

Summary of the verification scheme

Name of the system	SFI, Inc.
Related Area	United States & Canada
General overview of verification	Party responsible for issuing verification
	SFI, Inc. 1600 Wilson Blvd. Arlington, VA 22209
	Outline of issuing process
	SFI Audit Procedures and Qualifications (SFI APQ). SFI Standard.
	The system shall verify legality only /or both sustainability The SFI verifies legality and sustainability
Scheme to check for legality at the time of logging	Definition of legality
	Assurance that theft of timber or logs and cutting in parks, reserves, or other similar areas where otherwise precluded by law did not occur.
	Relevant laws
	Endangered Species Act (ESA), Clean Water Act (CWA) and Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), Occupational Health and Safety Act, National Labor Relations Act, and Internal Revenue Code.
	Details of presumed illegal activities
	Procedures for retaining and verifying the evidence
	SFI Audit Procedures and Qualifications (SFI APQ).
	Scheme implemented by the third party and so on to ensure reliability
	SFI Audit Procedures and Qualifications (SFI APQ)
Scheme to check for sustainability	Definition of sustainability
	Sustainable Forestry: To meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs by practicing a land stewardship ethic that integrates reforestation and the managing, growing, nurturing, and harvesting of trees for useful products with the conservation of soil, air and water quality, biological diversity, wildlife and aquatic habitat, recreation and aesthetics.
	Procedures for retaining and verifying the evidence
	SFI Audit Procedures and Qualifications (SFI APQ)
	Scheme implemented by the third party and so on to ensure reliability
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Scheme of separative custody management	Real picture of the dealings, from logging to export
	SFI Requirements for Fiber Sourcing, Chain of Custody, and Product Labels
	Procedure for ensuring separative custody management
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	Scheme implemented by the third party and so on to ensure reliability
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Future Task and Perspectives	Criticisms against the system and recognition of problems
	All systems, including the SFI, will continue to be criticized by detractors who only recognize one system and want a monopoly in the marketplace.
	Remediation procedure
	The SFI is based on continuous improvement and all SFI standards will be undergoing their 5 year review in 2008. All stakeholders are encouraged to comment on the standards.
	Future perspectives
Reference Author	SFI program will continue to gain market share and increase chain-of-custody certifications and expand label use in response to the demands of government procurement policies.
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