

Declaration

Declaration of Compliance with Due Diligence According to the UK Timber Regulation.

This is to confirm that goods traded by our company have undergone a due diligence audit according to **The Timber & Timber Products (Placing on the Market) Regulations 2013, as amended...** commonly known as the UK Timber Regulation (UKTR).

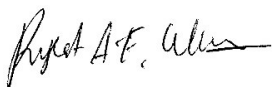
Any person who places timber on the GB market is referred to in UKTR as an **Operator**, and UKTR Article 4 states under **Obligations of Operators** that:

- UKTR prohibits the placing on the GB market of illegally harvested timber. Operators are required to meet obligations in respect of the legality of the timber.
- An Operator must not place timber on the GB market that was illegally harvested, or timber products derived from such timber. This obligation applies whether the timber was sourced from within GB or outside GB.
- An Operator must: a) exercise 'due diligence' when placing timber on the GB market; and b) maintain and regularly evaluate a 'due diligence system'.
- An Operator must maintain records of its due diligence checks. This information must be kept for at least 5 years and, be provided to the UK Government Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) on request.

To ensure compliance with these steps we base our due diligence system and approach on the OPSS **UK Timber Regulations: Due Diligence Guide 2022**. This good practice guidance was launched by OPSS to help the timber industry meet the requirements of the UKTR, and to support industry efforts in the responsible sourcing of forest goods and sustainable forest management.

In instances where we act as the Operator we confirm a meticulous audit of all timber goods sourced from both within GB and outside GB, as outlined in the framework of the OPSS UK Timber Regulations: Due Diligence Guide.

Signed



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