

# PEFC and Scottish Woodlands Score UK First

For the first time in the UK, PEFC certified chipwood from a privately-owned Group scheme from Scottish Woodlands will be delivered to a leading manufacturer of timber products.

In keeping with its ambitious sustainable procurement policies and quest for certified raw material, chipwood will be delivered to Egger UK, one of the leading manufacturers of wood-based panels in Europe.



John Paterson, Wood Purchasing Manager at Egger UK said "We were delighted to take the first deliveries of privately grown PEFC round wood from Scottish Woodlands. As a result of increasing demand for PEFC certified chipboard from our customers, we required a guaranteed supply of PEFC certified round wood. Scottish Woodlands Ltd responded to our request and having obtained PEFC Chain of Custody was in a position to deliver. We have a long established trading relationship with Scottish Woodlands Ltd and they have once again proved themselves to be responsive to market requirements."

The growth in homegrown UK sourced timber and wood products has been growing quickly since 2010 when over a million hectares of UK forests were dual certified as PEFC and FSC under the United Kingdom Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS). This far-reaching development includes all the Forestry Commission forests in England, Scotland and Wales and some 500 privately-owned forest estates, including a number in Northern Ireland, managed through both the Scottish Woodlands and UPM Tilhill forest group certification schemes.

The amount of domestic PEFC certified timber is thriving and becoming more plentiful and more popular. Scottish Woodlands is at the centre of this boom: the company has grown and developed significantly in the last two decades to become a major player in the British forestry and timber industry, delivering over 750,000 tonnes of timber per annum into UK sawmillers, and planting in excess of 25% of the private sector's new woodland expansion. Its annual sales in 2010 exceeded £46 million.

Rob Shaw, SEQ Director for Scottish Woodlands commented "we are delighted to be able to deliver UK domestically produced timber from one of our client's woodlands which we are managing to the UKWAS Standard. Our dual certified status has allowed us to fulfil this order so that the finished products can bear the PEFC label. We look forward to supplying more PEFC certified timber in the future."

## **Further Information**

Egger UK - [www.egger.com](http://www.egger.com)

Scottish Woodlands - [www.scottishwoodlands.co.uk](http://www.scottishwoodlands.co.uk)

UPM Tihill - [www.upm-tilhill.com](http://www.upm-tilhill.com)

Forestry Commission - [www.forestry.gov.uk](http://www.forestry.gov.uk)

United Kingdom Woodland Assurance Standard – [www.ukwas.org.uk](http://www.ukwas.org.uk)