



### Canada's National Standard for Sustainable Forest Management Just Got Even Better

Canada's National Standard for Sustainable Forest Management – the country's leading third-party forest certification standard and the largest in the world – has been strengthened through an open public process.

The third edition of the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) Standard increases assurance Canada's certified forests will be managed to the highest international standards while meeting the needs of local communities.

CSA SFM Z809-08 is the outcome of a three-year review led by CSA's Technical Committee on Sustainable Forest Management and is based on a decade of experience gained in implementing the standard with the contribution of more than 50 local public participation groups. Technical committee members include forestry academics and researchers, forest companies, environmental groups, consumers, labour unions, Aboriginal people and government regulators.

The CSA SFM Standard is reviewed every five years to ensure it remains current, relevant and reflects the latest science.

### Canadian Standard with International Recognition

The CSA SFM Standard is endorsed by the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC), the world's largest forest certification organization. PEFC recognizes national or regional forest certification standards that meet rigorous assessment requirements based on international criteria and indicators.

Wood or paper products made with fibre from a forest certified to the CSA SFM Standard can carry the internationally recognized PEFC on-product label to communicate their certified content. This tells customers how much of the fibre is from a certified forest, and delivers assurance that any uncertified content is from legal and non-controversial sources.

Products from forests certified to the CSA SFM standard are accepted by customers around the world, including the governments of France, Germany, Japan, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. The Standard meets the strict requirements of the United Kingdom's Central Point of Expertise on Timber Procurement for legality and sustainability.



For more information, including access to the new Standard, visit [www.csasfmforests.ca](http://www.csasfmforests.ca) or [www.pefccanada.org](http://www.pefccanada.org), or contact the CSA SFM User Group at [info@csasfmforests.ca](mailto:info@csasfmforests.ca).



Your assurance of Canada's highest standards.

## CERTIFICATION TO THE CSA SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT STANDARD IS YOUR ASSURANCE THAT THE WOOD AND PAPER PRODUCTS YOU CHOOSE HAVE BEEN SOURCED SUSTAINABLY.



## THE INDEPENDENT CSA SFM STANDARD REFLECTS THE LATEST SCIENCE AND COMMUNITY INTERESTS THANKS TO CONTINUOUS PUBLIC DIALOGUE.

### What's New for the Standard

#### *Public Involvement*

Public participation is a key element of sustainable forest management in Canada where 93 per cent of forests are publicly owned. The CSA SFM Standard has always required an intensive and balanced public participation process.

The new Standard takes this a step further by providing a comprehensive list of topics to ensure all forest management issues and locally significant forest values are discussed and examined as part of the public participation process.

The Standard continues to recognize the significance forests have for Aboriginal peoples, and specifies that efforts must be made both to incorporate their special knowledge into the planning process, and to understand Aboriginal rights and title and incorporate them into forest management plans.

#### *Consistent Indicators*

The new Standard includes 35 mandatory indicators to ensure a consistent approach to sustainable forest management across the millions of hectares of diverse forestland certified across Canada.

The indicators measure values such as:

- biodiversity;
- habitat for species at risk;
- protection of soil and water;
- reforestation success;
- timber and non-timber benefits from the forest;
- community sustainability;
- Aboriginal values and participation; and
- public participation.

### The Certification Standard Framework

For lands to be certified to the CSA SFM Standard, forest managers must follow the six criteria developed by the Canadian Council of Forest Ministers as part of an international process to create global criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management.

Planning and on-the-ground operations are audited by an independent and accredited third-party certifier at the time of the initial certification, with an annual surveillance audit to maintain certification. The results of these audits are publicly available.

The Standards Council of Canada (SCC) has approved the CSA SFM Standard as a National Standard of Canada, and accredits certification bodies to carry out certification audits to the Standard.

