



Subject: Timber Chain-of-Custody

What is a Chain-of-Custody?

The chain-of-custody records the path that timber products take from their initial source in the forest via any manufacturing and engineering process, distribution and stockists through to the end user. Each individual piece of timber will have a record that will trace it back to its source to demonstrate that the product has been obtained from a well managed, legal and sustainable forest.

Chain-of-Custody and the TEK Building System

All buildings that are constructed with the TEK building system, including all necessary timbers products supplied, can be given with a full chain-of-custody. Certification can be issued using any of the following three schemes:

FSC	- Forest Stewardship Council Certification Scheme
PEFC	- Program for the Endorsement of Forestry Certification
SFI	- Sustainable Forests Initiative

All of the above schemes vary, but their intention is the same; to demonstrate that the source of timber is documented and controlled throughout the entire chain.

A chain-of-custody for the TEK building system can only be issued once the final design and engineering for each element of the system is confirmed and ready for delivery. All suppliers in this chain, for products such as the OSB, joists, and structural timbers, will need to demonstrate certification for the products they have supplied so that a chain-of-custody for the TEK building can be verified.

Conclusion

Chain-of-custody can be supplied for any TEK system if requested, but must first be requested very early in Kingspan's involvement. Such certification can only be supplied upon completion and fabrication of all relevant timber parts in the TEK envelope. Requests for full chain of custody cannot be postdated.

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