

Forestry and sylviculture



Standards and certification programs

ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE BNQ STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS IN THE FIELD OF FORESTRY?

Quebec's forests are a priceless resource, and the forest industry is a major source of raw materials, income and jobs for the province

The Bureau de normalisation du Québec is proud to offer a number of standards and certification programs for the forestry and sylviculture sector. Some of the certification programs are based on standards released by internationally recognized organizations, while other programs have been set up by the BNQ.

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PGES

CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR FORESTRY ENTERPRISE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

The PGES (*Pratiques de gestion des entreprises sylvicoles*) program defines a framework of best practices for forestry enterprises carrying out non-commercial work in Quebec public forests. Through this program, it is now possible to eliminate unfair practices that are harmful to the forest industry and its development.



CEAF

FOREST MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION

The purpose of the CEAF (*Certification des entreprises d'aménagement forestier*) program is to limit the environmental impact of forest management activities carried out in public forests. It provides a clear framework and a series of documents to guide an approach to certification that is best suited to small businesses.



ISO 14001

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

The ISO 14001 standard is a reference framework that organizations may use to set up an effective management system that assures staff, stakeholders and management that environmental aspects have been considered and are being improved.



SFI

SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY INITIATIVE

Implementing sustainable forestry practices enables businesses to raise their profile and increase business opportunities in international markets. The Sustainable Forestry initiative (SFI) is a set of land management and fibre sourcing requirements. It is accredited by the Standards Council of Canada and recognized by the Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC).



SFI AND PEFC

CHAIN OF CUSTODY AND PRODUCT LABELLING

Chain of custody and forest product labelling certification makes it possible to track wood fibre through the various stages of manufacturing, and provides customers with information on product origin, namely whether a product's content originates from sustainably managed forests, recycling or other non-controversial sources.

Since the SFI is recognized by the PEFC, it is possible to obtain joint SFI-PEFC certification, which provides greater access to international markets.



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