

Public Notification

To: Interested Parties
From: SCS Global Services
Date: 14 May 2021
Re: Notification of Planned FSC Certification Evaluation of Lenzing AG

PLEASE FEEL WELCOME TO SHARE THIS NOTIFICATION WITH ANY PERSON OR ORGANIZATION YOU THINK WOULD BE INTERESTED.

Summary: As part of an upcoming Forest Stewardship Council™ (FSC®) certification evaluation, SCS is currently seeking stakeholder input regarding the forest management program and practices of Lenzing AG. Please comment via email or contact our offices (contact information below).

In pursuit of Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) endorsed forest management certification, Lenzing AG will be undergoing an audit commencing on 28 June 2021. The audit will be conducted by Mitteleuropa in partnership with SCS Global Services, a FSC accredited certification body. The Forest Stewardship Council is a non-profit organization devoted to encouraging the responsible management of the world's forests. FSC sets standards that ensure forestry is practiced in an environmentally responsible, socially beneficial, and economically viable way.

The Lenzing Group is a large primary and secondary producer headquartered in Austria, with 9 production sites and one sales site in Shfanghai, China as a worldwide network of sales and marketing offices. Lenzing supplies the global textile and nonwovens industry with high-quality cellulose fibers. Its portfolio ranges from dissolving pulp to standard and specialty cellulose fibers. Primary production of dissolving pulp is based in Lenzing, Austria and in Czech Rep., while the other six sites (including Lenzing, Heiligenkreuz in Austria, Grimsby in UK, Mobile in US, Nanjing in China and Purwakarta in Indonesia) produce textile fibres (viscose, modal and lyocell) from the dissolving pulp. Shanghai site that was added since the last audit has trading with fibres in China. The company uses credit system for primary and secondary processing and also trading. Primary production in Austria sources controlled wood material (mostly beech wood) from several countries such as Austria, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Germany, Hungary, France, Switzerland and Poland). The company uses subcontractors for warehousing its bales with fibres on the way to the customer.

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The company is well organized and managed and the production area is equipped with modern machinery. Material storage, segregation and identification control measures have been taken and processing - production is being carried out per order Uob by job) for FSC certified products. The organization was well prepared and had successfully identified all critical control points.

Scope and Certification Evaluation Process

Mitteuropa will conduct this FSC evaluation in partnership with SCS Global Services (SCS), a FSC accredited certification body based in California.

Performance will be evaluated against standards FSC-STD-40-004 V2-1 and FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1. A copy of the standard is available from <http://www.scsglobalservices.com/certification-standards-andprogram-documents> or SCS upon request.

The evaluation process includes the following components:

- Public notification: distribution of the standard and solicitation of comments on the certification applicant; Audit planning and document review;
- Field assessment: A representative sample of field sites and operations within the defined forest area are inspected by a team of auditors;
- Stakeholder consultation is carried out prior to and during the field assessment;
- Synthesis of findings: conformity to the standard is ascertained and the certification decision is formulated;
- Reporting: a draft report describing the evaluation process, findings, and certification decision is produced;
- Peer review: the draft evaluation report is peer reviewed by (1) independent natural resource professionals;
- Finalization of the report and conveyance to the SCS Certification Committee for the final certification decision;
- Certification decision: the final report and certification decision is conveyed to the applicant; a public summary of the certification report is released if certification is awarded.

Call for Public Participation

SCS is seeking comments on the forest management of Lenzing AG or other topics pertinent to their seeking FSC certification, such as whether Lenzing AG complies with the legal, social, technical, and environmental requirements of the standard or identification of high conservation value forests¹ within the managed forested lands. Comments can be submitted via email to FSCConsultation@scsglobalservices.com, standard mail, or facsimile. ***All comments and sources***

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Principle 9, in the FSC Principles and Criteria.

will be kept in strict confidence at the request of the commenter. Also, please feel welcome to forward this message on to other stakeholders that you think may have an interest in sharing their perspective on this assessment.

Date of the Evaluation

The field evaluation is scheduled to start 28 June 2021. When possible, SCS will make arrangements to meet with interested parties during the evaluation if appropriate, but it is preferred that comments are submitted before the evaluation commences.

Dispute Resolution Procedure

As provided by the FSC Interim Dispute Resolution Protocol and the SCS Forest Conservation Program Quality Manual, dispute resolution procedures are in place and available to interested parties at <http://www.scsglobalservices.com/your-feedback>.

Additional Information

More information about FSC and SCS can be obtained from www.fsc.org and www.SCSglobalServices.com. Information about Lenzing AG can be found at www.lenzing.com.

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