

Rules for Use of SFI On-Product Labels and Off-_Product Marks
(Section 65)

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SFI Inc. is an independent, non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to promoting sustainable forest management in North America and supporting responsible procurement globally. The SFI Board is a three chamber Board of Directors representing environmental, social and economic interests equally, and the program addresses local needs through its grassroots network of 34 SFI Implementation Committees across North America. SFI Inc. directs all elements of the SFI program including the SFI forest management, fiber sourcing and chain-of-custody standards, labeling and marketing.

Consumers in growing numbers want assurance that their buying decisions represent a sound environmental choice. They are asking for proof that wood, paper and packaging products are made with raw materials sourced from certified forest content and certified sourcing. The SFI 202215-2019 Forest Management Standard, SFI 202215-2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard, SFI 2022 Certified Sourcing Standard and SFI 202215-2019 Chain-of-Custody Standard can deliver a reliable and credible mechanism so businesses can provide this assurance to their customers. In order to use any of the SFI onproduct labels or off-product marks, an organization must be third-party certified by an accredited certification body.

The SFI program meets guidelines on environmental claims in product advertising and communication issued by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission and guidelines on environmental labeling and advertising issued by the Competition Bureau of Canada.

Studies have shown that consumers appreciate the value of forest certification in helping them identify wood and paper products from legal, responsible sources.

The fact that the SFI program can deliver a steady supply of fiber from well-managed forests is especially important at a time when there is increasing demand for green building and responsible paper purchasing, and only 10 percent of the world's forests are certified.

Part 1: Rules for Use of SFI On-Product Labels

The SFI program has three on product labels: two-cchain_of_ccustody labels and one an SFI Certified Sourcing label.

Certified chain_of-c-custody labels track the use of fiber from certified forests, certified sourcing, and recycled material.

The SFI Certified Sourcing label does not make claims about certified forest content. Certified sourcing can include fiber sourced from a company that conforms with Section 2 — SFI 202215 2019 Forest Management Standard, Section 3 — SFI 202215 2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard, from recycled content, or from certified forest content. Fiber shall never be sourced from a controversial source.

Primary producers of wood, wood pulp and/or pulp and paper products certified to the PEFC Chain of Custody standard can use the SFI label as long as the following criteria are met:

- a. the primary producer must be an SFI Program Participant;
- the primary producer must be certified to all of the applicable objectives in Section 2 SFI 202215 2019 Forest Management Standard and/or Section 3 SFI 202215 2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard.
 - An organization which owns or manages forestlands must be certified to Section 2 - SFI 202215-2019 Forest Management Standard.
 - An organization which only sources direct from the forest and does not manage the forestlands must be certified to Section 3 SFI 202215-2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard.
 - An organization which owns or manages forestlands and sources direct from the forest must be certified to Section 2 SFI 202215-2019 Forest Management Standard and Section 3 SFI 202215-2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard.
- c. Primary or secondary producers of wood, wood pulp and/or pulp and paper products certified to the PEFC Chain of Custody standard can use the SFI Labels Recognizing Global Standards label as long as the following criteria are met:
 - The primary producer, if outside the United States and Canada, must have a valid PEFC Chain of Custody certificate for relevant manufacturing sites located outside the United States or Canada. The secondary producer must have a valid PEFC Chain of Custody and/or Section 4 SFI 2022 Chain of Custody Standard certificate for relevant manufacturing sites located outside the United States or Canada and manufacture products for Canadian and U.S. markets.
 - Note that at least one organization in the supply chain must meet
 User Requirements for SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards to
 use the label on finished products and all rules for use of the SFI
 Label must be followed.

1.1 Chain-of-Custody Label for Volume Credit Method Label

The volume credit method allows a company to label only the percentage of output corresponding to the percentage of certified forest content and/or recycled content used in the manufacturing process. This is always at a 1:1 ratio, so it is considered 100% certified. The following two labels may be used by any chain of custody certificate holder that uses the volume credit chain of custody method. If the chain of custody certificate holder uses recycled content, then the label must state "Promoting Sustainable Forestry and Recycled Content." However, if recycled content is not used, then the label must state, "Promoting Sustainable Forestry."





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1.2 Chain-of-Custody Labels for Average Percentage Method

The average percentage method allows chain-of-custody certificate holders to consistently label all of their products with the average percentage labels. To use the "Promoting Sustainable Forestry and Recycled Content" label with the average percentage method, the chain-of-custody certificate holder must meet a 70% threshold which can be obtained by certified forest content and/or recycled content. If recycled content is not used, then the label must state, "Promoting Sustainable Forestry." If the chain-of-custody certificate holder drops below the 70% threshold they shall be transparent and disclose the actual amount of certified forest content and/or recycled content on the label. The following two labels may be used by any chain-of-custody certificate holder that drops below a 70% threshold and uses the average percentage chain-of-custody method.



Certified Chain of Custody X% Certified Forest Content, X% Certified Sourcing, and X% Recycled Content

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1.3 Chain-of-Custody Labels with Mobius Loop

If a chain-of-custody certificate holder uses recycled content, they can chose to incorporate a Mobius loop stating the percentage of recycled content in the product. Below is an example of the chain-of-custody labels with the Mobius loop.



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1.4 Certified Sourcing Label

The SFI Certified Sourcing label can be used by any organization certified to Section 2 - SFI 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard and/or Section 3 - SFI 2015-2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard. The SFI Certified Sourcing label does not make claims about certified forest content. Eligible inputs that count towards the Certified Sourcing label includes fiber from Section 2 - SFI 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard, fiber from Section 3 - SFI 2015-2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard, fiber from recycled content, or fiber from certified forest content. Fiber shall never be sourced from a controversial source.



Part 2: Office of Label Use and Licensing

2.1 The Office of Label Use and Licensing shall evaluate and approve applications for use of all SFI on-product labels, shall establish label-use rules and procedures set out in the Rules for Use of SFI On-Product Labels and Off-Product Marks a (Section 6 in the SFI 2022 Standards and Rules document), and shall maintain oversight of use of all SFI onproduct labels. **Commented [SFI 1]:** 1.1 – 1.4 moved into a new section: SFI Labels and Claims. Not deleted

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2.2 All projects with the SFI label must be sent to the SFI Office of Label Use and Licensing prior to press. There are no size or color restrictions on the label, but if the certified printer uses the abovebelow green/black version, the PMS color is 347C. PMS 348 may also be used.



- 2.3 A label user shallmay not use the SFI program label on any products from manufacturing unit(s) for which it has not obtained approval from the Office of Label Use and Licensing.
- **2.4** Approval for use of any SFI on-product labels will become effective upon authorization issued by the *Office of Label Use and Licensing*.
- 2.5 The Office of Label Use and Licensing may periodically announce additional rules and procedures to ensure ownership and use of the SFI on-product labels are adequately protected under applicable law, and to ensure proper consumer understanding.
- 2.6 Label Users must provide specific examples of proposed SFI *OOn-P*product Label* use and related promotional literature to the Office of Label Use and Licensing, in keeping with the Rules For Use of SFI On-Product Labels and Off-Product Marks (Section 6 in the SFI Standards and Rules document).
- 2.721 All advertising material must be sent to the SFI program's Office of Label Use and Licensing for review and approval. SFI staff are available to answer questions about the use of the marks and these rules.
- 2.8 In response to questions and issues raised by SFI on-product label users or certification bodies, the Office of Label Use and Licensing will periodically announce and formally adopt interpretations to Section 6 Rules For Use Of SFI On-Product labels and Off--Product Marks: (seeAll interpretations will be posted at posted here).
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- 2.922 The <u>SFI Office of Label Use and Licensing</u> reserves the right to request samples of all uses of the <u>SFI On-pProduct Labels</u> from time to time.
- 2.10 23 If the Office of Label Use and Licensing determines that a label user is not using the marks as provided in these rules, which may be amended from time to time, or no longer meets the criteria set out in the SFI program requirements, it will send a written notice to the label user specifying the inappropriate use(s) and allow thirty (30) days in which to make a correction. If the label user fails to make the correction, the right to use the marks will be revoked.

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- **2.11 24**Label users who observe misuse of any of these marks shall report this immediately to the Office of Label Use and Licensing.
- **2.12 28**The size of the label can be determined by the certified company approved to use the SFI label, if approved by the SFI Office of Label Use and Licensing.
- 2.13 29If the label is being used on a small product (e.g., pencils) and the claim may not be legible, a company may apply to the SFI Office of Label Use and Licensing for additional exceptions on applying the SFI On-Product label.
- 2.14 The Office of Label Use and Licensing will approve use of SFI On-Product on-product labels as a batch or group. These blanket approvals can include:

1. Template label use:

- for different products with the same customer using the same SFI category of origin. The category of origin meets label use requirements, the label is always the same but is applied to different products or a group of products with the same customer/brand. Example: SFI label applied on 5 versions of Company X's product packaging (sizes XS/S/M/ L/XL, or 6 pack/12 pack/24 pack or 4 flavor options).
- for different customers using the same SFI category of origin. The category of origin meets label use requirements, the product group is the same, the label is the same, but the same product is printed for different customers. For example, Company Y produces a box for 17 customers where the label placement and category of origin is the same for all 17.

2. Repeat jobs by a company or facility for a customer using the same SFI category

of origin on a product. The category of origin is the same, the label is the same, but the product is updated. For example, a magazine with repeat issues (catalogs or books). For example, Company Z prints a quarterly magazine using the same paper with the same SFI category of origin with the same label for all 4four issues that year.

- 2.15 33The Office of Label Use and Licensing reserves the right to refuse any label use that does not align with SFI Inc."s strategic vision and mission. objective, which is to "ensure the SFI 202215 2019 Standards and Rules is strong, grounded in science, progressive and based on integrity and proven through conservation collaboration resulting in wide market acceptance."
- with the manufacturer, or if there is concern with revealing strategic competitive information about the manufacturer, *SFI Inc.* can issue a second SFI label ID number. While the second SFI *SFI* label ID number would be on the product when searched in the SFI *SFI* on-line database, the supplier information will read "Contact SFI Inc. for More Information on this Product (Tel: 202-596-3450)."— SFI *SFI* staff can confirm for the person making the enquiry that the label is legitimate based on information supplied. This second SFI label ID number will only be granted for organizations who produce private branded products and request a private number in order to avoid disclosing competitive information. The manufacturer must continue to use their originally assigned SFI *SFI* label ID number for all other products they manufacture and label that do not have competitiveness concerns as described above.

In addition to private SFI SFI label ID number issuance to private branded products, the SFI promotional mark can be used with a private SFI SFI Label ID number for retailers and other point of sales, as well as for educational or non-profit use.

A <u>Certified</u> <u>Organization</u> shall apply to the <u>SFI Office of Label Use and Licensing</u> for a private <u>SFI SFI</u> label ID number.

Part 3: SFI Claims and Labels

3.1 SFI Chain of CustodySFI Chain-of-Custody Label for Volume Credit Method-Labels and Claims

The SFI-Certified Chain-of-Custody labels communicate the use of fiber from certified forests, *certified sourcing* or *recycled content*. These products do not contain *controversial sources* and the content is calculated using either average percentage or the volume credit method.

The volume credit method allows a company to label only the percentage of output corresponding to the percentage of certified forest content and/or recycled content used in the manufacturing process. This is always at a 1:1 ratio, so it is considered 100% certified. There are two labels may be used by any chain of custody certified

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organization that uses the volume credit chain of custody method. If the chain of custody certified organization uses recycled content, then the label must state "Promoting Sustainable Forestry and Recycled Content." However, if recycled content is not used, then the label must state, "Promoting Sustainable Forestry."

1.2 Chain-of-Custody Labels for Average Percentage Method

The average percentage method allows chain of custody certified organizations to consistently label all of their products with the average percentage labels. To use the "Promoting Sustainable Forestry and Recycled Content" label with the paverage percentage method, the chain of custody certified organization must meet a 70% threshold which can be obtained by certified forest content and/or recycled content. If recycled content is not used, then the label must state, "Promoting Sustainable Forestry." If the chain of custody certified organization drops below the 70% threshold, they shall be transparent and disclose the actual amount of certified forest content and/or recycled content on the label. There are two labels that may be used by any chain of custody certified organization that drops below a 70% threshold and uses the average percentage chain of custody method.

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<u>LABEL: SFI CHAIN OF CUSTODYSFI CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY - PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE</u> FORESTRY



REQUIRED CERTIFICATION: SFI CHAIN OF CUSTODYSFI CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY

OFFICIAL SFI CLAIMS

From a supplier using the Percent Method

SFI 70% -100% Certified Forest Content

From a supplier using the Credit Method

- SFI Credit
- 100% as calculated under the SFI credit method

NOTES

 Other acceptable credit claims include SFI Volume Credit and SFI 100% as calculated under the volume credit method.

LABELS: SFI CHAIN OF CUSTODYSFI CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY - PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY AND RECYCLED CONTENT



OFFICIAL SFI CLAIMS

From a supplier using the Percent Method

- SFI 70% 100% Certified Forest Content and recycled content
- SFI At Least 70% 100% Certified Forest Content and recycled content

MOBIUS LOOP OPTION

• SFI X% recycled content (shown in mobius loop)

From a supplier using the Credit Method:

- SFI Credit
- 100% as calculated under the SFI credit method
- MOBIUS LOOP OPTION
 - SFI X% recycled content (shown in mobius loop)



REQUIRED
CERTIFICATION:
SFI CHAIN OF
CUSTODYSFI CHAIN-OFCUSTODY

NOTES:

Other acceptable volume credit claims include SFI Volume
 Credit and SFI 100% as calculated under the volume credit
 method.

LABELS: SFI CHAIN OF CUSTODYSFI CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY - AT LEAST XX% CERTIFIED FOREST CONTENT





REQUIRED
CERTIFICATION:
SFI CHAIN OF
CUSTODYSFI CHAIN-OFCUSTODY

OFFICIAL SFI CLAIMS

From a supplier using the Percent Method

• SFI At Least XX% Certified Forest Content
MOBIUS LOOP OPTION

SFI X% recycled content (shown in mobius loop)

NOTES:

- When the "At Least X% Certified Forest Content label is being applied on solid wood products, the claim must read, "Product Line Contains at Least X% Certified Forest Content". Artwork for this label is available upon request.
- An SFI chain of custodySFI Chain-of-Custody certified organization may make a claim of any percentage of certified forest content, but use of the label is contingent on the production batch having at least 10% certified forest content, unless the product is 100% recycled content.

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LABEL: SFI CHAIN OF CUSTODYSFI CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY - 100% RECYCLED CONTENT



REQUIRED
CERTIFICATION:
SFI CHAIN OF
CUSTODYSFI CHAIN-OFCUSTODY

OFFICIAL SFI CLAIMS

From a supplier using the Percent Method

SFI 100% Recycled Content

NOTES:

- Label users can substitute the term "Recycled Content on labels and replace it with pre-consumer recycled and/or postconsumer recycled.
- Facilities that utilize 100% recycled content can use the X%
 label with the percentage method. They cannot, however, use
 the X% Ceertified Fforest Ceontent tagline, and must exclude
 that tagline from the label.

LABELS: SFI CHAIN OF CUSTODYSFI CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY - X% CERTIFIED FOREST CONTENT, X% CERTIFIED SOURCING, AND X% RECYCLED CONTENT



REQUIRED
CERTIFICATION:
SFI CHAIN OF
CUSTODYSFI CHAIN-OFCUSTODY

OFFICIAL SFI CLAIMS

From a supplier using the Method

- SFI X% Certified Forest Content
- SFI X% Certified Sourcing
- SFI 100% Recycled Content

MOBIUS LOOP OPTION

• SFI X% recycled content (shown in mobius loop)

NOTES:

The X% content label must equal all parts to 100%

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REQUIRED
CERTIFICATION:
SFI CHAIN OF
CUSTODYSFI CHAIN-OFCUSTODY

- If a specific attribute does not apply (e.g., post-consumer recycled content), the company must exclude that tagline from the label.
- The 100% certified forest content claim can be made only when the physical separation method has been used throughout the chain of custody process.
- When using the X% Chain of Custody label, the claims can be switched in order so "X% Certified Sourcing" or "X% Recycled Content is first. Furthermore, label users can add the words, "At Least" in front of the "X% Certified Forest Content" claim.
- If the content contains less than SFI 10% Coertified Fforest
 Content, and is not 100% Recycled content, this label cannot be used. The use of this label with the certified forest content claim is contingent on the production batch having at least 10% certified forest content, unless the product is 100% recycled content. An SFI chain of custodySFI Chain-of-Custody certified organization may make a claim of any percentage of recycled content, but use of the label is contingent on the production batch having at least 10% recycled content with the balance of the production batch qualifying for certified forest content and/or SFI certified sourcing.
- SFI Certified Sourcing can only be used in combination with SFI
 X% ccertified Fforest Content. It cannot be used alone in the
 SFI Chain of Ousetdy Custody label, nor in sole combination with
 SFI X% Rrecycled Content. If the label user wishes to make a
 100% certified sourcing claim, the SFI certified sourcing label
 must be used.
- The SFI X% Recycled line can only be used on its own if it is at 100%. Pre and Post consumer recycled content can be included in the Recycled Content line. If the SFI X% Recycled Content is less than 100, it must be used with the SFI X% Certified Forest Content line and/or the SFI X% Certified Sourcing line. Both are applicable to the total claim breakdown.
- If a chain of custody certified organization uses recycled content, they can choose to incorporate a Mobius loop stating the percentage of recycled content in the product. The recycled mobius loop may only be used within the SFI label when the organization is certified to the SFI 2022 Chain -of Custody Standard.
- If a chain of custody certified organization uses recycled content, they can choose to incorporate a Mobius loop stating the percentage of recycled content in the product.

1.3 Chain-of-Custody Labels with Mobius Loop

<u>Label Options</u> <u>Who can use this label</u>

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Required certificate:

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Required certificate:

SFI Chain of Custody



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SFI-XXXXX

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Certified Chain of Custody 100% Recycled Content www.sfiprogram.org sFi-00001 Required certificate:

SFI Chain of Custody



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Required certificate:

SFI Chain of Custody



Certified Chain of Custody
X% Certified Forest Content,
X% Certified Sourcing, and
X% Recycled Content
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Required certificate:

SFI Chain of Custody

incorporate a Mobius loop stating the percentage of recycled content in the product.	Commented [SFI32]: Moved from 1.3
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Claim and/or category of origin included on relevant documentation

Label Options

Who can use this label

Required Certificate:

SFI Chain of Custody¹

From a supplier using the Average Percent Method: 70% - 100% Certified Forest Content and recycled content At Least 70% 100% Certified Forest Content and recycled content

X% recycled content (shown in mobius loop)

From a supplier using the Volume Credit Method: Volume Credit or 100% as calculated under the volume credit method

X% recycled content (shown in mobius loop)

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Certified Chain of Custody Promoting Sustainable Forestry and Recycled Content

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Required certificate:

From a supplier using the Average Percentage method: At Least X% Certified Forest Content²³ X% recycled content (shown in mobius loop)

SFI Chain of Custody

Certified Sourcing

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3.2 SFI Certified Sourcing Label and Claim

The SFI Certified Sourcing label and claim do not make claims about certified forest content. They tell buyers and consumers that certified organization is certified to the SFI 2022 15 2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard, or comes from recycled content, or from a certified forest. All fiber must be from non-controversial sources.

The SFI Certified Sourcing label can be used by any organization certified to Section 2 -SFI 202215-2019 Forest Management Standard and/or Section 3 — SFI 2022 15-2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard that also demonstrates conformance with the requirements of Section 5 - SFI 2022 Certified Sourcing Standard requirements 3.1. The SFI Certified Sourcing label does not make claims about certified forest content. Eligible inputs that count towards the Certified Sourcing label includes fiber from Section 2 — SFI 2022 F15 2019 Forest Management Standard, fiber from Section 3 — SFI 202215 2019 Fiber Commented [SFI 34]: Edit to clarify that SFI certified content is

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¹-The recycled mobius loop may only be used within the SFI label when the organization is certified to Section 4 SFI 2015-2019 Chain-of Custody Standard. (moved from previous 2.4)

An SFI chain of custody certificate holder may make a claim of any percentage of certified forest content, but use of the label is contingent on the production batch having at least 10% certified forest content, unless the product is 100% recycled content. (moved from previous 2.14).

When the "At Least X% Certified Forest Content" label is being applied on solid wood products, the claim must read, "Product Line Contains At Least X% Certified Forest Content." Artwork for this label is available upon request.(moved from previous 2.13)

Sourcing Standard, fiber from recycled content, or fiber from certified forest content. Fiber shall never be sourced from a controversial source.

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Primary and Secondary producers with a valid SFI Chain of CustodySFI Chain-of-Custody certificate may use their chain of custody procedures to account for SFI Certified Sourcing content and applying the SFI Certified Sourcing label. These organizations must obtain documentation from their suppliers that the product is sold with a SFI Certified Sourcing claim and is approved for the Certified Sourcing Label.

Printers that are certified to the SFI Chain of Custody SFI Chain-of-Custody Standard may use their chain of custody procedures to account for product that is approved for the Certified Sourcing Label and label that product with the Certified Sourcing Label. These certified organizations must obtain documentation from their suppliers that the product is approved for the Certified Sourcing Label.

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label and claims for improved clarity.

LABEL: SFI CERTIFIED SOURCING



- OFFICIAL SFI CLAIMS
- SFI Certified Sourcing
- SFI 100% Certified Sourcing

REQUIRED CERTIFICATION:
SFI CHAIN OF CUSTODYSFI
CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY AND/OR;
CERTIFIED SOURCING, AND/OR
SFI FIBER SOURCING

relevant documentation

Label Options

Who can use this label

SFI Certified Sourcing or SFI 100% Certified Sourcing

Claim and/or category of origin included on



Organizations with a valid SFI certificate to:

SFI Fiber Sourcing
SFI Certified Sourcing
SFI Chain of Custody

3.3 Other SFI Label and Claim Options

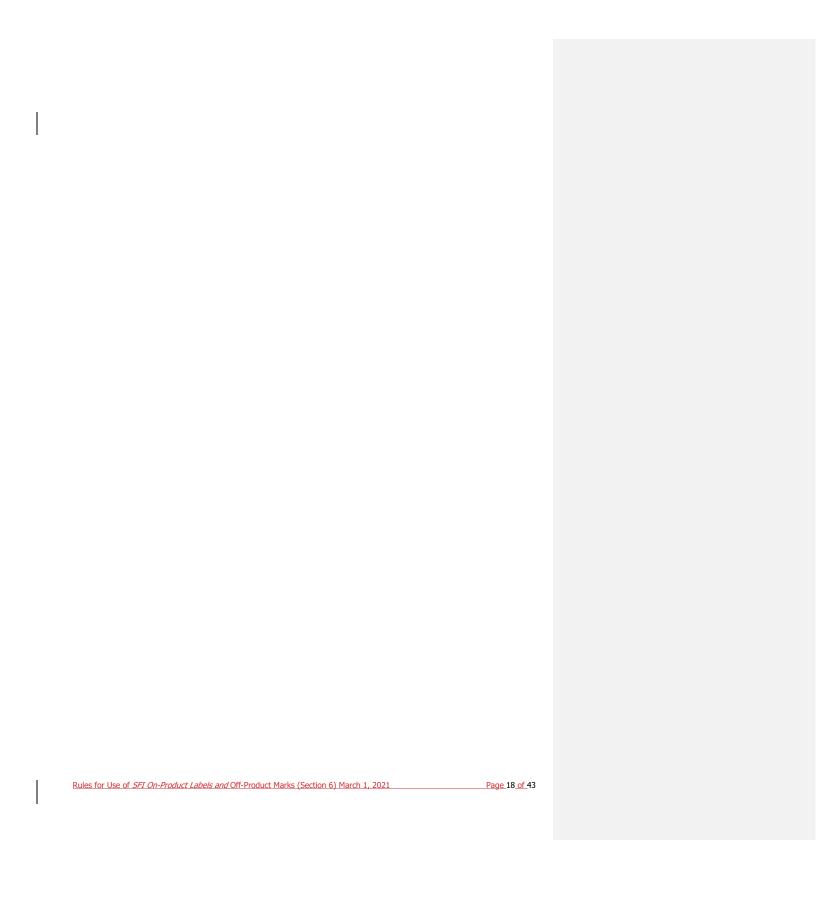
3.3.1 Non-Timber Forest Products

Organizations with SFI Chain of Custody SFI Chain-of-Custody certification using physical separation for a Non-Timber Forest Product can use the SFI Chain of Custody SFI Chain-of-Custody label with a claim of "100% from a SFI Certified Forest.":

Commented [SFI 40]: New section: Other SFI Label and Claims options. These are all existing labels and claims developed since the launch of the last standards.

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LABEL: NON-TIMBER FOREST PRODUCTS

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OFFICIAL SFI CLAIMS

From a supplier using Physical Separation Method

SFI 100% from a Certified Forest

REQUIRED CERTIFICATION: SFI CHAIN OF CUSTODYSFI CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY

Claim and/or category of origin included on relevant documentation

Label Options

Who can use this label

SFI 100% from a Certified Forest



Required certificate:

SFI Chain of Custody

3.3.2 SFI Forest Management Label

Organizations with SFI Forest Management certification without SFI Chain of Custody SFI Chain-of-Custody can apply the 100% Certified Forest Content label.

LABEL: SFI FOREST MANAGEMENT LABEL

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REQUIRED CERTIFICATION:
SFI FOREST MANAGEMENT

• OFFICIAL SFI CLAIMS 100% Certified Forest Content

Claim and/or category of origin included on	<u>Label Options</u>	Who can use this label
relevant documentation		
100% Certified Forest Content	SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY INITIATIVE	Required certificate: SFI Forest Management
	100% Certified Forest Content www.sfiprogram.org SFI-00001	

3.4 Use of SFI On-Product Labels with Other Credible Chain-of-Custody Standards

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- Chain of Custody standard can use the SFI label as long as the following criteria are met: the primary producer must be ana SFI Certified Organization Program Participant,
 - the primary producer must be certified to all of the applicable objectives in Section 2 - SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard and/or Section 3 -SFI 2022 Fiber Sourcing Standard.
 - An organization which owns or manages forestlands must be certified to Section 2 - SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard.
 - An organization which only sources direct from the forest and does not manage the forestlands must be certified to Section 3 -SFI 2022 Fiber Sourcing Standard.
 - An organization which owns or manages forestlands and sources direct from the forest must be certified to Section 2 - SFI 2022 Forest Management Standard and Section 3 - SFI 2022 Fiber Sourcing Standard.
 - Primary or secondary producers of wood, wood pulp and/or pulp and paper products certified to the PEFC Chain of Custody standard can use the SFI Labels Recognizing Global Standards label as long as the following criteria are met:
 - The primary producer, if outside the United States and Canada, must have a valid PEFC Chain of Custody certificate for relevant manufacturing sites located outside the United States or Canada.
 - The secondary producer must have a valid PEFC Chain of Custody and/or Section 4 - SFI 2022 Chain of Custody Standard certificate for relevant manufacturing sites located outside the United States or Canada and manufacture products for Canadian and U.S. markets.
 - Note that at least one organization in the supply chain must meet User Requirements for SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards to use the label on finished products and all rules for use of the SFI Label must be followed.

3.3.33.4.1 SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards

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The SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards is a label that enables non-U.S. and Canadian PEFC certified forest content to be counted under a SFI Chain of Custody SFI Chain-of-Custody.

This label is intended for use in the U.S. and Canada and *primary producers* manufacturers outside the U.S. and Canada must have valid PEFC Chain of OCustody certification.

The SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards is similar to other SFI chain of custody SFI Chain-of-Custody labels. The only difference is the added line that reads: "Recognizing Global Standards."

a. The following requirements must be met in order to use the SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards:

- i. The *Primary Producer*, if outside the United States and Canada, must have a valid PEFC Chain of OCustody certificate for relevant manufacturing sites located outside the United States or Canada.
- ii. The Secondary Producer must have a valid PEFC Chain of
 OCustody and/or SFI Chain—of—OCustody certificate for relevant
 manufacturing sites located outside the United States or Canada
 and manufacture products for Canadian and U.S. markets.
- iii. The SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards User with central offices in the United States and Canada may use the SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards if they also hold relevant and valid SFI certification for their company type.
- iv. Other organizations in the supply chain must have either a PEFC Chain—of—OCcustody or SFI Chain—of—OCustody certification.
- A PEFC claim must be passed on and follow all PEFC requirements for communicating PEFC claims, if the label user holds a valid PEFC Chain--of--OCustody certificate.
- vi. An SFI claim must be passed on and follow all SFI requirements for communicating SFI claims, if the label user holds a valid SFI 202215 2019 certificate.
- vii. All rules for use of the SFI <u>lLabel</u> must be followed. This includes SFI's rule that <u>volume</u> credit claims must be communicated at 100%.
- viii. The SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards is intended for use on products sold in the U.S. and Canada and includes PEFC content sourced from non-U.S. and Canadian sources.
- ix. The SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards User must pay an annual licensing fee, complete and complete an SFI annual progress report survey and SFI Market Survey.
- x. The organization applying the label must seek approval through the SFI Office of Label Use &and Licensing.
- At least one organization in the supply chain must meet User
 Requirements for SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards to use the label on finished products.

- SFI Certified Organizations certified to SFI 202215-2019 Section 2 (Forest Management) and/or Section 3 (Fiber Sourcing) already paying SFI Certified Organization Program Participant Fees may use the SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards without paying the SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards uUser fFee as this is covered in their SFI Certified Organization dues to SFI.
- SFI Inc. will not license any person or entity to use SFI's trademarks or labels, and SFI may revoke any license previously granted, if the proposed licensee or an Affiliate of the licensee has been found to have engaged in illegal logging by a government authority in the jurisdiction where the logging occurred. Refer to SFI's Policy on Illegal Logging for more information.

User Requirements for SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards

Requirements for non-U.S. and non-Canadian as well as U.S. and Canadian based SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards Users depend on certification type and location.

Annual Requirements of Non_-U.S. and Non_-Canadian Label

- Have a valid PEFC Chain—Oof—Cusotdy or SFI Chain—of— OCustody certificate and provide a copy of the certificate, including a detail scope of certification if not already detailed on the PEFC Chain--of--OCusotdy Custody certificate to SFI Inc.
- Be a *primary* or *secondary produ*cer as defined in *SFI Standards* and Rules and manufacture products for Canadian and U.S.
- Sign a licensing agreement for use of the SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards.
- Document all label use through a tracking form to help understand the use of the SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards
- Complete an SFI annual progress report and market survey. Complete an annual net sales form to determine fees for the use
- vi. of the SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards.
- Pay an annual label use fee to SFI. vii.
- Confirm the organization applying for use of the SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards is aware they cannot make claims about their forests being SFI certified to the SFI 202215-2019 Forest Management Standard and/or they cannot make claims they are certified to the SFI 202215 2019 SFI Fiber Sourcing Standard.
- SFI Office of Label Use and Licensing and SFI Communications Department must approve any statements the user of the SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards plans to make publicly about their use of this label.

- x. Receive a unique SFI ISFFL abel ID number from SFI's Office of Label Use &and Licensing after successful application for the SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards.
- xi. Submit the completed PEFC Chain—of—OCusotdyCustody Auditor
 Checklist for SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards after a
 regularly scheduled audit.

Annual Requirements for U.S. and Canadian Label Users

- i. Hold a valid SFI Chain-of-OCustody certificate.
- i.ii. Source from either:
 - a supplier who meets the Annual Requirements of Non--U.S. and Non--Canadian Users of the SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards.
 - a supplier with manufacturing sites and/or facilities outside the U.S. and Canada exporting &and selling product with PEFC certified content claims to U.S. &and Canadian SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards Uusers.
- iii. If sourcing from a supplier who is not an SFI Label Recognizing
 Global—Standards user, the SFI Label Recognizing Global
 Standards user must:
 - Sign a licensing agreement for use of the SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards.
 - Document all label use through a tracking form to help understand the use of the SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards
 - Complete an SFI annual progress report and market survey
 - Complete an annual net sales form to determine fees for the use of the SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards
 - Pay an annual label use fee to SFI (Primary producers with a certificate to SFI 202215-2019 Section 2 (Forest Management) or Section 3 (Fiber Sourcing) are exempt from the fee).
 - Confirm the organization applying for use of the SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards is aware they cannot make claims about their forests being SFI certified to the SFI 202215 2019 Forest Management Standard and/or they cannot make claims they are certified to the SFI 202215 2019 SFI Fiber Sourcing Standard.
 - SFI Office of Label Use and Licensing and SFI Communications
 Department must approve any statements the user of the SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards plans to make publicly about their use of this label.
 - Receive a unique SFI Habel ID number from the SFI's Office of Label Use & Licensing after successful application for the SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards.

LABEL: SFI RECOGNIZING GLOBAL STANDARDS LABELS

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In order to use the SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards, the supplier must communicate the category of origin according to SFI Chain--of--Ocustody and/or PEFC Chain--of--Ocustody requirements. Verification of involvement in or sourcing from an SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards member is also required.



REQUIRED CERTIFICATION: SFI CHAIN OF CUSTODYSFI CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY, AND/OR PEFC CHAIN OF CUSTODY

SUSTAINABLE

FORESTRY INITIATIVE

Certified Chain of Custody

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OFFICIAL CLAIMS From a supplier using the Credit Method:

- SFI Credit
- SFI 100% as calculated under the credit method
- SFI 100% Certified Forest Content
- 100% PEFC Certified

From a supplier using the Percent Method

- 70% --100% PEFC Certified
- SFI 70% 100% Certified Forest Content

NOTES:

Other acceptable volume credit claims include SFI
 Volume Credit and SFI 100% as calculated under the
 volume credit method.

OFFICIAL CLAIMS from a supplier using the Percent Method

- XX% PEFC Certified
- SFI XX% Certified Forest Content

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

- If the product contains less than 70% certified content the label user must transparently disclose the amount.
- The use of this label is contingent on the production batch having at least 10% Ceertified fForest eContent.

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REQUIRED CERTIFICATION: SFI CHAIN OF CUSTODYSFI CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY, AND/OR PEFC CHAIN OF CUSTODY

OFFICIAL CLAIMS from a supplier using the Percent Method

- XX% PEFC Certified
- SFI XX% Certified Forest Content
- XX% Recycled Content

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

- If the product contains less than 70% certified content the label user must transparently disclose the amount.
- If the content contains less than SFI 10% Certified
 Fforest Content, and is not 100% Recycled content, this label cannot be used. The use of this label is contingent on the production batch having at least 10% certified forest content, unless the product is 100% recycled content.

Claim and/or category	Label Options	Who can use this label
of origin included on		

relevant documentation

In order to use the SFI
Label Recognizing Global
Standards, the supplier
must communicate the
category of origin
according

to SFI COC and/or PEFC
COC requirements:
Claims relevant to the
SFI Label Recognizing

Global Standards include:

Volume Credit:

100% PEFC Certified
or SFI 100% Certified
Forest Content, SFI
100% as calculated
under the volume
credit method
Average Percent:
X% PEFC Certified;
SFI X% Certified
Forest Content; X%
Recycled Content



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Volume Credit Method: Product must contain 100% certified content as calculated under the volume credit method



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Average Percentage Method: If the product contains less than 70% certified content the label user must transparently disclose the amount



Certified Chain of Custody Promoting Sustainable Forestry Recognizing Global Standards www.sfiprogram.org

Average Percent Method: Product must contain at least 70% certified content



XX% Certified Forest Content XX% Recycled Content Recognizing Global Standards www.sfiprogram.org

Average Percentage Method:

If the product contains
less than 70% certified
content the label user must
transparently disclose the
amount.

Organizations with a valid SFI certificate to:

SFI Chain of Custody AND/OR PEFC Chain of Custody

and

Verification of involvement in or sourcing from SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards Program member

Part 24: General Rules for Use of SFI On-Product Labels

SFI Inc. owns the on-product labels shown in Appendix 2. The SFI "tree/leaf" design shown below is registered in the United States, Canada, Mexico, European Union, China, Japan₂ and South Korea.

The SFI program owns all right, title and interest in the foregoing marks and exercises legitimate control over the use of these on-product labels.

Qualified organizations or with a valid certificate issued by an accredited *certification body* may use the on-product labels upon receiving authorization from the *SFI Office of Label Use and Licensing*, provided the following conditions and limitations are strictly adhered to:

24.1 *SFI* marks are registered with both the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, and each mark must be individually accompanied by an ® to indicate that the on-product label is associated with the-SFI-program.

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- **24.2** All projects with the SFI label must be sent to the *SFI Office of Label Use and Licensing* prior to press. There are no size or color restrictions on the label, but if the certified printer uses the above green/black version, the PMS color is 348347C. PMS 348 may also be used.
- **24.3** The on-product label may be combined with the Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification schemes (PEFC) on the product label, assuming the organization has a valid PEFC chain of custody certificate and meets all PEFC logo use requirements.
- 2.4 The recycled Mobius loop may only be used within the SFI label when the organization is certified to the Section 4 SFI 2015 2019 Chain of Custody Standard.
- **42.45** The tree/leaf design may not be displayed by itself, and must always be accompanied with either "Sustainable Forestry Initiative" or "SFI," the claim associated with the label, the <u>SFI website (www.sfiprogram.orgforests.org)</u>, and the *certified Certified organization's* Organization's SFI label ID number.
- **42.56** The SFI label identification number must be added under the SFI *program* website. The numbering system is as follows: SFI-00000. The *label users* unique label ID number is a license number provided by *SFI Inc.* The label ID number is a different number than the chain of custody number provided by the *certification body*.
- with the manufacturer, or if there is concern with revealing strategic competitive information about the manufacturer, *SFI Inc.* can issue a second SFI label ID number. While the second *SFI* label ID number would be on the product when searched in the SFI SFI on-line database, the supplier information will read "Contact SFI Inc. for More Information on this Product (Tel: 202-596-3450)." SFI SFI SFI SFI Can confirm for the person making the enquiry that the label is legitimate based on information supplied. This second SFI SFI label ID number will only be granted for organizations who produce private branded products and request a private number in order to avoid disclosing competitive information. The manufacturer must continue to use their originally assigned SFI SFI label ID number for all other products they manufacture and label that do not have competitiveness concerns as described above.
- 4.7 For products where a supplier or other party in the supply chain prefers their own SFI SFI-label ID number be used instead of the number associated with the SFI-eCertified Organization applying the label, the preferred SFI label ID number can be used. The SFI-Certified Organization uses their own procedures and obtains SFI SFI-label approval, as relevant.
- **24.88** The on-product labels can be used in either horizontal or vertical styles.
- **24.99** The on-product labels can be used in English, French, and Spanish, and translations are available.
- 24.1011 _The on-product labels may be used on products, including shrink wrap and other product packaging, that have been produced by a primary or secondary producering

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facility, a publisher, a retailer, or a printer that has qualified for use of the appropriate on-product labels.

- **24.112** The on-product labels may be used in product/brochures or advertising for products that qualify to use one of the on-product labels subject to the following rules:
 - a. When discussing products produced by a qualified facility, the on-product usage is restricted to either, 1) the statement, "Look for this label on (specified product)" or, 2) in a picture of a product with the label on the product.
 - b. When promoting the sale of trees or logs grown on certified land by landowners who have the land third-party certified to the *SFI Standard*.
 - c. When referencing the products of a company with mills that do not all qualify for the certification mark, this fact must communicated (e.g., "only some of the mills producing "x-" product are qualified to use the SFI onOn-p-Product Label").
 - d. If all the products in a product line are not certified, the label must accurately state this (e.g., "this label only applies to the cover of this publication").
- 2.18 Printers that are certified to the SFI Chain-of-Custody Standard may use their chain-of-custody procedures to account for product that is approved for the Certified Sourcing Label, and label that product with the Certified Sourcing Label. These organizations must obtain documentation from their suppliers that the product is approved for the Certified Sourcing Label.
- **9**Publishers can work with a certified printer and do not need a separate chain_of_custody certification unless they are actually printing the publication.
- If an organization not required to obtain SFI chain of custody SFI Chain-of-Custody certification would like to pass on a claim or promote their participation in the SFI program, they are required to seek SFI chain of custody SFI Chain-of-Custody certification.
- 2.20Any public communication by Program Participants and label users shall be accurate and consistent with applicable laws and requirements for SFI logo use. Program Participants and label users are encouraged to consult the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's guidelines on environmental claims in product advertising and communication and the guidelines on environmental labeling and advertising issued by the Fair Business Practices Branch of Industry Canada's Competition Bureau, as appropriate, and to seek additional information and direction from national accreditation bodies, national standards bodies and national, state and provincial consumer protection and competition laws. Label users should consult with their legal counsel when preparing product advertising that includes an SFI on product label or any other reference to the SFI program.
- a. Point of purchase (POP) materials should avoid environmental claims that can be tied to the product. Rather, they should explain the *SFI Program Participant's* voluntary participation in a *program* for sustainable forest management. Avoid references or suggestions that the *SFI program* preserves forests.

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- Avoid promoting any specific attributes of the product(s) bearing the mark when discussing participation in the SFI program, other than those related to forest management.
- c. Organizations can make claims about other certified processes (e.g., soy ink or alternate power sources) as long as it is clear that this is not associated with the SFI certification.
- All advertising material must be sent to the SFI program's Office of Label Use and Licensing for review and approval. SFI staff are available to answer questions about the use of the marks and these rules.
- 2.22 The Office of Label Use and Licensing reserves the right to request samples of all uses of the SFI On product labels from time to time.
- 2.23 If the Office of Label Use and Licensing determines that a label user is not using the marks as provided in these rules, which may be amended from time to time, or no longer meets the criteria set out in the SFI program requirements, it will send a written notice to the label user specifying the inappropriate use(s) and allow thirty (30) days in which to make a correction. If the label user fails to make the correction, the right to use the marks will be revoked.
- 2.24 Label users who observe misuse of any of these marks shall report this immediately to the Office of Label Use and Licensing.
- **24.13 25**When selling product as *SFI* chain of custody *SFI Chain-of-Custody* certified, the *cCertified organization Organization* shall provide customers with written information confirming the supplier's certified status, an official *SFI SFI*-claim statement and the organizations chain of custody number. This can be in the form of, but not limited to, an invoice, bill of lading, shipping document, letter, or other forms of communications available to the customer at the time of the sale of the product.
- **2.26** When using the *SFI* chain of custody X% content labels, the following rules must be taken into consideration:
 - a. The X% content label must equal all parts to 100%.
 - If a specific attribute does not apply (e.g., post consumer recycled content), the company must exclude that tagline from the label.
 - If a company wishes to make a 100% certified sourcing claim, the certified sourcing label must be used.
 - d. The 100% certified forest content claim can be made only when the physical separation method has been used throughout the chain of custody process.
- 24.14 427The <u>cCertified organization Organization</u> approved to use the <u>SFI_SFF</u> on-product label can use either the color, black and white, or reversed style labels. Where one-color print is being used, the <u>SFI_SFF</u> label may be the same color as the rest of the product.
- 2.28 The size of the label can be determined by the certified company approved to use the SFI label, if approved by the SFI Office of Label Use and Licensing.
- 2.29 If the label is being used on a small product (e.g., pencils) and the claim may not be legible, a company may apply to the SFI Office of Label Use and Licensing for additional exceptions on applying the SFI on product label.
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- 25.1 Any public communication by *Program ParticipantsCertified Organizations* and *label users* shall be accurate and consistent with applicable laws and requirements for *SFI* logo use. *Certified Organizations* and *label users* are encouraged to consult the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's guidelines on environmental claims in product advertising and communication and the guidelines on environmental labeling and advertising issued by the Fair Business Practices Branch of Industry Canada's Competition Bureau, as appropriate, and to seek additional information and direction from national accreditation bodies, national standards bodies and national, state and provincial consumer protection and competition laws. *Label users* should consult with their legal counsel when preparing product advertising that includes an *SFI* on product label or any other reference to the *SFI program*.
 - a. Point of purchase (POP) materials should avoid environmental claims that can be tied to the product. Rather, they should explain the SFI Certified organization's voluntary participation in a program for sustainable forest management. Avoid references or suggestions that the SFI program preserves forests.
 - Avoid promoting any specific attributes of the product(s) bearing the mark when discussing participation in the SFI program, other than those related to forest management.
 - Organizations can make claims about other certified processes (e.g., soy ink or alternate power sources) as long as it is clear that this is not associated with the SFI certification.
- **34** The following taglines statements can be used in combination with SFI onOn-product Product labels and with promotional materials that may or may not include the SFI label. The SFI website SFI website (www.sfiprogram.orgforests.org) can be added to any of these taglines. 4

a. General Benefit Statements

- [Organization] believes healthy forests mean a healthy future for us all. That's why we use SFI certified products.
- ii. [Organization] values sustainably managed forests and the [clean water/wildlife habitat/climate solutions/pick your benefit] they provide.
- iii. Thank you for supporting...
 - healthy North American forests.
 - healthy American forests.
 - healthy Canadian forests.
- i-iv. We work to keep forests healthy and communities thriving.
- ii-y. By choosing SFI certification, we invest in conservation research, community engagement and environmental education.
- iii.vi. We choose SFI—certified products because a sustainable supply chain is a smart climate solution.

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⁴ Some statements may be best suited for an SFI chain-or-custody content claim or promotional materials. Because all projects with the SFI label must be sent to the *SFI Office of Label Use and Licensing* prior to press, SFI may recommend an alternate statement based on fiber supply.

iv. vii.	SFI-certified forests play an important role in water conservation,
	healthy animal and plant populations, and climate solutions.
∨. viii.	SFI-certified forests contribute to local, regional, and national
	conservation goals.
ix.	By choosing SFI, [Brand name] helps achieve multiple United
	Nations Sustainable Development Goals
	including:
	 Goal 4, Quality Education
	 Goal 6, Clean Water and Sanitation
	 Goal 12, Responsible Production and Consumption
	Goal 13, Climate Action
	Goal 15, Life on Land
	 Goal 17, Partnerships for the Goals
х.	Choosing SFI provides an assurance that our supply chain
	supports our environmental, social and governance commitments
xi.	SFI offers solutions to global sustainability challenges.
xii.	SFI offers a growing solution to global sustainability challenges.

b. Conservation--Focused Statements

Habitat/Plants and aAnimal-Focused Statements s

<u>i.</u>	[Organization] chooses SFI-certified products to help conserve
	habitat for at-risk plant and animal species.
ii.	SFI-certified lands provide a home for hundreds of plant and
	animal species.
iii.	SFI conservation initiatives and sustainable forestry management
	practices help ensure habitat for at-risk plant and animal species.
iv.	In SFI certified forests, specific actions are taken to conserve at-
	risk species.
V.	SFI promotes research to help determine how forest management
	can reverse the decline for North American bird populations.

Water-Focused Statements

<u>i. </u>	SFI certified forests help protect millions of acres of
	watersheds — —which means more clean water across
	[North America, America, Canada].
ii.	SFI helps protect water quality by ensuring practices that
	promote healthy forests and minimize erosion.

<u>Climate-Focused Statements</u>

i.	[Organization] chooses SFI certified products as part of our
	journey toward [Brand's climate/carbon goal].
ii.	SFI promotes climate-smart forestry practices.

- iii. SFI certification ensures that working forests and their products reduce the impacts of climate change.
- iv. SFI is leading research to better understand how sustainably managed forests help us combat climate change.

Research (general)-Focused Statements

- SFI promotes research to better understand the benefits that sustainably managed forests provide us all.
- ii. SFI supports sustainable forests and healthy communities through grant programs, carefully targeted research, and conservation partnerships.

c. Community--Focused Statements

- SFI respects Indigenous Peoples' rights and traditional knowledge and promotes forest-focused collaboration to support certification.
- ii. SFI grants support forest-focused collaborations and partnerships that help to grow a world that values and benefits from sustainably managed forests.
- SFI proudly supports future forest and conservation leaders through environmental education and career development.
- iv. The SFI standard's training requirements ensure that SFI—certified forests are managed using leading on-the-ground sustainability practices.
- v. SFI creates experiential learning opportunities for youth through work placements, mentorship, and environmental education.

d. Education--Focused Statements

- SFI helps educators teach about climate change and sustainability (through its Project Learning Tree initiative).
- ii. SFI reaches 14,000 educators and 3.2 million students every year with environmental education activities.
- iii. SFI teaches students how to think, not what to think, about forests and the environment.
- iv. SFI helps the next generation to explore green jobs and prepare them to become environmental stewards.

32Usage of SFI labels and claims shall follow ISO 14020:2000.

2.33 The Office of Label Use and Licensing reserves the right to refuse any label use that does not align with SFI Inc.'s strategic objective, which is to "ensure the SFI 2015 2019 Standards and Rules is strong, grounded in science, progressive and based on integrity and proven through conservation collaboration resulting in wide market acceptance."

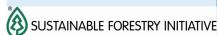
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Part 63: Rules for Use of SFI Off-Product Marks

In addition to its on-product labels, *SFI Inc.* has off-product marks to show participation in the program and to promote the program generally alignment with SFI's mission. *SFI Inc.* owns all right, title and interest in these off-product marks, and exercises legitimate control over their use.

SFI Licensed Off-Product Marks:







- **463.1** Off-product marks may only be used by **Program Participants**Certified Organizations** in good standing whose operations have been certified by an **SFI certification body** to be in conformance with the **SFI 202215-2019 Forest Management, **SFI 2022_15-2019 Fiber Sourcing Standards*, and/or the **SFI_202215-2019 Chain_of_Custody Standard** (for all or a portion of their operations. Any express or implied claim that a **Certified** Organization** Program Participant** is in conformance with the SFI_Standard(s) must be substantiated by a current, valid certification by an SFI accredited **certification body**.
- **463.2** Off-product marks may be used as described in Part <u>85</u> under General Rules for <u>Program ParticipantsCertified Organizations</u>.
- 46.3-3. The tagline mark "(Better Choices for the Planet®" Good For You, Good For Our Forests®) may be placed beneath the off-product mark.
- 463.434 The SFI label identification number must be added under the logo mark. The numbering system is as follows: SFI-00000. The SFI Program ParticipantsCertified Organization's unique label ID number is provided by SFI Inc. The label ID number is a different number than the certification number provided by the certification body.
- 463.545 Program Participants Certified Organizations must seek approval from the SFI Office of Label Use and Licensing for use of the SFI

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Any public communication by *Certified Organizations* shall be accurate and consistent with applicable laws and requirements for SFI logo use. *Certified Organizations* and *label users* are encouraged to consult the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's guidelines on environmental claims in product advertising and communication and the guidelines on environmental labeling and advertising issued by the Fair Business Practices Branch of Industry Canada's Competition Bureau, as appropriate, and to seek additional information and direction from national accreditation bodies, national standards bodies and national, state and provincial consumer protection and competition laws. *Label users* should consult with their legal counsel when preparing product advertising that includes an SFI on-product label or any other reference to the-SFI-program.

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- a. Point of purchase (POP) materials should avoid environmental claims that can be tied to the product. Rather, they should explain the SFI-Certified Organization's voluntary participation in a program for sustainable forest management. Avoid references or suggestions that the SFI program preserves forests.
- Avoid promoting any specific attributes of the product(s) bearing the mark when discussing participation in the SFI-program, other than those related to forest management.
- Organizations can make claims about other certified processes (e.g., soy ink or alternate power sources) as long as it is clear that this is not associated with the SFI certification.

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Part 754: Rules for Use of SFI Word Marks

*SFI Inc*₂ owns all right, title and interest in the foregoing word marks and exercises legitimate control over the use of the word marks.

The purpose of these word marks is to show participation in the SFI® program and to promote the SFI program generally.

- SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY INITIATIVE®
- SFI®

SFI Licensed Tagline Mark:

GOOD FOR YOU, GOOD FOR OUR FORESTS®

BETTER CHOICES FOR THE PLANET®

547.1 Use of the word marks may only be used by *Program Participants*Certified Organizations* in good standing whose operations have been certified by an SFI certification body to be in conformance with the SFI 2022 15 2019 SFI Forest Management Standard, SFI 202215 2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard*ort the SFI 202215 2019 Chain-of_Custody Standard*ort the SFI 2022 Certified Sourcing Standard* for all or a portion of their operations. Any express or implied claim that a *Certified OrganizationProgram* Participant* is in conformance with the SFI Standard*standard*(s) must be substantiated by a current, valid certification by an SFI accredited *Certification body*.

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- **547.2** The [®] only needs to be included the first time "Sustainable Forestry Initiative" or "SFI" word marks appears in a document, whether it is in a title or in text. If both word marks are used, the correct format is: Sustainable Forestry Initiative[®] (SFI) program, and then the first use of "SFI" also carries an [®] (e.g., i.e., SFI[®]-).
- **547.3** A word mark must be an adjective, it cannot be a noun, so when it is used in text, the word "program" or "standard" must appear after the mark. The mark should not be plural or possessive.
- **547.4** The tagline mark (<u>Better Choices for the Planet®Good For You, Good For Our Forests®</u>) can be used in association with the word marks.
- **547.5** In addition to the uses described below in Part <u>85</u>, General Rules for off-product marks the word marks may be used as follows, provided the advertisement or brochure refers to the <u>SFI website</u> (<u>www.sfiprogram.orgforests.org</u>) or the <u>Program Participant's Certified</u> <u>Organization's</u> website with a <u>hot</u>link to the SFI website:
 - in advertisements which promote the Program Participant's Certified Organization's certification to the SFI Standardstandard(s); and
 - in sales brochures and other similar product promotional items.
- **<u>547.6** Program Participants Certified Organizations</u> must seek approval from the SFI Office of Label Use and Licensing for use of the word marks.

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Part <u>658</u>: General Rules — For Use of the *SFI* Off-Product Marks and Word

- **658.1** The Offoff-product and word marks may be used, subject to the rules in Parts 63 and 74, and as follows:
 - a. In image advertising that focuses on a summary of company accomplishments or values, on company people, on company financial results or stock performance, on company community activities, or any combination of the above. Such advertising must not promote specific products, tout product attributes, or make value propositions, although generic products may be shown.
 - In communications which explain and/or promote the Sustainable
 Forestry Initiative program's services and a company's use of participation
 in the SFI- standardsprogram, both to employees and to those outside of
 the organization.
 - c. On business letterhead, business cards, and invoices.
 - In annual reports, provided there is a reference to the <u>SFI website</u> SFI <u>Inc. website</u> (www.sfiprogram.orgforests.org).
 - e. On generic business signs (e.g., vehicles, forest stands, office buildings, and mill sites that are owed or held on a *long-term* exclusive lease). Vehicles or facilities must be under the certified company's direct control and must prominently display the company's name. If the vehicle or facility is sold or the lease terminated, the marks must be removed before the title is transferred or the occupancy ends.
 - f. On clothing and protective gear (e.g., uniforms, shirts, and hard hats), in conjunction with, but not attached to, the company's name or Offoff—product.
 - g. On a company website with a hotlink to the SFI website (www.sfiprogram.orgforests.org).
- 685.2 If any of the marks are used in written communications, the following statement must be included in an appropriate location (e.g., bottom of the page or on the back of a brochure) "SFI Marks-marks are registered marks owned by the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Inc."
- **658.3** In addition to the references to the SFI website required above, companies should consider including a reference to the SFI website in any document where an off-product or word-mark is displayed.
- **658.4** Use of the Marks marks must comply with the Art Rules in Appendix 3, which are incorporated herein by reference, and with the following:
 - a. A label user may use any one color in the presentation of the Logo logo Marksmarks. If you choose to use green, the PMS is 347C. PMS 348 may also be used.
 - b. The off-product mark font is Vag Rounded Light. The off-product mark may not be recreated using any other fonts or styles of these fonts. The font sizes must remain in the same proportions as the off-product mark provided in camera-ready or electronic file form.

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- The off-product mark may appear within a photographic image or illustration.
- d. The off-product mark may not be combined with any other logo or image in such a way as to create a third logo or mark.
- the SFI tree shield portion of the off-product mark can be used without the wordmark in certain instances such as social media, watermarks on photographs, and on design materials for a cleaner feel. Variations of the logo are never to be used on product to communicate SFI certification status, or to alter the SFI on-product label and claim. The tree/leaf portion of the off product mark may not be displayed by itself, but itself but must always be accompanied with SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY INITIATIVE as set out above.
- f. The off-product mark must always be accompanied by the <u>Certified</u>
 <u>Organization's participant's SFI</u> label ID number. The SFI label ID number shall be added under the mark.
- 658.5 The SFI mark is registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and in Canada, Mexico, and the European Union, Japan, China and South Korea, and must be accompanied by an ** to indicate that SFI Inc. owns it, unless otherwise authorized in these rules.
- 568.6 Any public communication by Program Participants Certified Organizations or label users shall be accurate and consistent with applicable law and requirements for SFI off-product use. Program Participants Certified Organizations and label users are encouraged to consult the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's guidelines on environmental claims in product advertising and communication and the guidelines on environmental labeling and advertising issued by the Fair Business Practices Branch of Industry Canada's Competition Bureau, as appropriate, and to seek additional information and direction from national accreditation bodies, national standards bodies and national, state and provincial consumer protection and competition laws. Legal counsel, as well as with the SFI Office of Label Use and Licensing, should be consulted during the preparation of any material that uses the marks and describes or makes claims about the SFI program and a company's participation.
- 568.7 The <u>SFI</u> Office of Label Use and Licensing reserves the right to refuse any label use that does not align with <u>SFI Inc.'s</u> strategic objective, which is to "ensure the <u>SFI Standard standard</u> is strong, grounded in science, progressive and based on integrity and proven through <u>conservation</u> collaboration resulting in wide market acceptance."
- **658.8** If *SFI Inc.* determines marks are not being used as provided in these rules, it will send a written notice specifying the inappropriate use(s) and allow thirty (30) days in which to make a correction. If corrections are not made, the right to use the marks will be revoked.
- **658.9** Any observed misuse of any of these marks should be reported immediately to the *SFI Office of Label Use and Licensing.*

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- **85.10** The SFI Inc. has marketing materials available on the members-only section of the SFI website SFI website (www.sfiprogram.orgforests.org). Please contact the SFI Office of Label Use and Licensing for access to this section.
- Approval for SFI on product label use and SFI marks should be obtained by using <u>658</u>.11 the online label approval system (www.sfidatabase.org) monitored by the SFI Office of Label Use and Licensing.

APPENDIX 1: SFI LABELS & AND CLAIMS MATRIX

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APPENDIX 2: SF! ON-PRODUCT LABELS

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PRODUCT LABELING GUIDE HORIZONTAL LABEL ARTWORK OPTION #1

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PRODUCT LABELING GUIDE VERTICAL LABEL ARTWORK OPTION #2

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PRODUCT LABELLING GUIDE HORIZONTAL LABEL ARTWORK OPT #2

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SF12_Labels_HC (HC: Horizontal, Color)





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Promoting Sustainative Forestry
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SUB FOLDER:

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