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PEFC Interactive Database on Forest Certification Launched on Web

We are very pleased to announce today that the PEFC Council has today launched a new website giving customers the opportunity to gain valuable information on the origins of the timber they are buying which carries a PEFC logo.

Part of the PEFC Logo is the Logo Registration number which clearly identifies a user of the logo. Customers can type the logo number into our web site and find out which organisation has certified the timber, whether the certificate is currently valid and much more.

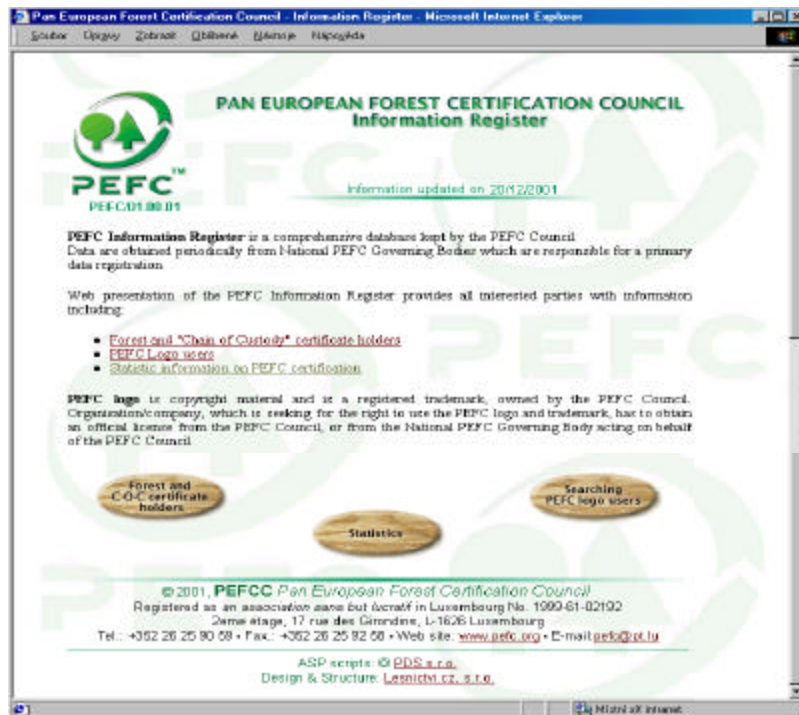
This is achieved by logging onto our website www.pefc.org and then click on Interactive Database



Look out for this logo when purchasing timber or timber products

and typing in the logo registration number found on the timber product or supporting documentation.

The WebPage gives information on PEFC certificate holders, both forest management and Chain of Custody, PEFC Logo Users and Statistical Information.

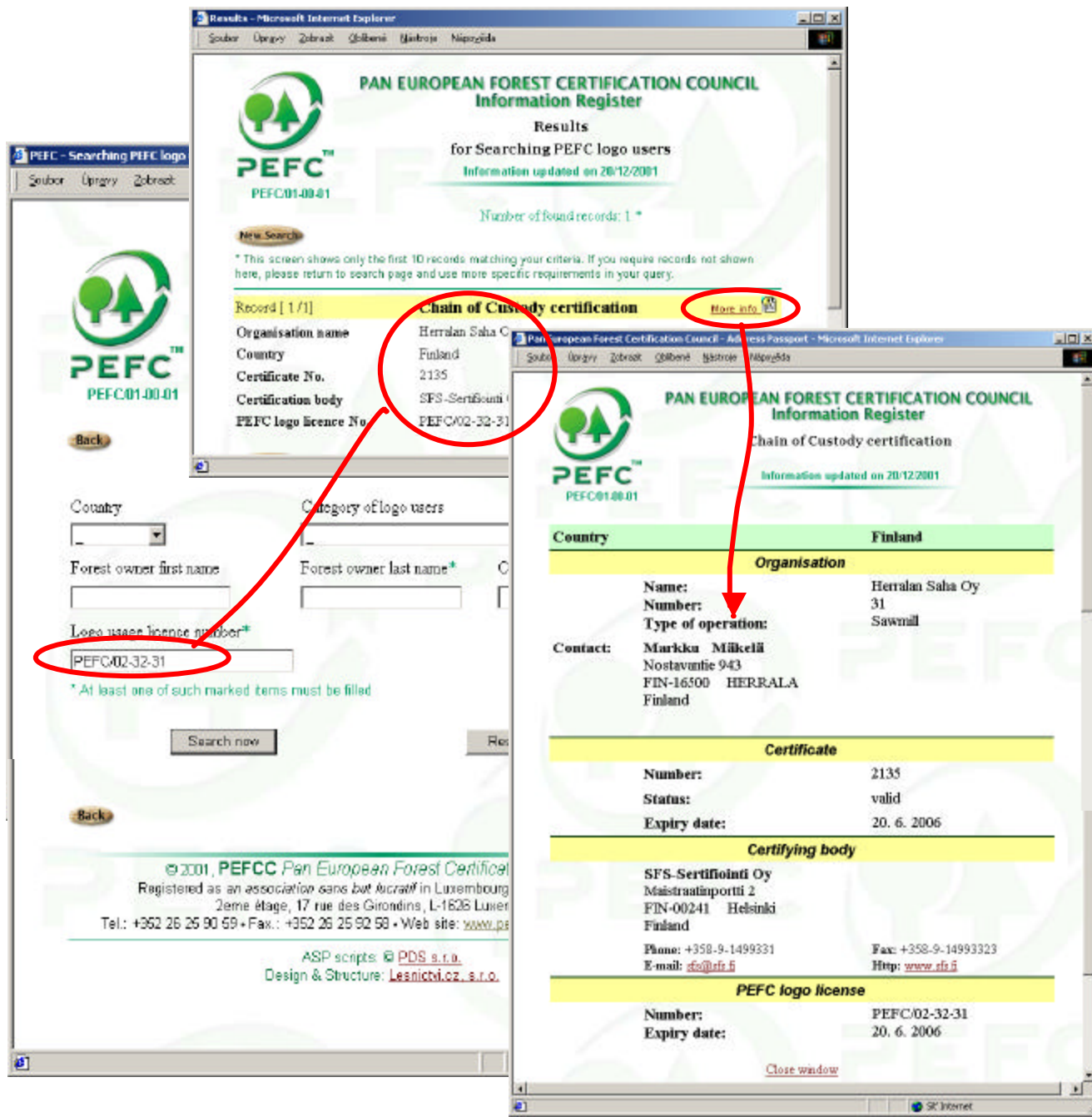


PEFC Certificate Holders

By simply typing in one of the following: Forest Owner Name, Organisation Name, Certificate Number, or Certification Body you can get a response back which provides you with information on holders of the forest management or Chain of Custody certificates. You can find out contact information about the organisation, the certificate, certifying body and PEFC Logo licence.

PEFC Logo Users

When a timber product has a PEFC logo on it or a PEFC logo is used in promotional materials you can simply go to the relevant query section on the site, type in one of the following: Forest Owner Name, Organisation Name, Logo Licence Number and it will provide you with information about the Organisation using the logo, the certificate, certifying body and the PEFC Logo licence.



Statistical Information

We have provided some statistical data based on the most usual requests for information received. This data is available in a table which is arranged by country, and provides information on the amount of certified forest area, number of Chain of Custody certificates, number of PEFC logo users.

Information about certified forest is further available as a statistic showing breakdown of type of certification (regional, group or individual), number of issued certificates and number of participating forest owners. The logo users information are further divided according to type of logo users (National Governing Bodies, Forest Owners and Managers, Industry/Trade/Distributors, Other Actors (non-commercial users)).

The image displays three screenshots of the PEFC Information Register website, showing statistical data on PEFC certification. Red circles and arrows highlight specific data points and their corresponding detailed breakdowns.

Top Screenshot: Main Statistics Table

	Certified forest area (ha)	Number of C.O.C certificates	Number of PEFC logo users
Austria	3 047 000	16	26
Finland	21 910 000	39	38
Germany	3 350 012	17	2739
Latvia	1 565	1	12
Norway	9 352 000		
PEFC Council	0		
Sweden	1 972 552		
Switzerland	50 424		
Total	41 683 613		

Bottom Left Screenshot: PEFC Norway, Norway

	Certified forest area (ha)	Number of certificates	Number of participating forest owners
Regional certification	0	0	0
Group certification	9 116 900	10	49 442
Individual certification	235 100	2	2
Total	9 352 000	12	49 444

Bottom Right Screenshot: PEFC logo users - Licenses issued by Finnish Forest Certification Council, Finland

Type of logo users	Number of issued licenses
PEFC National Governing Bodies	
Forest owners and managers	16
Forest Industry / Trade / Distributors	34
Other actors (non-commercial users)	8
Total	58

PEFCC Logo Usage Licences

The PEFC logo is copyright material and is a registered trademark, owned by the PEFC Council. Any organisation / company, seeking the right to use the PEFC logo and trademark, has to obtain an official license from the PEFC Council, or from the National PEFC Governing Body acting under contract on behalf of the PEFC Council.

The PEFC Council has now issued contracts to each of the National Governing Bodies to allow them to issue sub-licences on behalf of the PEFCC in accordance with the logo usage rules as outlined in Annex 7 of the PEFC Technical Document.

This means that certified products bearing the PEFC logo can now be traced using the PEFC logo database.

Each logo user has a registration number, which will allow customers and members of the public to identify them and their chain of custody or forest management certificate.

An example of how the licence registration number works is outlined in the diagram below:

PEFC Logo Usage Registration Number

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