



## Responsible Forestry and Procurement / EU DR Information for wood suppliers

As part of our [Responsible Forestry and Procurement Policy](#), we implement a Due Diligence System that complies with the European Union's Deforestation Regulation (RD EU) <sup>1</sup> and the U.S. Lacey Act (2008).

The provision of information and compliance with our [Responsible Forestry and Procurement Policy](#) and the declaration are part of the purchase conditions for all wood purchased by Interholco. We need to receive this information before the wood is invoiced and transported. Please inform us immediately if there is a change in the country of harvest, the supplier or the forest(s) of harvest.

### Information on the new European Union Deforestation Regulation (EU DR) and the repeal of the EU Timber Regulation (EU TR)

The EU DR was approved on 31 May 2023 with the aim of minimising the consumption of products from supply chains associated with deforestation or forest degradation, while ensuring the legality of products. The regulation will come into force on **30 December 2024** (30 June 2025 for small and medium-sized enterprises<sup>2</sup>). The regulation applies to a range of products (palm oil, soya, coffee, cocoa, beef, rubber and timber, etc.). The European Union Timber Regulation (EUTR) will be cancelled on 30 December 2024, except for wood produced before 29 June 2023, it will remain applicable until 31 December 2027. **The EU RD includes the requirements of the EU TR, adding requirements to avoid deforestation and forest degradation that has taken place after 31 Dec. 2010.**

## A) Access to information:

We kindly ask you to provide the following information for each order, either on this page or on the purchase order form.

- 1) Product type, quantity and species (*scientific name*);
- 2) the country of production and forest(s) *where the wood is harvested* (which we will use it for our risk assessment);
- 3) harvesting area(s) (or Annual Cutting Areas - AAC), harvesting period and geo-coordinates and for harvest areas > 4 ha, boundary coordinates or GIS shapefile (.shp or .kml);
- 4) a map of the harvesting area, if available;
- 5) if applicable, certification and chain-of-custody number;

## Origin(s) of the wood

Order or / Purchase order or Invoice References	Product type (logs, lumber, vener...)	Species and scientific name	Country of harvest	Forest / Concession + GIS file	Harvest area + GIS file or coordinate s	Period of harvest (year)	Certified? FSC, PEFC, OLB, LegalSource <sup>T</sup> M,...
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<sup>1</sup> [Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1115](#) of 31 mai 2023 on the making available on the Union market and the export from the Union of certain commodities and products associated with deforestation and forest degradation and repealing Regulation (EU) no 995/2010.

<sup>2</sup> As defined in [DIRECTIVE 2013/34/EU](#).



## B) Declaration of legality and responsible procurement\*

Please complete and sign the declaration below, which applies to all purchases from INTERHOLCO AG.

I confirm, based on a Due Diligence analysis of sources, and/or certification, that all the wood I supply is from legal and responsible sources, in particular:

- 1) that the wood has been produced, purchased and harvested, **in accordance with the applicable legislation in the country of production**, means the laws applicable in the country of production concerning the legal status of the area of production (\*) and applicable international conventions, in terms of:
  - a) land use rights (including legal harvest permits, the right to harvest timber);
  - b) environmental protection;
  - c) forest-related rules, including forest management and biodiversity conservation, where directly related to wood harvesting and CITES requirements;
  - d) third parties' rights (in particular the local communities and Indigenous Peoples);
  - e) labour rights, including occupational health and safety and the Core ILO conventions (*freedom of association; the right to collective bargaining; the elimination of forced labour, child labour and discrimination in the workplace*);
  - f) human rights protected under international law;
  - g) the principle of free, prior and informed consent (FPIC), including as set out in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
  - h) tax, anti-corruption, trade and customs regulations.
- 2) that **no corruption** has been identified related to granting or issuing of permits and licenses for harvest, transport and wood procurement and trade;
- 3) that wood does not come from forests or areas that have undergone the following controversial activities:
  - **destruction**, during forestry operations, of **High Conservation Values or High Carbon Stock** forests or peatlands;
  - **deforestation** (the conversion, anthropogenic or not, of the forest for agricultural use), nor the **degradation** of natural forests, primary forests or peatlands (the conversion to plantation forests or other wooded areas), after Dec. 31, 2020 (\*);
  - the introduction, in the context of forestry operations, of **genetically modified organisms**;
  - the use of highly **harmful pesticides**, as described by the WHO (Annex 1A, 1B) and in the Stockholm and Rotterdam conventions;
  - **armed conflicts** or originating from countries with Sanctions, imposed by the EU, UN or National Institutions;
- 4) that best **forest- and soil management practices** are implemented (Reduced Impact Logging), avoiding erosion and degradation of the soil, the water network or the forest cover and that deforested areas will be rehabilitated;
- 5) that **illegal activities** (illegal logging, fire, poaching..) **are controlled** and **legal and responsible hunting** is ensured, while respecting protected species.

I agree to:

- provide the correct information on the country of Harvest, and, if applicable, the forest of harvest, throughout the supply chain, and to immediately inform INTERHOLCO if there is a change in the supply chain, the forest sources;
- provide evidence of compliance with this declaration (documents),
- appoint a person responsible for evaluating compliance;
- pass on the requirements of legal and responsible sourcing throughout the supply chain;
- comply with INTERHOLCO's [Responsible Forestry and Procurement Policy](#) (available on [www.interholco.com](http://www.interholco.com) (Sustainability → Environmental Landscape)).

If applicable, for example for high risk non-certified sources, I agree to receive (confidential) supply chain or forest audits.

**Company:** .....

**Address, Country:** .....

**Date, Place:** .....

**Name, Signature:** ..... 'Read and approved'

(\* ) According to the definitions of the Regulation on Deforestation of the EU (EU Regulation 2023/1115 of May 31, 2023).