

## Summary of the verification scheme

<b>Name of the system</b>	Independent efforts by paper companies
<b>Related area</b>	All over Japan, Worldwide, Specific region
<b>Overview of verification</b>	<b>Party responsible for issuing verification</b>
	Name: Member companies of the Japan Paper Association Location: See the web site of the Japan Paper Association or of the "Goho(=Legal)-Wood Navigation Page." Communication:
	<b>Outline of issuing process</b>
	To manufacture and ship only paper products whose legality has been verified. To issue certificates.
	<b>The system shall verify legality only/or both legality and sustainability</b>
<b>Scheme to check legality at the time of logging</b>	<b>Definition of legality</b>
	At the time of logging, procedures are appropriately completed with regard to the forest related laws of the country or the region where the raw wood is produced.
	<b>Relevant laws</b>
	Forest laws, laws/regulations concerning conservation of water sources, soil, etc. of the country or the region concerned
	<b>Details of presumed illegal activities</b>
	<b>Document to verify legality, procedures of their retention/verification</b>
	* To have suppliers pledge not to trade illegally logged timber by means of a memorandum, etc. * To have suppliers submit the traceability report on confirmed legality of timber material by tracing back to the logging stage. * In addition to suppliers' audit of logging sites to confirm no illegal logging, paper companies (sometimes entrusted to exporters) examine the logging sites to confirm that no illegal logging is performed. * In the case of the forest certified material, to use the FM certification and CoC certification. * In the case of a certified wood chip manufacturer of the industry organization, to use the certificate for legal timber, etc. * To retain the relevant documents for five years.
	<b>Scheme implemented by the third party, administrative authority, etc. to ensure reliability</b>
	Each company has annual auditing by a third party concerning the efforts against illegal logging and the summary is disclosed on the web site, in the environmental report, etc.
<b>Scheme to check for sustainability</b>	<b>Definition of sustainability</b>
	<b>Documents to verify sustainability, procedure of their retention/verification</b>
<b>Scheme of separate custody management</b>	<b>Scheme implemented by the third party, administrative authority, etc. to ensure reliability</b>
	<b>Real picture of the dealings, from logging to export</b>
<b>Future Task and Perspectives</b>	<b>Procedure for ensuring separate custody management</b>
	<b>Scheme implemented by the third party, administrative authority, etc. to ensure reliability</b>
	<b>Criticisms against the system and recognition of problems</b>
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