



Dear Customer,

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EUROPEAN TIMBER REGULATION 3.3.2013

On the above date new regulation came into force making it a criminal offence to place illegally logged timber onto the European Market (i.e. import it into EU). All importers of timber products into the EU are required to implement a due diligence process to reduce this risk and must have access to enough information to allow traceability of product back to its forest source if required.

Although the main responsibility for compliance will lie with the importer we are aware that as a user of timber you want reassurance that the products you buy are from a legal source.

International Timber, can confirm that we employ a due diligence process as part of our buying policy. Our responsible Purchasing Timber Policy can be viewed on our website www.internationaltimber.co.uk, and states that "Saint Gobain Building Distribution in the UK and Ireland (of which International Timber is a subsidiary) is committed to sourcing all timber and timber products from legal sources. We will require clear evidence of good forest management practice at the original source, and give preference to those suppliers who can provide such evidence."

If adequate proof of legality cannot be provided then alternative suppliers or species are sought.

International Timber has been members of the World Wildlife Fund Global Forest and Trade network since 1998 and have followed their responsible purchasing guidelines. International Timber are also members of the Timber Trade Federation which requires members to follow a responsible purchasing policy (RPP).

Throughout our business we actively promote the use of certified and legally verified timber products and hold Chain of Custody Certificates for FSC®, PEFC and BM TRADA forest products. We would strongly recommend that you request Chain of Custody or legally verified timber when placing orders for the best guarantee that product has been legally and sustainably sourced.

For any further enquiries or information please contact Sarah Broadley – Chain of Custody Manager
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Yours sincerely,

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