

## EGGER Principles for sustainable forest management and wood purchase

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The promotion of sustainable forest management and the conservation of natural resources are anchored in the EGGER mission statement.

EGGER supports the objectives of the internationally recognised Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) of the UN/FAO and has committed itself to the protection, restoration and promotion of sustainable management of forests as well as the fight against land degradation and loss of biodiversity.

Our social objective is stopping deforestation, restoring degraded forests and increasing forestation and reforestation in our purchasing regions.

Additionally, we protect the climate and our natural resources (UN SDG 13) through preferably buying regionally in the immediate vicinity of our plants, the use of recycling wood and the use of sawmill by-products from cascading use (UN SDG 12) in our wood-based materials.

We support the objectives of the international UN/FAO agreement, especially concerning the sustainable management of forests (UN SDG 15.2) through preferably buying regionally and through giving preference to wood from certified forests.

EGGER will not buy or process any exotic wood which enjoys special protection or whose availability is connected with strict conditions according to the Washington Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora known as CITES.

It is the policy of EGGER to exclude the following sources from our supply chain for all EGGER wood products:

1. Illegally harvested wood;
2. Wood originating from regions where traditional or fundamental civil rights are contravened;
3. Wood originating from uncertified forests with a high protection value;
4. Wood harvested in forests being converted to plantations or non-authorized use.
5. Wood from genetically modified trees;
6. Wood violating any of the ILO Core Conventions as defined in the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work.

The EGGER Group operates as both an “operator” and a “dealer” under the EU Timber Regulation (EUTR VO(EU) 995/2010). We exceed EUTR requirements through our proprietary due diligence system, aligned with ISO 38200:2018 for wood supply chains.

Our due diligence is externally audited by 3<sup>rd</sup> party across all relevant plants and high-risk supply chains, as per EUTR Article 8.

We hold Chain of Custody certifications from the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC® C017963) in Europe and UK but also single site certificates, the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes

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(PEFC), and ISO 38200:2018. Group Management is committed to maintaining supply chain control and monitoring in compliance with EUTR (VO) 995/2010, supported by thorough internal and external audits.

Furthermore, with the date of entry into force of the EUDR (European Deforestation Regulation), Egger will meet these legal requirements and enter the required information into the new implemented EU-traces system. Egger also uploads a declaration of due diligence. Risk assessment and mitigation measures are carried out for countries with a corresponding assessment from the country benchmark by the EU. A transfer of the reference number from the EU system to a delivery note or electronically transmitted (via EDI) will be implemented and thus comply with the law.

All wood-based products can be delivered certified with the appropriate ISO 38200:2018 statement and depending on the availability of the wood at customer's request. Our FSC®, PEFC and ISO 38200 certificates and further information on the topic of wood origin and sustainability are available on our web page at [www.egger.com/umwelt](http://www.egger.com/umwelt).



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