certified timber products.	
See examples of correctly completed invoices below.		
We require this evidence to ensure you are satisfying FSC and PEFC Chain of Custody invoicing procedures. This ensures proper Chain of Custody is maintained.		

Requirements by Crest Nicholson for applications for payment or invoices

To ensure timely payment for your products and services, your invoice or application for payment must be correctly completed. Failure to provide the required information may delay your payment. The following information must be present:

- 1. Your company's unique Chain of Custody certificate number
- 2. A clear indication of which products are FSC/PEFC certified. This can be done by:
 - a. Stating the Chain of Custody certificate number and the appropriate FSC or PEFC claim/label (e.g. FSC Mixed Sources, FSC 100%, FSC Mixed 70%) next to each timber product.
 - b. Providing an encompassing statement somewhere on the invoice such as "All products itemised on this invoice are FSC certified under certificate xx-COC-000000."
 - c. Linking the listed timber products through a footnote system to your Chain of Custody, which features on the invoice.
- 3. Invoice or application for payment must be addressed to Crest Nicholson.

Participating in Crest Nicholson's annual timber audit

Crest Nicholson conducts an annual audit of its timber supply chain to ensure compliance with its sustainability commitments. Supplier participation is mandatory.

Requirements for the annual timber audit

You must fully complete the Timber Audit Questionnaire sent to you by Crest Nicholson. The questionnaire will include up to 3 tabs you need to complete, including:

- Basic company information.
- Details on your environmental, social and supply chain policies that help mitigate deforestation risks.
- Specific data on timber products supplied to Crest Nicholson in the previous Financial Year (1st November to 31st October), including:
 - o Product type (e.g., doors, staircases, roof batten, etc.),
 - o Volume (m³) of timber supplied,
 - o Timber species and country of origin,
 - o Certification scheme (FSC or PEFC).

You may also be required to provide:

- Copies of invoices or applications for payment submitted to Crest Nicholson for timber-related goods,
- FSC or PEFC certification documents,
- Environmental, social or supply chain policies.

Audit timeline

The annual audit typically takes place in spring.

You will receive a request to participate along with the Timber Audit Questionnaire, which must be completed and returned by the date outlined, along with any required evidence.

Failure to comply with these requirements may affect your eligibility to continue supplying timber to Crest Nicholson.

Example of a correctly completed invoice:



