

## EGGER Principles for sustainable forest management and wood purchase

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The promotion of sustainable forest management and the conservation of natural resources are anchored in the EGGER mission statement.

EGGER supports the objectives of the internationally recognised Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) of the UN/FAO and has committed itself to the protection, restoration and promotion of sustainable management of forests as well as the fight against land degradation and loss of biodiversity.

Our social objective is stopping deforestation, restoring degraded forests and increasing forestation and reforestation in our purchasing regions.

Additionally, we protect the climate and our natural resources (UN SDG 13) through preferably buying regionally in the immediate vicinity of our plants, the use of recycling wood and the use of sawmill by-products from cascading use (UN SDG 12) in our wood-based materials.

We support the objectives of the international UN/FAO agreement, especially concerning the sustainable management of forests (UN SDG 15.2) through preferably buying regionally and through giving preference to wood from certified forests.

EGGER will not buy or process any exotic wood which enjoys special protection or whose availability is connected with strict conditions according to the Washington Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora known as CITES.

It is the policy of EGGER to exclude the following sources from our supply chain for all EGGER wood products:

1. Illegally harvested wood;
2. Wood originating from regions where traditional or fundamental civil rights are contravened;
3. Wood originating from uncertified forests with a high protection value;
4. Wood harvested in forests being converted to plantations or non-authorized use.
5. Wood from genetically modified trees;
6. Wood violating any of the ILO Core Conventions as defined in the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work.

According to the definitions of the EU timber regulation EUTR VO(EU) 995/2010 the EGGER Group acts as an “operator” and as a “dealer” in Europe. The EGGER Group fulfils the requirements of the EUTR by means of a company-owned due diligence system (risk assessment procedure) which goes beyond the scope of the EUTR by orienting itself towards the new ISO 38200:2018 standard for the supply chain of wood and wood-based products. Our due diligence is additionally audited externally by the Société Générale de Surveillance

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SA in all relevant EGGER plants and risky supply chains as part of our group-wide monitoring contract established according to EUTR article 8.

We are certified within the scope of the Chain of Custody according to the standards of the „Forest Stewardship Council®“ (FSC® C017963), the „Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes“ (PEFC) and the new ISO 38200: 2018.

According to ISO 38200:2018, the Group Management commits itself to implementing and maintaining the requirements concerning control and monitoring of the supply chain according to EUTR (VO) 995/2010 and the relevant documentation in internal and external audits.

All wood-based products can be delivered certified with the appropriate ISO 38200:2018 statement and depending on the availability of the wood at the customer’s request. Our FSC®, PEFC and ISO 38200 certificates and further information on the topic of wood origin and sustainability are available on our web page at [www.egger.com/umwelt](http://www.egger.com/umwelt).



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