



GFTN-UK FOREST PRODUCT REPORTING SUMMARY FOR 2010

As a member of WWF's Global Forest and Trade Network in the UK since 2006, Christina Meyer Sustainable Wood Products is committed to progressively sourcing forest products from well managed sources. To monitor our progress, we collect as much information on our supply chain sources as possible, and categorise this to enable us to identify where any risks of poor sourcing may lie, and to eliminate them systematically from our supply chain into the UK market.

The new EU Regulation to limit the trade in illegal timber, which comes into full effect on 3rd March 2013 provides a baseline of legality as a minimum for forest goods entering the European market and reaching consumers. Our business wants to make sure that we are playing our part in reducing the UK footprint on global forest resources, and to source sustainably.

To highlight the change we have achieved so far, to draw attention to the challenges that remain in order to meet the EU regulation, and to exceed the requirements of the regulation by sourcing sustainably and identify our priorities in doing so, we are publishing the status of our supply chain for forest goods as we have established it so far, according to the WWF Global Forest and Trade Network categorisation of forest goods.

We hope our decision to be transparent about our performance on forest sourcing will prompt others in the sector to do the same, and initiate discussion about how business can overcome the remaining challenges in partnership with other stakeholders, including government.

We encourage all forest certification systems to continuously improve their performance in delivering responsible forest management. At present, WWF and GFTN participants believe FSC represents the gold standard and a credible benchmark for other forest certification schemes to match, and it remains our preference to increasingly source from credibly certified forests or verified recycled sources.

Our status for the forest products reported for the 2010 calendar year is as follows:

0%	No information on origin
6%	Known origin but no legality verification possible
22%	Legal origin confirmed (including e.g. PEFC purchased with Chain of Custody)
0%	In the process of becoming credibly certified
72%	Credibly Certified with Full Chain of Custody (e.g. FSC purchased with Chain of Custody)
0%	Pre-consumer Recycled
0%	Post-consumer Recycled

<http://www.christinameyer.com/pdfs/environmental-policy.pdf>

Scope of reporting

- All forest products for resale and or end use in business delivery
- All own or store brand forest products for resale

Challenges

- **Challenge 1**
Ensuring that some of the newer suppliers fully understand chain of custody requirements and abide by those requirements. In some instances supplier documentation has not matched chain of custody requirements.
- **Challenge 2**
The impact that the new requirements of the EU's illegal timber legislation will have upon us and our suppliers.

Priorities

- **Priority 1**
Reviewing, and replacing if necessary, certain products and suppliers that are unable to operate and perform according to the required level of chain of custody requirements.
- **Priority 2**
Understanding the requirements of forthcoming EU legislation, communicating those requirements to our suppliers and establishing the policies and mechanisms necessary to monitor, document and report on them.
- **Priority 3**
To increase the percentage of category 5 products and return to previously high levels of reporting against that category.