



CANADIAN STANDARDS  
ASSOCIATION

# SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

## Committed to Sustainable Forest Management

**CANADIAN STANDARDS ASSOCIATION (CSA)** is a not-for-profit membership-based association serving industry, government, consumers and other interested parties in Canada and the global marketplace. A leading developer of standards and codes, we provide products, services and training that help enhance public safety and health, improve the quality of life, facilitate trade and preserve the environment.

CSA relies on the expertise of more than 9,000 volunteer members to help develop and maintain over 3,000 standards, including the electrical and gas codes. More than 40% of CSA standards are incorporated by reference into federal-provincial regulations and municipal by-laws.

Canadian Standards Association is a division of CSA Group, which also consists of CSA International for product testing and certification; OnSpeX for consumer product evaluation services and QMI for management systems registration. For more information visit [www.csa.ca](http://www.csa.ca)

### CAN/CSA-Z809

## Canada's National Standard for Sustainable Forest Management

**CSA WORKED WITH A DIVERSE RANGE OF STAKEHOLDERS** interested in sustainable forest management to develop Canada's National Standard for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) CAN/CSA-Z809. A volunteer technical committee, representing consumers, environmental groups, government, industry, Aboriginal, academia and other stakeholders was established to develop the Standard. CSA committees are created using a "balanced matrix" approach, which means that each committee is structured to capitalize on the combined strengths and expertise of its members - with no single group dominating over the content of a CSA standard.

This voluntary Standard, developed by an open and transparent multi-stakeholder consensus-based process, resulted in an endorsement by the Standards Council of Canada as a National Standard of Canada.

The CAN/CSA-Z809 SFM Standard, developed according to an internationally recognized and accredited standards development process, is based on the international Helsinki and Montréal processes. It incorporates Canada's own national SFM criteria, which were developed by the Canadian Council of Forest Ministers, as well as requiring the development of locally adapted indicators through a public consultation process. The Standard links adaptive forest management to forest certification through three key requirements:

- 1) Performance Requirements
- 2) Public Participation Requirements
- 3) System Requirements

As of June 2007, about 59%, or 79.3 million hectares\* out of 134.1 million hectares\* of certified Canadian forests had been certified under the CAN/CSA-Z809 SFM Standard.

\*Source: Canadian Sustainable Forestry Certification Coalition, June 2007

## Chain-of-Custody Requirements

**THE CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY REQUIREMENTS** were developed in response to requests from a variety of stakeholders to link forests certified to the CAN/CSA-Z809 to forest products and consumers.

Chain-of-Custody refers to the tracking of forest products through all phases of ownership, processing and transportation, from the forest of origin to the end consumer. Essentially a wood flow accounting and tracking process, it tracks products from a certified forest through each stage of the production chain and is verified through an independent third-party audit.

It is the next voluntary step once assurance is provided through an independent third-party audit to the CAN/CSA-Z809 SFM Standard that forests are being managed according to established principles of sustainable forest management.

## Product Marks

**A PRODUCT MARK DEMONSTRATES** both suppliers and buyers of forest products' commitment to sustainable forest management.

Once through an independent third-party chain-of-custody audit and recognized to the **CSA Chain-of-Custody (PEFC Annex 4) requirements and label use rules**, a product "mark" can then be applied for. It demonstrates that forest products bearing this mark have originated from a forest certified to the CAN/CSA-Z809 SFM Standard and have been verified to the **CSA Chain-of-Custody (PEFC Annex 4) requirements** through an independent third-party chain-of-custody audit.

Two product marks are available to organizations wishing to apply the marks: the CSA SFM mark and the PEFC mark.



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