

ENVIROMENTAL AND SUSTAINABLE POLICY

MDM Timber Ltd has for many years been at the forefront of importing legal and well-managed forest products. Our policy is to continuously improve our environmental performance and to encourage best practice in forestry management.

Legal Compliance

We expect all our suppliers to comply with the UK Timber Regulation (UKTR) and UK FLEGT Regulations and any relevant UK, EU and UN Sanctions on timber exports. To ensure our products are legally compliant, we have a robust due diligence system to fully trace the supply chain and conduct risk assessments to ensure:

- Timber is harvested legally in accordance with legislation in the country of harvest
- Timber is traded or manufactured in accordance with the legislation of the processing country.
- Timber does not come from:
- Forests managed or harvested in violation of traditional or human rights
- Forests with high conservation values where harvesting negatively impacts those values
- Ancient or endangered or High Conservation Value forests
- Areas logged in contravention of indigenous and local communities' rights, including the right to Free, Prior and Informed Consent.
- Species from natural forests listed on the IUCN Red List as Critically Endangered, Endangered or Vulnerable
- Species listed on the three CITES Appendices
- Supply chains tainted with 'conflict timber'

Responsible Sourcing

Responsible forest management is crucial for maintaining the health of ecosystems, preserving biodiversity, and supporting local communities who depend on forests for their livelihoods. It also considers their potential to fulfil ecological, economic and social functions both now and in the future.

We have been members of the TDUK (formally Timber Trader Federation) for 30 years. This requires compliance with their Responsible Purchasing Policy (RPP), which reflects our commitment to responsible sourcing practices.

In addition to any legal obligations to provide supply chain traceability and demonstrate legality under the Timber and Timber Products Placing on the Market Regulations (UKTR) and UK FLEGT Regulations, we encourage suppliers to go further in promoting responsible and sustainable sourcing practices. This entails prioritising recycled materials and timber certified to be one of the internationally recognised standards.

We have full chain of custody for Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC) and the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC). 99% of products are available to purchase as certified.

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Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) –

The Forest Stewardship Council is an independent non-profit and non-governmental organisation consisting of an association of environmental groups, forestry groups, the timber trade and other professional bodies. The FSC certification system provides a mechanism for verifying and labelling timber and forest products as coming from well-managed forests. This system includes standards for forest management and chain-of-custody certification, which enables tracking of certified products throughout the supply chain, from the forest to the end user.

Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) –

The Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification is an independent non-profit and non-governmental organisation founded in 1999 which promotes sustainability managed forests through independent third-party certification. PEFC offers a framework for the independent third-party certification of forests and forest products, ensuring that they meet internationally recognised sustainability standards.

Deforestation

Deforestation is a significant environmental issue with far-reaching consequences for biodiversity, climate stability, and human well-being.

One key approach to combating deforestation is through the establishment and enforcement of protected areas and conservation reserves. These areas serve as important refuges for endangered species and help to preserve vital ecosystems. Additionally, sustainable forestry practices, such as selective logging and reforestation efforts, can help to mitigate the negative impacts of deforestation while still allowing for the responsible use of forest resources.

We seek to ensure that we are not contributing to illegal deforestation through our supply chains, including no human induced forest degradation or conversion of natural ecosystems. Therefore, we regularly review deforestation risks and avoid sourcing from plantations converted from natural forests since 2020.

Essex Wildlife Trust

We have been a member of the Trust for 24 years, Our HQ is in Essex, and we believe that contributing and supporting them helps the good work they do in promoting and protecting the local environment.

Human Rights

We take human rights of those working in timber supply chains very seriously, which is reflected in our latest Modern Slavery Statement.

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