

18th June 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

We understand that you have a question concerning Forest Stewardship Council certification for our label backing paper, or liner, and the paper used in Sinclair's paper label face stock.

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is a global not-for-profit organization that sets the standards for what is a responsibly managed forest. There are two types of FSC certification:

- Forest management certification - for forest owners and managers, is a guarantee processes and operations meet FSC standards
- Chain of Custody (CoC) - for businesses manufacturing or trading forest products, verifies that products are handled correctly at every stage of production – from forest to shelf.

The raw material used in Sinclair's backing paper and face stock on our paper label material contains FSC Mixed Credit certification. Our vendor does not currently use any of the controlled systems outlined by FSC Chain of Custody for product sold to Sinclair. In addition, Sinclair is not a member of the Forest Stewardship Council with Chain of Custody certification, therefore we cannot make claims that our finished products are FSC certified. Sinclair has explored implementing FSC Chain of Custody for the backing paper in the past. We discovered that the implementation and maintenance would add significant cost in the supply chain but would not impact the final product, the source, or forest management practices.

The information contained in this letter is provided in good faith and to the best of our knowledge, and is based in part on information provided by our suppliers and other resources. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Ryan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "R".

John Ryan
Laminate Development Manager