**The requirements for suppliers of forest-based products intended for sales**

The direct supplier to [INSERT NAME OF LICENSE HOLDER] must have their own FSC CoC certificate according to FSC-STD-40-004, be scoped for the products and be listed in FSC’s official certificate database [info.fsc.org](http://www.info.fsc.org). The products must be sold to [INSERT NAME OF LICENSE HOLDER] as FSC-certified and FSC labelled.

* The supplier must have its own valid FSC-CoC-certificate
* The supplied products must be included in the supplier’s FSC product scope (certificate information in info.fsc.org)
  + Product group / type
  + FSC Output Category / FSC claim (FSC 100%, FSC Mix or FSC Recycled)
  + Species (if relevant) (Latin Name)
* Invoices concerning the FSC certified and labelled products to [INSERT NAME OF LICENSE HOLDER] must contain:
  + FSC-claim for each FSC-certified product (FSC 100%, FSC Mix or FSC Recycled).
  + Suppliers’ FSC CoC code

The FSC certified products must carry the FSC on-product label visible to the consumer (on the product itself, the packaging or hangtag) in accordance with FSC’s trademark requirements for FSC certificate holders (FSC-STD-50-001).

**The requirements for suppliers of forest-based packaging and similar materials (eg. hangtags, sleeves, belly bands)**

The company in the supply chain that finish and label packaging or other forest-based materials to be used for sales products must have its own FSC CoC certificate according to FSC-STD-40-004[[1]](#footnote-2). The CoC certificate must be scoped for the packaging or other relevant forest-based materials and be listed in FSC’s official certificate database info.fsc.org (certificate search). The labelled packaging or other forest-based material must be sold FSC-certified and FSC-labelled by that company.

The direct supplier to [INSERT NAME OF LICENSE HOLDER] is responsible to make sure that packaging materials and similar are FSC certified and FSC-labelled.

To ensure this the direct supplier to [INSERT NAME OF LICENSE HOLDER] must

* verify that the company in the supply chain that finish and label the packaging and alike material has its own FSC CoC-certificate according to FSC-STD-40-004 and is listed in FSC’s official certificate database info.fsc.org. In other words: IT IS NOT SUFFICIENT that the supplier of raw materials is FSC-certified.
* verify that the FSC-certified supplier of the finished and labelled packaging material or alike is certified to the relevant product type and FSC-claim / output category
* verify that an official FSC on product label with minimum label elements is used (FSC-logo, trademark symbol, label title (100%, MIX, RECYCLED), FSC-license code (FSC® C000000) and product type) (check this in artwork process). See FSC Denmark’s guide to verification of FSC labelling for further details.
* Verify that the license code belongs to the FSC-certified supplier of the finished and labelled packaging or similar material
* have access to the certified supplier’s sales invoices which must contain the relevant FSC-claim for the FSC-certified packaging (FSC 100%, FSC Mix or FSC Recycled) and the supplier’s FSC CoC code

The FSC certified packaging and similar material must carry the FSC on-product label visible to the consumer in accordance with FSC’s trademark requirements for FSC certificate holders (FSC-STD-50-001).

1. Suppliers that just add/use an FSC certified and labelled packaging and similar forest-based material to the final product with no transformation of the FSC certified materials (e.g., packing shoes into FSC-certified and labelled boxes, attaching FSC certified and labelled hang tags to clothes), do NOT need to be FSC certified for these materials themselves. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)