

Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) – The Tolko Story – Q & A

1. How does Tolko demonstrate their commitment to Sustainable Forest Management (SFM)?

Our commitment to SFM is shown through a variety of actions including:

- having an Environmental Policy & Forest Management Principles that drive our commitment to Sustainable Forest Management.
- imbedding the Tolko Family Values in our Forest Management approach, which includes Respect for others and Open Communication
- having an ISO 14001 Environmental Management Systems (EMS) and SFM certification to either CSA Z809 or SFI at all of our forestry divisions.
- the achievement of a corporate Chain of Custody (CoC) certification to the PEFC CoC standard for our woodlands and manufacturing plants.

2. What is PEFC?

PEFC is a global umbrella organization that assesses & endorses national forest certification schemes. It is the largest international certification standard in the world.

- Both CSA Z809 and the SFI SFM standards are endorsed by PEFC.

3. How does CSA and SFI compare in North America to the FSC standard?

CSA and SFI are deemed equivalent or better to FSC by many parties:

- Independent assessments such as the British Government's Central Point of Expertise on Timber (CPET) found that CSA & SFI provides the same assurance of legal and sustainable forest products as FSC.
- In North America CSA and SFI are recognized alongside FSC in the procurement strategies of numerous forest product customers.
- Globally, the governments of France, Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland and the United Kingdom consider PEFC certified standards (which include CSA and SFI) as providing wood that is legal and sustainable.
- Like most other standards, CSA and SFI were developed with a multi-stakeholder approach and addresses the key environmental and social issues of the day (such as Biodiversity, Deforestation, Aboriginal Rights, Soil & Water, Wildlife, and other values).
- Unlike FSC, CSA and SFI require independent audits by 3rd party firms accredited by internationally-accepted National Accreditation bodies.



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