



## Creffields (Timber & Boards) Ltd UKTR and the European Timber Regulation

The Timber and Timber Products Placing on the Market Regulations (UKTR) apply in Great Britain from 1 January 2021, replacing The European Timber Regulation (EUTR) which came into force on the 3rd March 2013. The requirements of the UKTR are the same as under EUTR.

This is an important consideration for all Companies that deal with Timber and Timber-based products such as Plywood and other Panel Products made of timber. The aim of the regulation is to ensure that all timber based products imported do not contain illegally sourced timber. Failure to comply with the UKTR will mean that penalties may be incurred by the importing Company which could involve confiscation of the products and/or financial penalties such as fines.

Creffields (Timber & Boards) recognises the importance of the UKTR and agrees with the aims of its introduction. As we import most of our stock, it is our responsibility to carry out the necessary “due diligence” to mitigate the “risk” of illegal wood being imported.

In our opinion, one of the easier ways to comply with the UKTR is to purchase “certified” products such as FSC® or PEFC certified as the certification bodies will have already carried out most of the “due diligence” that is required. Although “certified” goods do not automatically comply with the UKTR, the “due diligence” required is a much simpler process. Creffields (Timber & Boards) Ltd has both FSC® and PEFC chain of custody and have for many years held large stocks of “certified” products.

All of this means that we are confident that our customers can be assured that Creffields (Timber & Boards) will have taken all the necessary actions to ensure that the timber products we import will be fully compliant with the EUTR regulations. Our customers must also keep their own records for purchases and sales of all their timber products but if they have bought from Creffields (Timber & Boards) Ltd, they do not need to carry out the same full “due diligence” process that we will have already done.