



SUPPLIER COMMITMENTS: GUIDANCE AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Timber

'As a supplier, you commit to only supply timber products from legal and sustainable sources that don't cause deforestation or degradation.'

It's the intention of the Travis Perkins Group to make sure all our timber and timber products are sourced responsibly and legally, and without causing deforestation or degradation.

These are defined as:

- **Deforestation:** A net decrease in the area covered by forest.
- **Degradation:** Changes within the forest, such as overexploitation and disease, which have been caused by human activity and which reduce the forest's quality and function, therefore lowering its capacity to supply products.
- The easiest way for suppliers to support our intentions is to purchase material which complies with the UK Timber Regulation and has a certified Chain of Custody.
- The UK Timber Regulation bans the importation of illegal timber into the UK. It requires anyone handling wood or wood products to assess the risk that those products may have come from an illegal source, and to act to mitigate that risk.
- The Certification Bodies are international, non-profit, multi stakeholder organisations that promote sustainable forest management through independent third party certification. The Travis Perkins Group maintains a certified Chain of Custody for the two main certification types. Firstly, FSC®, which is an international network designed to promote responsible management of the world's forests. Secondly, PEFC™, which is a framework for recognition of forest certification schemes meeting international recognised requirements for sustainable forest management.

- We work with our suppliers to make sure all the timber and timber fibre products we purchase come from certified FSC® or PEFC™ sources. Wherever possible, this should be full Chain of Custody certified with a claim of at least 'FSC® Mix' or 'PEFC™ 70%'.
- We'll only accept products without FSC® or PEFC™ Chain of Custody certification where prior approval has been granted by exception after a formal risk assessment. We'll take swift and prompt action to remove any timber from our business if we receive credible information that it doesn't meet our policy requirements or values.
- Should the credibility of a certificate or mitigating information be in doubt, we may apply additional verification measures or obtain further assurances that a source is in line with our policy and values. This could include third party isotope, DNA or fibre testing to validate species and country of origin claims.

→ Useful Links

- FSC®
- PEFC™
- UK Timber Regulations

