

## **Explanation FSC and PEFC**

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Wood products for packaging materials, products or building materials procured by the AQUAtec Master in Metal GmbH must demonstrably come from legal and sustainable forest management. The approval must be provided by the supplier of the AQUAtec Master in Metal GmbH by presenting a certificate from FSC, PEFC, a comparable certificate or by individual approval. Comparable certificates or individual certificates are recognized if it is proved by the supplier that the criteria of the FSC or PEFC applicable to the respective country of origin are met.

The FSC standard worldwide is based on the following criteria:

- Nature as a guiding principle for management
- ecologically adapted forestry methods
- Preservation of semi-natural forests
- no transformation of forest into plantations
- Prohibition of genetically modified plants
- avoidance of chemical control agents
- and ban dangerous pesticides
- Protection of rare and endangered animals and plants
- Designation of protected areas
- site-specific choice of tree species
- Respect for the rights of indigenous peoples
- Creation of binding operational plans
- securing employee rights

Proof shall be deemed to have been provided if the packaging material, product or building material has the eco-label, e.g. has an FSC certificate.

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