

The Stakeholder Brochure of Nicewood Oy

Due Diligence System (DDS)

of compliance with requirements of European Union Timber Regulation N 995/2010 (EUTR), Chain of Custody Certification Standards PEFC™ and FSC®.

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1. Nicewood Oy

1.1. Company

Nicewood Oy is an importer and wholesaler of wood based panels. Nicewood is Finnish company that is specialized in efficient supply chain management and purchasing. Our key suppliers are the industry-leading manufacturers in the world, which assures us to provide high quality products to our customers

1.2. Products

Nicewood Oy sells **PEFC™ and FSC® certified products**. Our Product portfolio includes:

- Birch plywood
- Spruce plywood
- Hardboard (HDF)
- MDF
- Softboard
- OSB
- Chipboard
- Laminated veneer lumber (LVL)
- GLULAM

1.3. Sustainability

Nicewood is **EUTR, PEFC™ and FSC®** compliant. CoC certifications of our wood-based panels indicate our commitment to socially beneficial and economically prosperous management of the world's forests. The Sustainable purchasing and long-term customer relationships are extremely important for Nicewood Oy.

Establish the 100% EUTR, PEFC™ and FSC® Compliant Supply Chain with Nicewood as a partner.



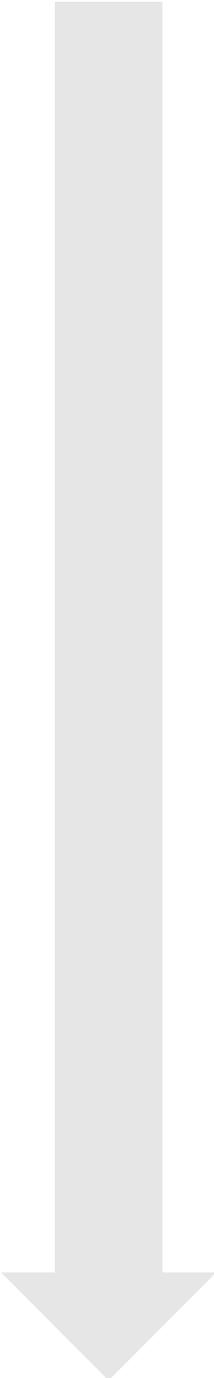
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2. What is Due Diligence System (DDS)

2.1. Due Diligence System (DDS)

A due diligence system can be described as a documented, tested step-by-step method, including controls, aimed at producing a consistent desired outcome in a business process.



1. Quality Management

- Commit to legal sourcing
- Establish responsibilities & assure competence
- Establish procedures
- Initiate performance monitoring
- Define scope of supply chain & products

2. Access to information

- Record supply chain info
 - Suppliers
 - Origin
 - Species
 - Legality documentation
- Collect additional supply chain info

3. Risk Assessment

- Evaluate supply chain info
- Identify risks
 - Forest management level
 - Supplier level
 - Risks of mixing and substitution
 - Specify risks where identified

4. Risk Mitigation

- Mitigation options
 - Additional documentation
 - Replace supplier
 - Source certified material
 - Supply chain verification audits

3. Quality Management

3.1. Why

Quality Management procedures are needed to provide a **systematic framework** for exercising due diligence and making it functional. It also enables **systematic implementation** and **external evaluation** of the system.

3.2. How

Nicewood is in compliance with two different Chain of Custody standards, PEFC and FSC®.

3.3. What

The Quality Management system of Nicewood is 100 % documented and fully functional. The Annual external evaluation of PEFC and FSC® Chain of Custody systems is conducted by Inspecta Sertifiointi Oy.

Nicewood Quality Management System is based on seven key principles:

- Customer focus
- Leadership
- Engagement of people
- Process approach
- Improvement
- Evidence-based decision making
- Relationship management

4. Information Gathering

4.1. Why

The Information gathering is done for the purposes of the risk assesment.

4.2. How

Nicewood has seven primary information sources of information gathering:

- Supply Chain Documents
 - Invoices
 - Shipping and Customs Documentation
 - Origin Documentation
- Information Databases
 - PEFC and FSC CoC Certificate Database
- Reports
 - The Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI)
- Audits
 - Subcontractor PEFC and FSC Audit
- Industry Knowledge
- Stakeholder Consultation
- Web Searches

4.3. What

Nicewood has access to following information and it records it for every shipment:

- Supplier details and PEFC/FSC Certification Status
- Identification of the material/product, including its trade name and type
- Identification of tree species included in material/product by their common name and/or their scientific name where applicable
- Country of harvest of the material and where applicable sub-national region and/or concession of harvest

4. Information Gathering

4.4. Nicewood Information Gathering Process

Information Sources

Record Supplier Information

Name

Country

FSC/PEFC Certificate

Certificate Status

Certificate Scope

Record Material Information

Trade name

Type

Quantity

Certificate

Certificate Claim

Country of harvest

Concession of harvest

Carry out Risk Assessment
Process

5. Risk Assessment

5.1. Why

Risk assessment is used to determine the risk of an organization obtaining material from unacceptable wood sources when sourcing wood material.

5.2. How

Nicewood identifies where risks may exist in supply chains and specifies risks to a level that enables effective risk mitigation.

5.3. What

Nicewood evaluates the risk that forest products are:

- Illegally harvested
- Illegally transported/traded or
- Mixed with material with illegal or unknown origin.

Nicewood's criterias for evaluation include:

- Assurance of compliance with applicable legislation which may include certification or other third-party verified schemes which cover compliance with applicable legislation.
- Prevalence of illegal harvesting of specific tree species
- Prevalence of illegal harvesting or practices in the area of origin, including consideration of the prevalence of armed conflict.
- UN Security Council or the EU sanctions on timber imports or exports.
- Complexity of the supply chain of timber and timber products
- The Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI)

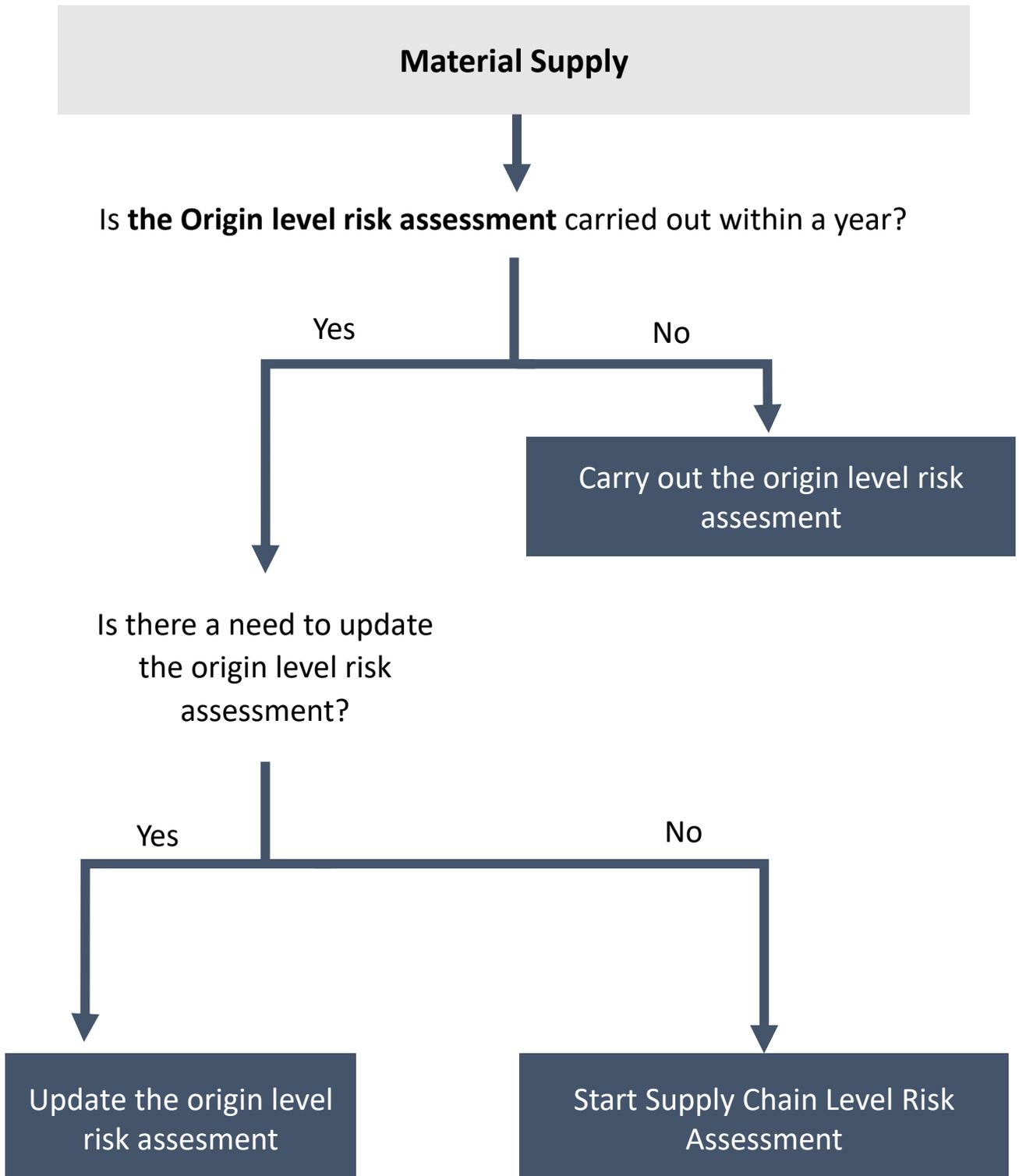
Risk Conclusion

Nicewood make risk conclusion based on origin and supply chain levels. If both levels are considered as "high risk", then Risk Mitigation is needed.

- Negligible risk (low risk) → No further risk mitigation procedures needed.
- Non-negligible risk (high risk) → Risk Mitigation needed.

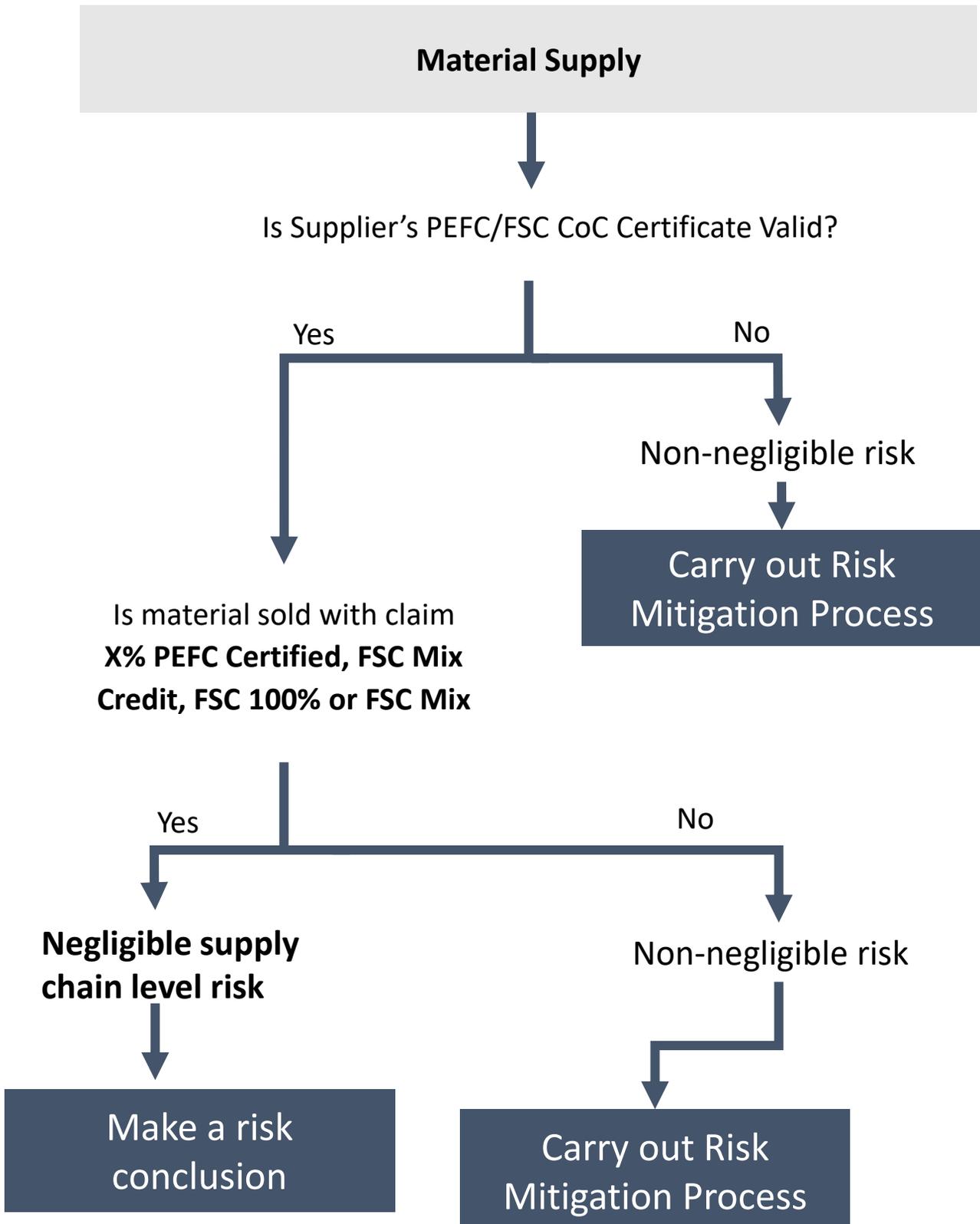
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5.4. Nicewood Origin Level Risk Assessment Process



5. Risk Assessment

5.5. Nicewood Supply Chain Level Risk Assessment Process



5. Risk Assessment

5.6. Nicewood Risk Assessment Conclusion Process



6. Risk Mitigation

6.1. Why

If the risk of placing illegal timber on the market is not negligible, risk must be mitigated.

6.2. How

Mitigation measures address the specific risks identified.

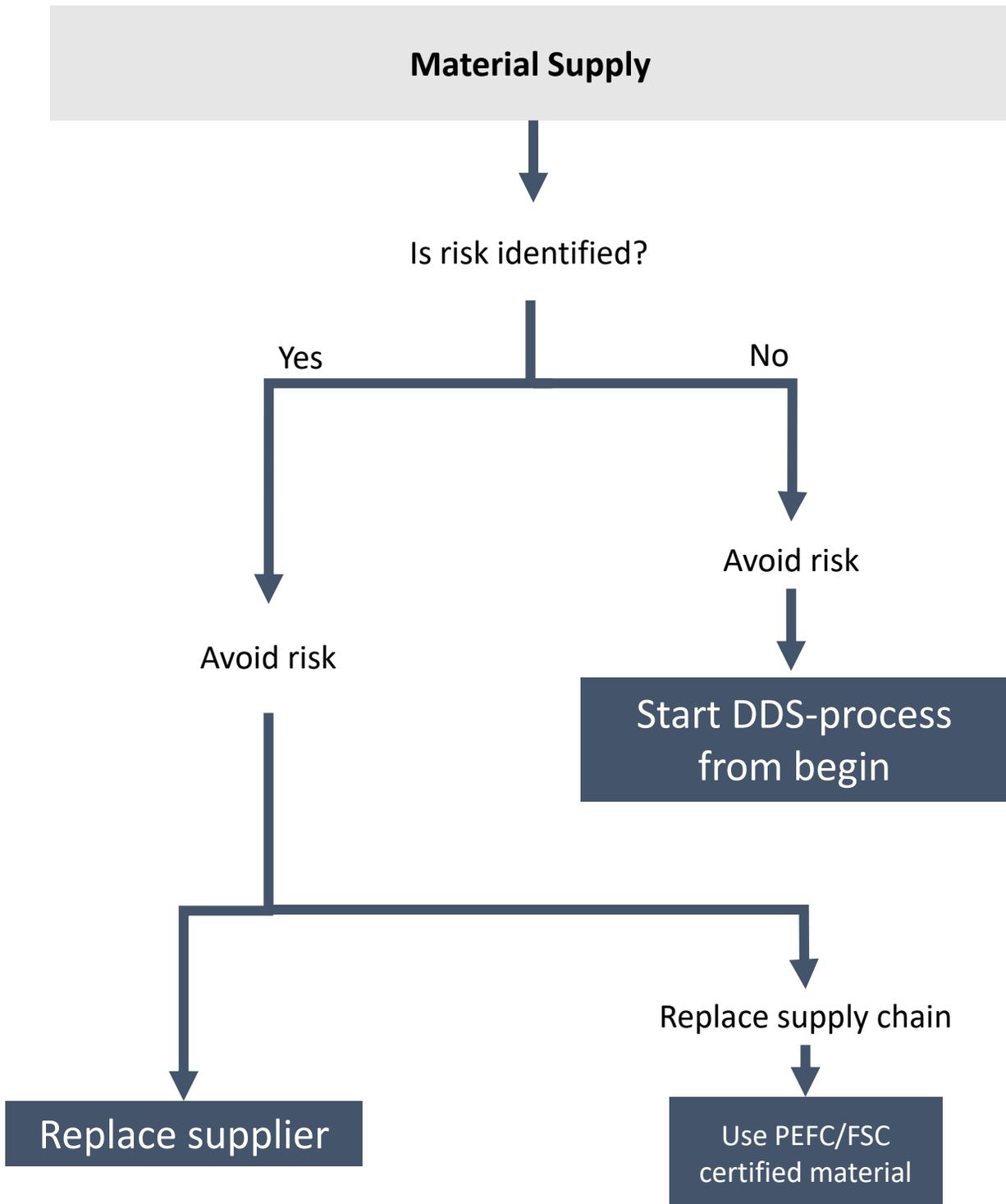
6.3. What

Nicewood uses different tools to mitigate risk:

- Requires additional information and documents from suppliers
- Agrees mitigation actions
- Third party verification/certification
- Carry out supplier or forest verification audits to verify legal conformance
- Replace suppliers

6. Risk Mitigation

6.4. Nicewood Risk Mitigation Process



7. Attachments

7.1. Signed PEFC and FSC® Commitment Policy

Commitment to the PEFC and FSC Chain of Custody Policies

What are PEFC and FSC?

The PEFC Council (the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification schemes) is the worldwide organisation promoting sustainable forest management through forest certification and labelling of forest based products. Products with the PEFC claim and / or label deliver confidence to customers and the end consumers that raw material originates in sustainably managed forests, recycled material, and/or controlled sources. (© PEFC Council 2013)

FSC certification ensures that products come from well managed forests that provide environmental, social and economic benefits. Forest owners and managers may want to become FSC certified to demonstrate that they are managing their forests responsibly. (© FSC 2013)

The Commitment of Nicewood Oy to the PEFC and FSC Chain of Custody Policies

Nicewood Oy recognises the importance of promoting the use of responsibly managed timber resources through the Programme Endorsement of Forestry Certification. All our imported wood based products are supplied through PEFC and FSC certification programmes.

Nicewood Oy is a company committed to environmental improvement and customer satisfaction. In addition, it is committed to implementing and maintaining compliance with the PEFC and FSC organization's Chain of Custody to promote the consumption of wood from responsible sources such as post-consumer recovery, as well as promoting the sustainable use of resources, thereby helping to reduce the over-exploitation of forests. The PEFC and FSC certification empowers our customers to make an educated environmental choice about the products they use.

Therefore, it identifies the origin and percentage of pre-consumer and post-consumer recovered materials used, and is thus able to display the PEFC and FSC logos on recycled products.

It is also committed to the values behind the PEFC and FSC policies, publicly stating not to be involved directly or indirectly with any of the following:

- The illegal trade in timber or timber products,
- The violation of traditional and human rights in forestry operations.
- The destruction of high conservation values in forestry operations
- The conversion of natural forests to plantations or non-forest use,
- The introduction of genetically modified organisms in forestry operations,
- The violation of the Core Conventions of the ILO as defined in the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, 1998.

This organization also promotes social and health and safety at work requirements by doing the following:

- allowing workers to associate freely, and to choose their representatives for collective bargaining with the company.
- promoting equal opportunities and treatment for workers
- detecting, controlling and preventing working conditions that endanger the health or safety of workers.

Nicewood Oy is committed to implement and maintain the Chain of Custody system in accordance with latest relevant PEFC and FSC standards. This commitment is communicated to all Nicewood Oy employees, suppliers and customers, and will be sent to any interested party upon request.

Furthermore, we will inform any interested party about the Nicewood Oy PEFC and FSC certificated products we offer and the procedure for handling any complaints related to it.

Tampere, 27.02.2014



Riku Lahtinen

CEO of Nicewood Oy

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7.2. Nicewood Oy FSC® Chain of Custody Certification



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This is to certify that

Nicewood Oy
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has been issued the following certificate.

Scope of certification

**Procurement, further processing and sales of wood panel and
 engineered wood products.**
(FSC Mix, FSC 100 %)

Standard

FSC® COC Forest Stewardship Council® – Chain of Custody
Standard reference: FSC-STD-40-004 (3.0)

Registration number

INS-COC-100043

This certificate is issued on **2018-03-28**

(first issue 2014-03-24). Issue No. 3

The certificate is valid until 2019-03-23.

The validity of this certificate shall be verified on info.fsc.org

Mikko Törmänen, Managing Director
 Inspecta Sertifiointi Oy



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 responsible forestry

A list of the certified products can be obtained from the FSC database, info.fsc.org.

This certificate itself does not constitute evidence that a particular product supplied by the certificate holder is FSC-certified [or FSC Controlled Wood]. Products offered, shipped or sold by the certificate holder can only be considered covered by the scope of this certificate when the required FSC claim is clearly stated on invoices and shipping documents.

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The certificate shall remain the property of the certification body that issued it, and that the certificate and all copies or reproductions of the certificate shall be returned or destroyed if requested by the certification body.

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7.3. Nicewood Oy PEFC Chain of Custody Certification



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Inspecta Sertifiointi Oy on myöntänyt tämän sertifiointin organisaatiolle

**Nicewood Oy
Tampere**

Sertifikaatti varmentaa, että puun alkuperäketjun hallinta täyttää seuraavien standardien vaatimukset

PEFC ST 2002:2013, PEFC ST 2001:2008 v2

Sertifiointiin sisältyvä toiminta

**Puutuotteiden hankinta, jatkojalostus,
logistiikka ja myynti (prosenttimenetelmä).**

Sertifikaatti on myönnetty 2014-03-24.

Sertifikaatti on voimassa 2019-03-24 asti.

Tomi Kasurinen, toimitusjohtaja

Sertifikaatti on voimassa edellyttäen, että puun alkuperäketjun hallinta täyttää jatkuvasti edellä mainittujen standardien ja yleisen ohjeen ABC 750 vaatimukset.

Sertifikaatin voimassaolon voi tarkistaa osoitteesta www.inspecta.fi



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