

Forestry and paper accreditation schemes commonly used within Australia

The vast majority of paper manufacturers supplying the Australian market are operating under accreditation systems which assist to minimise their impact on the environment and recognise their commitment to SUSTAINABILITY, covering impact on the environment, fibre sourcing, manufacturing processes, and in products delivered to the market.

The major global 'systems' include:

ISO 14001 effective environmental management through the production process.

EMAS Eco Management and Audit System
– European Council regulation.

PEFC Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification
International accreditation system for recognising sustainable forestry management practices.

Chain of Custody

covering all wood processes from the forest to the consumer.

FSC Forest Stewardship Council
An international accreditation system promoting responsible stewardship of the world's forests, covering sustainable use and management.

Currently approximately 8% of the world's forests are covered by accreditation schemes (PEFC, FSC, or similar) and increasing. Of this only 5% is used within the pulp and paper industry, accounting for 20% of the industry's fibre needs.

43% of Australian forests are certified under the AFCS (Australian Forest Certification Scheme – AFS Australian Forestry Standard which is PEFC endorsed) and FSC.

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