

Environment - Third Party Certified Schemes

For peace of mind for both our company and our customers, the most effective method of ensuring timber products are legal or are from well managed forests, is to ensure they carry an independent third party certification scheme. BBS Timbers Ltd currently purchases timber under the following chain of custody schemes:



Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)

PEFC is one of the world's leading and most used forest certification organisations. PEFC is an international non-profit, non-governmental organisation dedicated to promoting forest management through independent third party certification. PEFC is an umbrella organisation. It works by endorsing national forest certification schemes that are tailored to local priorities and conditions. Each national forest certification scheme undergoes rigorous third party assessment against PEFC's standards. Currently BBS Timbers Ltd purchase timber products through the following PEFC endorsed programmes:

Canadian Standards Association (CSA) www.csasfmforests.ca
Australian Forest Standards (AFS) <http://www.forestrystandard.org.au/>
Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) www.sfiprogram.org

BBS Timbers Ltd also recognises a few legality programmes that do not carry full chain of custody but are considered an entry level certification and a stepping stone towards PEFC certification, where full chain of custody applies



Verification of Legal Origin (VLO)

The Rainforest Alliances Smartwood Program has developed a generic standard for verification of legal origin (VLO). It verifies that the timber originates from forest sources that have a legal right to harvest. It is considered a first step in proving that the source of timber is legal and the laws of the country haven't been met.

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Verified Legal Compliance (VLC)

Verified Legal Compliance (VLC) expands upon the VLO Smartwood Program. It not only ensures that timber harvested is from a legal source, it also takes into consideration other aspects of the harvesting and distribution of timber, including environmental protection, wildlife, water and soil conservation, workers health and safety and so on.

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Both VLO and VLC are considered a step in the process towards FSC certification.



CertiSource

CertiSource is a timber legality verification system, offering verified legal timber from Indonesia. CertiSource uses independent ISO accredited certification bodies to audit timber legality against CertiSource standard policies and procedures. Currently BBS Timbers Ltd import some of its timber from Indonesia with CertiSource certification.

www.certisource.co.uk