



**FSC™ (FSC™ C017601) Chain of Custody Policy Statement
for the Faber-Castell Multi-Site Certificate**



We, at Faber-Castell recognize that:

- Forests are essential for human survival and well-being. They are among the most biodiverse and valuable terrestrial ecosystems on the planet and contribute to the livelihoods of the human population worldwide.
- Promoting ways to use forest resources in a sustainable way, and with clear social and economic benefits for the poor, is important.
- Forest certification provides evidence of sustainable forest management. Mainstreaming forest certification systems (e.g. FSC) will assist in promoting sustainable forest management and use of forest resources.
- Sustainable management shall consider social aspects and labor rights. These rights are protected under the Faber-Castell Social Charta and audited by a Monitoring Committee consisted of company and labor union representatives.

As a user of timber and wood-based products, Faber-Castell recognizes that it has the responsibility to current and future generations and will therefore strive to promote sustainable forest management. By demanding products from sustainably management forests, we aim to stimulate the improvement of forest management and discourage unsustainable management practices.

We consider it important that the origin of our wood-based products can be demonstrated through credible, independent Chain of Custody certification based on international standards and norms. The aim of the Chain of Custody is to ensure the unbroken path of responsibly managed timber-based material from the forest to the customer. This encompasses all stages of harvesting, processing, manufacturing, transportation and distribution.

In this context, the management hereby declares its recognition to credible third-party certification systems such as the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). We are committed to operate and maintain the Chain of Custody requirements in accordance with the "FSC Standard for Chain of Custody Certification (Currently FSC-STD-40-004 V3-0 and starting from Sep. 01.2021 transitioning to the FSC-STD-40-004 V3-1).



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