

We are letting you know about some changes we are making in regard to sourcing for some of our timber products.

As you will no doubt be aware the timber market has seen some significant disruption over the past few years which has caused issues around supply and therefore availability to our customers.

What's Changing

As a business we have taken the decision to move away from FSC on C24 structural carcassing and Machined redwood (PSE/Mouldings) to a single Chain of Custody in PEFC.

What's the difference between FSC and PEFC

PEFC and FSC share an identical aim: sustainable forestry. Both emphasise chain of custody — the tracking of raw materials from certified forests through every stage of the supply chain. They are the gold standard for wood certification and are very similar quality markers; both meet the UK government's requirement for sustainable timber.

Why

Whilst we have historically enjoyed good timber carcassing and batten supply from Latvia and Sweden, the future of supply is not as certain. We already know that in Q3 and Q4 of 2024, there is unlikely to be much, if any FSC available from Latvia. The cost and complexity for forest owners from FSC is increasing and so many are taking the decision to move towards PEFC.

We know from experience that if we restrict ourselves to Swedish supply, we could see increasing purchase costs and it could render us uncompetitive in the market.

What does this mean for me

In a nutshell, nothing. It will be business as usual. What it does mean is that we can access greater supply route options and therefore, improve stock availability for you via our branch network.

What If I need FSC certified timber

In some circumstances you may need to source FSC certified timber for a particular customer or project. In these instances, you can make contact with your local branch and we will do our very best to source the timber that you require.