



Responsible Timber Sourcing Policy

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Our commitment

Vastern Timber is committed to sourcing timber legally and responsibly. This policy covers all timber and timber products we purchase and supply. We will comply with applicable legislation, including the UK Timber Regulation (UKTR), maintain our PEFC chain of custody in accordance with PEFC ST 2002:2020, and meet the applicable requirements of Timber Development UK's Responsible Purchasing Policy (RPP). Detailed controls are set out in our supporting procedures.

Responsible purchasing

Our purchasing decisions will support well-managed forests and the protection and, where possible, restoration of biodiversity and the wider environment. We will avoid timber from controversial sources as defined by PEFC, including sources associated with illegal harvesting, unsustainable forest management, damage to important ecosystems or breaches of human and labour rights.

We will give preference, where practicable, to timber certified under PEFC or Grown in Britain (GiB). We will support British woodlands, favour local sourcing to reduce transport impacts, pay fair prices and settle invoices on time.

Legality and due diligence

We will operate a documented due diligence system comprising information gathering, risk assessment and, where necessary, risk mitigation. It will address our UKTR obligations when acting as an operator or trader, for both British-grown and imported timber, and the PEFC requirements for material within our chain of custody.

We will not place timber on the market where it is known to be illegal or where the risk of illegal harvesting has not been reduced to negligible. Substantiated concerns will be investigated and affected timber withheld from sale until resolved. Material will enter our PEFC product groups only when the applicable due diligence requirements have been met.

Suppliers and certification

We will assess and monitor suppliers and obtain sufficient, reliable information about timber origins, supply chains and relevant business practices to support our purchasing decisions. We will require suppliers to cooperate with verification and address identified concerns.

Independent certification provides valuable assurance but does not replace our UKTR obligations. We will check the validity and scope of supplier certificates and the claims accompanying certified timber. We will maintain our PEFC and GiB certification systems and make only accurate, substantiated product, certification and environmental claims in accordance with the relevant scheme rules.

People and accountability

Thomas Barnes is the Director responsible for this policy and has overall responsibility and authority for our PEFC chain of custody. Relevant employees will be required to follow the supporting procedures and will receive the training and resources needed to fulfil their responsibilities.

We will meet PEFC's social, health and safety requirements, including freedom of association and collective bargaining, equal treatment, safe working conditions and the exclusion of forced labour and child labour.

Review and transparency

We will retain sourcing, traceability and compliance records for at least five years, investigate complaints and take corrective action where needed. We will carry out annual internal audits and management reviews of our PEFC chain of custody, and fulfil applicable TDUK RPP reporting, training and audit requirements.

This policy will be available to employees, suppliers, customers and other interested parties. We will provide sourcing information as required by legislation and certification rules, review this policy at least annually and improve our sourcing practices and environmental performance.



Signed: _____ Date: _____ 09/10/2026 _____

Thomas Barnes
Managing Director