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Mouldings of all descriptions – Specialist in Hardwoods

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UK Timber Regulation Declaration

On 1st January 2021 the EU Timber Regulations (EUTR) will become UK domestics legislation (UKTR) and will continue to stop the supply of illegal timber into the UK.

This regulation lays down the obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the market – also known as the (Illegal) Timber Regulation counters the trade in illegally harvested timber and timber products through three key obligations:

- 1. It prohibits the placing on the UK market for the first time of illegally harvested timber and products derived from such timber:
- 2. It requires UK traders who place timber products on the UK market for the first time (identified as 'operators') to exercise 'due diligence'.

Once on the market, the timber and timber products may be sold on and/or transformed before they reach the final consumer. To facilitate the traceability of timber products economic operators in this part of the supply chain, (referred to as traders in this regulation) have an obligation to:-

3. Keep records of their suppliers and customers.

The core of the 'due diligence' notion is that operators undertake a risk management exercise so as to minimize the risk of placing illegally harvested timber, or timber products containing illegally harvested timber, on the UK market.

The three key elements of the "due diligence system" are:

- Information: The operator must have access to information describing the timber and timber products, country of harvest, species, quantity, details of the supplier and information on compliance with national legislation.
- Risk assessment: The operator should assess the risk of illegal timber in his supply chain, based on the information identified above and taking into account criteria set out in the regulation.
- Risk mitigation: When the assessment shows that there is a risk of illegal timber in the supply chain that risk can be mitigated by requiring additional information and verification from the supplier.

DW Mouldings Ltd only purchase timber from within the UK and are classed as 'Traders', we take illegal logging very seriously and only purchase timber from reputable timber agents most of whom are part of the 'Timber Trade Federation' and have signed up to the 'Responsible Purchasing Policy' (RPP). The RPP is a tool specifically designed to assist and assess its members with the 'Due Diligence' required to operate within the UKTR and failure to comply with these rules will result in the immediate dismissal from the 'Timber Trade Federation' and the end of the trading relationship with DW Mouldings Ltd.

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