

# PEFC ENDORSEMENT OF SFI 2022 CHAIN OF CUSTODY FAQ FOR CERTIFIED ORGANIZATIONS



## WHY DID SFI SEEK PEFC ENDORSEMENT FOR THE SFI 2022 CHAIN OF CUSTODY STANDARD?

SFI submitted the SFI 2022 Chain of Custody Standard for PEFC endorsement to increase SFI’s international recognition and acceptance by brand owners who value the independent recognition. It supports global markets by facilitating global supply chains – allowing SFI chain of custody certified organizations to make PEFC claims and apply the PEFC on-product logo and allowing PEFC-certified organizations to use SFI content in their supply chains.

## WHAT CHANGES WITH THE PEFC ENDORSEMENT?

PEFC endorsement means that the SFI 2022 Chain of Custody Standard has been assessed and recognized as a valid certification standard to make PEFC claims and apply to use the PEFC on-product logo. New inputs and claim/label uses that can be tracked and applied across both standards are indicated below in **RED**.

### 1. CHANGES FOR SFI 2022 CHAIN OF CUSTODY CERTIFIED ORGANIZATIONS

SFI chain of custody certified organizations can now use their chain of custody procedures to make PEFC chain of custody claims and apply the PEFC on-product logo. SFI chain of custody certified organizations can also now track PEFC Controlled Sources for PEFC claims.

#### INPUTS RECOGNIZED BY SFI



**SFI 2022 COC  
STANDARD**

#### CLAIM DOCUMENTATION & LABEL USE

**SFI CLAIMS/LABEL USE**  
(FOLLOWING SFI SECTION 6 RULES)



**PEFC CLAIMS/LABEL USE**  
(FOLLOWING PEFC TRADEMARK RULES)



### 2. CHANGES FOR PEFC CHAIN OF CUSTODY CERTIFIED ORGANIZATIONS

PEFC chain of custody certified organizations can now receive PEFC claims from SFI chain of custody certified organizations. PEFC claims can now include SFI-certified product.

#### INPUTS RECOGNIZED BY PEFC



**PEFC COC  
ST 2002:2020**

#### CLAIM DOCUMENTATION & LABEL USE

**PEFC CLAIMS/LABEL USE**  
(FOLLOWING PEFC TRADEMARK RULES)



## IS THERE A TRANSITION PERIOD?

The PEFC endorsement of the SFI 2022 Chain of Custody Standard is applicable as of May 17, 2022.

## WHAT DOESN'T CHANGE WITH THE PEFC ENDORSEMENT?

There are no changes to the **SFI CHAIN OF CUSTODY** requirements and use of the SFI trademarks:

- All SFI logos, labels and trademark use is governed by the SFI Section 6 (Rules for on-product labels and off-product marks). There are no changes to existing SFI Label ID numbers.
- A certified organization needs to be licensed by SFI Office of Label Use and Licensing to use the SFI label.
- SFI COC certified organizations can receive certified forest content from an acceptable forest management standard with a SFI COC, PEFC COC, or SFI Forest Management certificate number (see SFI COC 4.1, and SFI Definitions).
- Any organization with SFI certification can use the SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards provided at least one organization in the supply chain meets SFI's annual requirements for the SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards.

There are no changes to **PEFC CHAIN OF CUSTODY** requirements and use of the PEFC trademarks.

- All PEFC trademark use is governed by the PEFC Trademark Standard (PEFC ST 2001:2020). There are no changes to existing PEFC trademark agreements.
- A certified organization needs to be licensed by SFI Office of Label Use and Licensing to use the SFI label.
- SFI Certified Sourcing inputs meet PEFC Controlled Sources requirements.
- All PEFC Trademark use and logo generator access follows relevant PEFC National Governing Body procedures by country/region.
- Any organization with PEFC chain of custody certification can use the SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards provided at least one organization in the supply chain meets SFI's annual requirements for the SFI Label Recognizing Global Standards.

## HOW DO SFI AND PEFC CLAIMS ALIGN?

SFI 2022 chain of custody certified organizations can now use their chain of custody procedures to make PEFC claims and use the PEFC label. The following table shows how SFI and PEFC claims align and is in Section 7, Guidance to SFI 2022 Standards and Rules. A separate audit is not required for SFI Chain of Custody certified organizations to use their procedures to make PEFC claims and use the PEFC label.

SFI CLAIMS	INPUT		OUTPUT	
	PEFC CLAIMS	PEFC LABEL USE		
SFI X% Certified Forest Content	X% PEFC Certified	Yes		
SFI Credit or 100% as calculated under the credit method				
SFI at Least X% Certified Forest Content				
SFI 100% Certified Forest Content – Raw material from a forest certified to an acceptable forest management standard constitutes a claim of 100% certified forest content				
SFI X% SFI Recycled Content				
SFI X% Pre-Consumer Recycled				
SFI X% Post-Consumer Recycled				
SFI 100% from a Certified Forest	100% PEFC Origin	Yes		
SFI X% Certified Sourcing or SFI Certified Sourcing	PEFC Controlled Sources	No		