

PRESS RELEASE

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**Lyreco first on the Benelux market to obtain the FSC Chain of Custody certificate!**

Lyreco, European leader in office products, is the first player on the office products market to obtain the FSC Chain of Custody certificate. This certificate guarantees the sustainable origin of products, whereby not only the forest of origin is checked, but also the whole trade chain up to the end consumer.

FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) is an international non-profit organisation created in 1993 by forest owners, the timber sector, social movements and environmental organisations. The FSC label or hallmark on a wood or paper product indicates the product originates from a correctly managed forest.

Lyreco has been selling FSC certified products for quite some time. Since 16 September 2010 Lyreco also holds the FSC Chain of Custody certificate. This means that all FSC products and flows are traceable and transparent throughout the company. The end customers then have the guarantee: this product originates from a correctly managed, FSC certified forest. Concretely, the customers will find this guarantee on their invoice: it indicates the FSC claim of the product, as well as Lyreco's Chain of Custody number SGS-COC-008038.

In obtaining the FSC certificate Lyreco contributes to the protection of forests for present and future generations. But this is not the first positive result Lyreco achieves. Over the past few years Lyreco has already booked a few progressive results with Sustainable Enterprising.

Here are a few examples:

- In 2004 Lyreco was the first in the sector to receive the NEN-EN-ISO 14001 certificate
- Lyreco joined the Global Compact Initiative in 2004
- In 2008: expansion of the "state-of-the-art" Distribution centre for the Benelux with strong environmentally friendly accents
- In 2009 Lyreco became stakeholder in Agentschap NL
- "Lyreco for Education" charity programme in co-operation with AEA
- Membership in 2010 of MVO Nederland
- 11/11/2010: launch "zero emission" project - Electric powered delivery van

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You can find more information about FSC on the website [www.fsc.be](http://www.fsc.be)

For more information about Lyreco Benelux please visit [www.lyreco.be](http://www.lyreco.be), [www.lyreco.nl](http://www.lyreco.nl) and [www.lyreco.lu](http://www.lyreco.lu)

**LYRECO** is a privately-owned supplier of office products to the business community. With a sales force of over 4,000 people its core expertise focuses on customer service and distribution excellence. It operates in 27 countries around the world: Australia - Austria - Belgium - Canada - China (SAR of Hong Kong) - Czech Republic - Denmark - Egypt - Finland - France - Germany - Great Britain - Hungary - Ireland - Italy - Luxemburg - Malaysia - Netherlands - Norway - Poland - Singapore - Slovakia - Spain - South Korea - Sweden - Switzerland - and Thailand

The sales partners of LYRECO are:

**WALTONS** covers the markets in Southern Africa - South Africa, Namibia and Mozambique.

**OFFICE PRODUCTS DEPOT** operates in New Zealand

**OFFICEPRO** operates in Taiwan

**OFFICE MAX** operates in Mexico and United States

**ASKUL** operates in Japan

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