



The new EU Timber Regulations came into force in March 2013 when it became illegal to buy or sell wood or wood-based products made from illegally harvested timber.

The EUTR requires “operators” – that is, first placers of timber and timber-based products on the EU market – to put in place a due diligence system (DDS) to minimise the risk of introducing illegal timber to the EU

It will only be these operators that place material onto the market in the first instance that will be liable to prosecution however, material may be subject to confiscation at any part of the chain and, of course, the damage to a company’s reputation cannot be underestimated.

Norbord’s UK-made products, including its market leading Sterling OSB, Caberwood MDF and Caberboard particleboard products contain only wood fibre grown and sourced from within the UK. Norbord’s products are made from three primary raw materials: “virgin timber” from sawmill co-products, and coniferous roundwood from forest operations, and post-consumer wood waste from clean recycled timber. All of our products are certified by the Forestry Stewardship Council and all “virgin timber” also has “chain of custody” to provide an audit trail leading back to the original source of the wood used in a product.

An integral part of the EUTR is the recognition that certain sources of wood have the potential to carry a higher risk factor with regards their ability to meet the criteria of a DDS under the EUTR legislation. Timber from highly sensitive rainforest areas of the world would, of course, come under greater scrutiny and the burden of duty to ensure that the wood sources concerned meet these criteria is much more onerous than with UK sourced wood.

Sterling OSB will be of particular interest for many users of plywood in respect of this legislation. Plywood is manufactured using fully mature large diameter trees and much of the material is shipped from the Far East or South America. Whereas, Sterling OSB not only meets the EUTR DDS criteria and is FSC certified, it is also made from wood that is a result of good UK forestry practice, where the smaller trees are felled to give room to others to mature. It is a highly engineered product with superb technical qualities. For example, both timber frame house manufactures and flat roofing companies largely use OSB – both technically demanding applications.

Therefore, with Norbord products being EUTR compliant, our panels can be purchased with confidence and provide peace of mind.

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