



## GFTN-UK FOREST PRODUCT REPORTING SUMMARY FOR 2015

Saint-Gobain Building Distribution in the UK and Ireland has been a participant in WWF's Global Forest & Trade Network (GFTN) in the UK since 1998.

All GFTN participants commit to progressively sourcing forest products from well-managed sources.

Saint-Gobain Building Distribution in the UK and Ireland undertakes due diligence to assess and mitigate any risk of illegal and unwanted forest products entering into the UK market from our supply chain. We collect as much information on supply chain sources as possible, and systematically work to eliminate poor sources which may not positively benefit forests as a future resource for people and nature.

To highlight our progress towards meeting our commitments to source well-managed and recycled materials, we're publishing the status of our current supply chain for various categories of forest goods, as defined by the GFTN.

We hope the transparency of the UK GFTN members about their performance on forest sourcing will prompt others in the sector to follow suit. We also 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. Our preference is to source increasingly from credibly-certified forests or verified recycled sources.

The European Timber Regulation aims to limit the trade in illegal timber. It provides a baseline of legality as a minimum for forest goods entering the European market and reaching consumers. GFTN participants want to make sure they're playing their part in reducing the UK footprint on global forest resources, by sourcing sustainably – going beyond a compliance-only approach.

Our forest products reported for the 2015 calendar year are as follows

- 63% Credibly Certified (e.g. FSC purchased with Chain of Custody)
- 36% Source Verified (including e.g. PEFC purchased with Chain of Custody)

Our responsible forest product procurement policy can be found here:

<http://www.saint-gobain.co.uk/saint-gobain-policies/>



### **Scope of reporting**

All own or store brand forest products for resale

### **Challenges**

- To continue to address cultural issues on sourcing procedures within procurement teams driven by complexity of our organisation.
- To continue to work with our external suppliers to ensure they understand the importance of detail we require from them to ensure we are satisfied that products are procured legally and sustainably in accordance with the EU legislation. This will impact on our progressing to certification and credibly certified forest products sourced results.

### **Priorities**

- Work with credible suppliers around supply of hardwood into specialist branches and ensure training programme is rolled out into branches

To continue to work with individual companies under the Saint-Gobain Building Distribution in the UK and Ireland umbrella to analyse and assess procurement procedures.

Ensure all certified products within Saint-Gobain Building Distribution have the correct claim attached to product code. Have been working with suppliers and product file and identified where changes need to be made.

To continue to work towards the 2020 campaign and ensure Saint-Gobain Building Distribution are on track for this.