

Kimball Office and FSC

The road to certified wood

Effective September 1, Kimball Office will offer the option of Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified wood on select product series. Arguably the most recognized wood certification program today, the FSC is an independent, not for profit, non-government organization based in Bonn, Germany, whose mission is to support environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial, and economically viable management of the world's forests.



Kimball Office will implement Chain-of-Custody certification from the FSC. Chain-of-Custody certification provides a guarantee about the production of FSC-certified products and tracks the path taken by raw materials from the forest to

the consumer, including all successive stages of processing, transformation, manufacturing and distribution. From a customer perspective, the FSC label represents a promise that is being made to them. Chain-of-Custody standards are the mechanism FSC has to ensure that promise is delivered.

Orders for FSC-certified wood on Kimball Office products will be processed as a special through our *By Design* department at an upcharge. A *By Design* representative will provide you with further details and the upcharge for your order. Special on-product labels will be used to indicate products with FSC certification.

This important and exciting addition to our line will improve the environmental performance of our products, help our customers earn valuable LEED points, and most importantly, continue to promote environmentally sound management of the world's forests.

The availability of FSC-certified wood on Kimball Office products will be implemented in a phased roll out with timing and milestones as follows:

- Audits for certification are taking place in July
- Certification for all plants will be issued in August
- Phase I products include Cetra, Xsite, Footprint, Beo, Collage, Stature, Delano, Acapella, Clairmont, and Muirfield with certification after August 31st
- Phase II products include Definition, Transcend, Conferencing Solutions, Aspire, Fluent, Prevail, Senator, and President with certification in the fall

Kimball Office achieves ISO 14001 registration

Four plants registered in Indiana and Idaho

Kimball Office has achieved registration to the ISO 14001: 2004 standard for the performance of our Environmental Management Systems. The registration acknowledges that the manufacturing plants located in Jasper, Indiana; Borden, Indiana; Salem, Indiana; and Post Falls, Idaho, have met all the requirements of the ISO 14001: 2004 international standard.

Registration to the ISO 14001:2004 standard testifies that our manufacturing facilities are equipped with systems that enable them to fully comply with all federal/state/local environmental regulatory requirements. Under the standard, they are required to identify and control the environmental impact of their activities, products or services and to continually improve their environmental performance. Registration also substantiates a systematic approach to setting and achieving environmental objectives and to demonstrating they have been achieved.

Independent registrar QMI – SAI Global conducted the audits and recommended registration following the completion of its evaluations on May 15.

“This registration reflects the commitment, hard work and diligence of our environmental management teams,” explains Douglas Prickett, Director of Sustainable Design, Kimball Office.

ISO

International Organization for Standardization (www.iso.org/iso/home.htm) is the world's largest developer and publisher of International Standards for business, government and society. ISO is a network of the national standards institutes of 157 countries, one member per country, with a Central Secretariat in Geneva, Switzerland.



QMI – SAI Global

QMI - SAI Global (www.qmi.com) is North America's leading management systems registrar. The company has registered more than 24,000 manufacturing and service locations to ISO and industry standards for quality and environmental systems.

