

## Regulation of forestry & woodlands

### **The UK Forestry Standard** -

[http://www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/fcfc001.pdf/\\$FILE/fcfc001.pdf](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/fcfc001.pdf/$FILE/fcfc001.pdf)

The purpose of the UK Forestry Standard is to set out standards for the sustainable management of all forests and woodlands in the UK. It is the centrepiece of a system to guide and monitor forestry. The Standard is linked to the developing international protocols for sustainable forestry. It is used in the UK as a basis for the development of forest monitoring and is the basis from which the UK Woodland Assurance Standard was developed (see page 11). It can also be used for assessing compliance with management certification standards such as ISO 14000 and EMAS.

### **The Forest Guidelines** - Currently being reviewed

<http://www.forestry.gov.uk/website/publications.nsf/pubsbycategorynew?Openview&restricttcategory=Guideline>

The Guidelines apply equally to the state and private sectors. Grant approvals throughout the UK, felling licences in England, Scotland and Wales, and all forestry operations are subject to the standards set out in the documents. The Guidelines have no formal legal status but, in the event of a prosecution, failure to follow the Guidelines is likely to affect adversely the position of the forest owner, contractor, or subcontractor.

### **UKWAS** - <http://www.ukwas.org.uk/>

The UK Woodland Assurance Standard is an independent certification standard for verifying sustainable woodland management in the United Kingdom. The UKWAS is not a certification scheme but uniquely, it is designed to provide a single common standard for use within those forest certification programmes that operate in the UK; these programmes provide a way to assure buyers and users that wood and wood products come from sustainably managed woodlands

### **In summary:**

- Meeting the UKF Standard means that the timber is **legal**
- The Guidelines tell you how you can best meet the UKF Standard
- Meeting the UKWA Standard means that it is **sustainable and legal**
- Independent Certification means that you can **verify** that it is sustainable and legal

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