
PEFC Chain of Custody certificate fees for 2021 in Finland

This document presents the 2021 fees for PEFC chain of custody certificates (i.e. PEFC Notification fee) and their related logo use rights, as confirmed by PEFC Finland on 10.12.2020.

Until 14 August 2022 external PEFC CoC audits can be carried out following the requirements of standard PEFC ST 2002:2014 and PEFC ST 2001:2008 standard (PEFC logo usage rules). After this date all initial, surveillance and re-certification audits are required follow the new PEFC ST 2002:2020 and PEFC ST 2001:2020 standard versions.

PEFC Chain of Custody certificate fees for 2021 in Finland will remain the same as in 2020. Also PEFC logo usage fee will be the same.

The new PEFC ST 2002:2020 standard requires that the holder of a CoC certificate has a signed agreement on PEFC trademarks licence. Therefore, the new version of the CoC standard will bring all holders of CoC certificates within the scope of annual PEFC logo/trademark fee payment.

The chain of custody certificate (CoC) fee payable to PEFC Finland, consist of a basic fee and a fee based on wood volume (option 1) or turnover (option 2). PEFC Finland will define which option is used for the CoC certificate and determine the wood volume or turnover in cooperation with the certification body and certificate holder.

Chain of custody fee applies to company-specific (single-site or multi-site) certificates and other multi-site certificates covering producer groups of independent legal enterprises.

For a holder of a company-specific certificate the chain of custody fee consists of a basic fee and a fee based on wood volume/turnover.

For a holder of a certificate of a producer group the chain of custody fee consists of a basic fee. For every member of a producer group the fee consists of a half of the basic fee and a fee based on wood volume/turnover.

The certificate fee is non-refundable if the company gives up its certificate or ceases operations during the year.

During the year when the CoC certificate is issued, the fee will be determined according to the date when the certificate was issued so that the proportion applied to the wood volume or turnover is according to the number of months left in the year. The basic fee will be charged in full regardless of the date when the certificate was issued.

Option 1 – Wood volume based CoC fee

In businesses where operations are commonly measured according to wood volume, the CoC fee will be determined according to the wood consumption volume. For example, these businesses include wood procurement, timber sales (e.g. logs, pulpwood and energy wood), the sawmill industry and pulp and paper manufacturing.

In 2021, the CoC fee based on wood consumption volume will consist of a €200 basic fee and wood volume-based part, which is €106 (in 2020: €106) for each 100,000 m³ of wood. VAT at 24% will be added.

(Example: A CoC certified company using 1 million m³ a year will have a CoC fee of €1,260 + VAT at 24%).

Wood consumption volume refers to the wood quantity covered by CoC certified operations described in the scope of the CoC certificate or audit report.

Consumption volume means the wood volume used during the calendar year prior to the year of payment. In situations where the certificate is issued for the first time, an estimate of the annual wood consumption will be used where necessary.

The consumption volume includes all wood based material i.e. wood from certified and non-certified forests and also any possible recycled wood or wood based fibre.

The wood volume of unprocessed round wood (e.g. pulpwood, logs and energy wood), sawdust and woodchips coming under CoC certification means the total volume of these timber assortments measured in solid cubic metres over bark.

Where part or all of the wood material becomes CoC certified as “an intermediate product”, (e.g. pulp or sawn timber), the consumption volume means solid cubic metres, including intermediate product volumes converted into “round wood” volume.

The volume of intermediate products will be converted into “round wood” by determining how much “round wood” has been used to produce the intermediate product in processes prior to the CoC certification in question. The conversion factor will be determined by either average wood consumption or the actual wood consumption figures.

If the intermediate products have been measured on the basis of weight instead of volume (for example tons), the product quantity will be converted as solid cubic metres with a conversion factor per converting process.

Option 2 – Turnover based CoC fee

In cases where wood volume does not adequately describe the certified operations, the operational turnover will be used as a basis for determining the CoC fee. This is the case e.g. when manufacturing or marketing furniture, wood containing consumer products, printed products and converted paper products.

Operational turnover will also be used to determine the fee for those companies covered by option 1 where for one reason or another, the wood consumption volume cannot be determined.

In 2019, the turnover based CoC fee consists of a €200 basic fee and turnover-based part which is €44 (€44 in 2018) for each million euros. VAT at 24% is added.

(E.g. the fee for a company with a turnover of €10 million under the scope of CoC is €640 + VAT at 24%).

Turnover means the turnover of the business within the scope of the CoC certificate. The scope of the certified operations is described in the CoC certificate or the audit report.

Turnover means the turnover of the calendar year prior to the payment year. An estimate of the annual turnover will be used if necessary when granting the certificate.

PEFC logo use fee / PEFC Trademark fee

The right to use the PEFC logo can be granted to PEFC CoC certificate holder or a member of a CoC producer group who apply.

In 2021, the annual fee to use the PEFC logo / PEFC Trademark fee is €270 (€270 in 2020). VAT at 24% will be added.

The fee for PEFC logo use is non-refundable if a company gives up its certificate or ceases its operations during the year.

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