



Summit Timber : Environmental & Responsible Sourcing Policy

1. Policy Statement

Summit Timber Group Ltd (the Company); and our subsidiary Operating Companies are committed to environmental protection, pollution prevention, and the responsible management of forest resources. We recognise that forests are vital renewable resources that support climate regulation, biodiversity, soil protection, and air quality. Our environmental management system supports sustainable business practices and responsible timber sourcing throughout our operations and supply chain.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all Group Company activities, products, and services, including the sourcing, import, manufacture, treatment, sale, and distribution of timber, engineered wood products, MDF, and related materials.

3. Compliance Obligations

The Group commits to fulfilling all applicable environmental legislation, regulations, codes of practice, and other compliance obligations relevant to its operations, including but not limited to:

- The UK Timber Regulation (UKTR)
- The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
- Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR)
- Government Timber Procurement Policy and former CPET requirements

We condemn illegal logging and will not trade in timber species prohibited under CITES.

4. Sustainable and Responsible Timber Sourcing

The Group Companies shall source timber and timber products only from legal and, wherever practicable, sustainably managed forests. We implement due diligence procedures to identify, assess, and mitigate environmental and legality risks within our supply chain. This includes obtaining the clearest practicable information on the origin of raw materials.

The Company undertakes supplier risk assessments and participates in annual independent third-party audits. These processes support compliance with UKTR and recognised industry best practice.



5. Supplier Management and Traceability

The Group Companies maintains traceability systems and approved supplier lists in accordance with Chain of Custody requirements. Suppliers are assessed for environmental performance, legality, and sustainability. Where certified material is not yet available, the Company will work with suppliers to improve sourcing practices within agreed timescales.

6. Forest Certification and Chain of Custody

The Group supports credible international forest certification schemes and recognises independent forest and supply chain certification as the most effective means of providing assurance of legal and sustainable sourcing.

The Group Companies maintain:

- FSC® (Forest Stewardship Council®) Chain of Custody certification
- PEFC Chain of Custody certification

Certification claims and labels shall only be used where supported by transparent, objective, and independently verified standards. FSC® certified products are available upon request.

7. Prohibited and High-Risk Sources

The Group shall not knowingly source timber from:

- Illegal or unidentified sources
- Forests where traditional or civil rights are violated
- Forests with high conservation values that are threatened
- Genetically modified (GM) trees
- Natural forests converted to plantations or non-forest use

Where non-conforming or illegal material is identified, corrective actions shall be implemented without delay, including suspension or termination of the supplier where necessary.

8. Environmental Impact Management

The Group commits to minimising the environmental impacts of its activities by:

- Efficient use of energy and resources
- Waste reduction and recycling
- Responsible handling and disposal of treated timber and hazardous substances
- Prevention of pollution associated with manufacturing and storage activities



Environmental aspects and impacts are identified, evaluated, and reviewed as part of the applicable Environmental Management Systems within the individual Group Companies.

9. Treated Timber and Biocidal Products

Where timber is treated with wood preservatives, the Group ensures that only **BPR-approved products** are used. Safety, handling, and disposal requirements are communicated and controlled to prevent harm to people and the environment.

Treated timber waste shall be disposed of responsibly, with industrial waste managed through authorised waste contractors.

10. Competence, Training, and Awareness

The Group ensures that employees whose work may have a significant environmental impact are competent through appropriate training, instruction, and awareness. This includes training related to certified products, Chain of Custody requirements, and safe handling of treated timber.

11. Customer and Stakeholder Engagement

The Group Companies aim to support customers in meeting their environmental commitments by providing products that meet recognised environmental, legal, and sustainability standards. Relevant environmental information is made available to customers and other interested parties upon request.

12. Continuous Improvement

The Group is committed to continual improvement to enhance environmental performance. This includes increasing the proportion of certified products supplied, improving supply chain transparency, addressing non-conformances promptly, and reviewing environmental objectives and targets regularly.