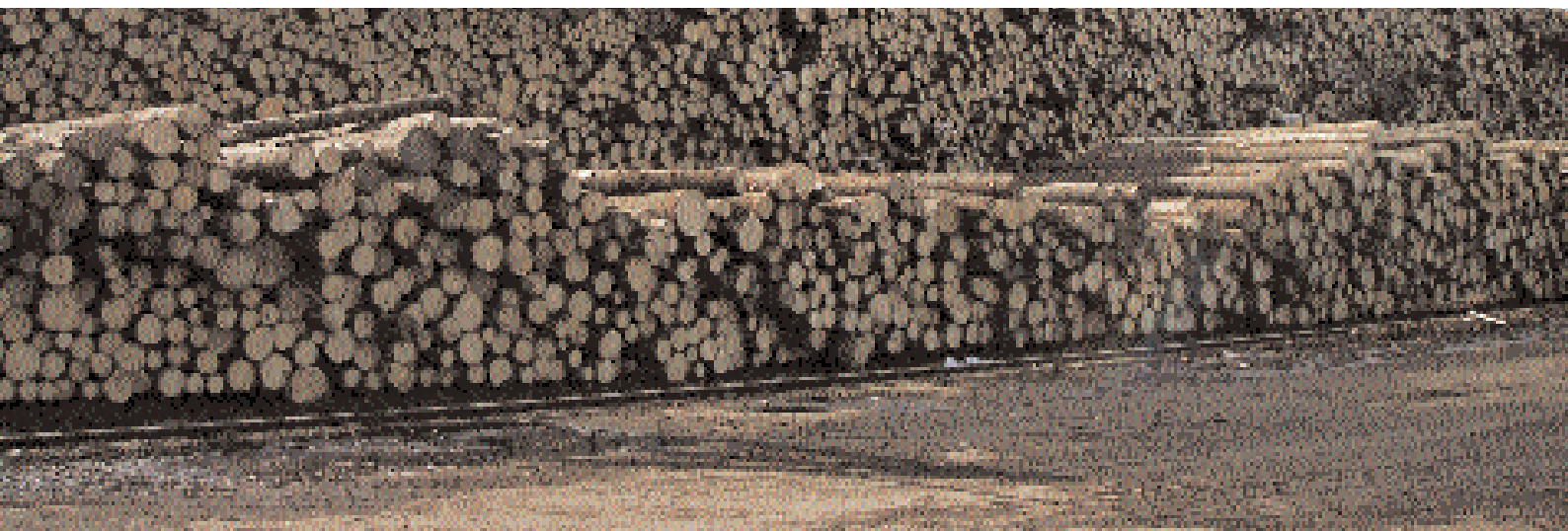


# FLEGT: INDUSTRY STATEMENT

Common European rules  
for fair competition and  
sustainable markets





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| 1  | AIEM (Spanish Timber Importers Association), Spain | 47 | Lapeyre (Groupe Saint Gobain), France                           |
| 2  | Albert Schild AG, Switzerland                      | 48 | Lend Lease, UK  |
| 3  | BBC Worldwide Ltd                                  | 49 | Lueb + Wolters GmbH & Co. KG, Germany                           |
| 4  | B&Q, UK  | 50 | Luyten Woonontwerp, Belgium                                     |
| 5  | Biofusta S.L., Spain                               | 51 | Marks & Spencer, UK   |
| 6  | Biotectura S.L., Spain                             | 52 | Medialogik GmbH, Germany  |
| 7  | Bovis Lend Lease, UK                               | 53 | Migros-Genosenschafts-Bund, Switzerland                         |
| 8  | Castorama France, France                           | 54 | Multiplex, UK   |
| 9  | Carrefour, France                                  | 55 | Nunez y Canadas S.L., Spain                                     |
| 10 | Chartered Institute of Builders, UK                | 56 | OBI, Merchandise Centre GmbH, Germany                           |
| 11 | Chindwell Co. Ltd, UK                              | 57 | Palm SpA, Italy   |
| 12 | Clarks Wood Company Ltd, UK                        | 58 | Palm W+P onlus, Italy   |
| 13 | Coop Italy, Italy                                  | 59 | P.E.R. Belle Arti, Italy  |
| 14 | Coop Nordic, Denmark                               | 60 | Pearson plc   |
| 15 | Coop Switzerland, Switzerland                      | 61 | PUERTAS LUVIPOL, Spain  |
| 16 | Co-operative Retail, UK                            | 62 | Quintelier Gebr. Nv, Belgium                                    |
| 17 | Countryside Properties, Plc, UK                    | 63 | Reefhout/Trajectum Trade en Rego Trade, Holland                 |
| 18 | David Craig, UK                                    | 64 | Richard Burbidge, UK  |
| 19 | De Noordboom cvba, Belgium                         | 65 | Romea Legnami SpA, Italy  |
| 20 | Ecobos-P&E bvba, Belgium                           | 66 | Robert Horne Group Ltd  |
| 21 | Ecobouw cvba, Belgium                              | 67 | RWD Schlatter AG, Switzerland                                   |
| 22 | Ecostructuur bvba, Belgium                         | 68 | Sainsbury's Supermarket Ltd, UK                                 |
| 23 | Ecotimber, UK                                      | 69 | Saint-Gobain Building Distribution UK                           |
| 24 | Ebanisteria Marelli SpA, Italy                     | 70 | Sardinha Leite, Portugal  |
| 25 | ENCE Group, Belgium                                | 71 | Servaege nv, Belgium  |
| 26 | Espen AG, Germany                                  | 72 | Shadbolt International, UK                                      |
| 27 | Eurabo nv, Belgium                                 | 73 | Skanska AB, Sweden  |
| 28 | Finnforest UK                                      | 74 | Sommer Holzwerkstatt GmbH, Switzerland                          |
| 29 | Focus Wickes, UK                                   | 75 | Sonae Indústria, Portugal                                       |
| 30 | Friul Intagli SpA, Italy                           | 76 | TABU SpA, Italy   |
| 31 | Futuro Verde, Brazil                               | 77 | TAMALSA S.A., Spain   |
| 32 | Graham & Brown, UK                                 | 78 | Tecnoform SpA, Italy  |
| 33 | Gebr. Stern GmbH & Co. KG                          | 79 | The Polestar Group Ltd, UK                                      |
| 34 | Habitat, UK  | 80 | Timber Trade Federation, UK                                     |
| 35 | Harbo Fritid, Sweden                               | 81 | Timbmet, UK   |
| 36 | Hillerstorp, Sweden                                | 82 | Travis Perkins plc  |
| 37 | Holz.ConZert GmbH, Germany                         | 83 | TRC, Cameroon   |
| 38 | Homebase, UK                                       | 84 | UNITAL (Union of Italian Industries of Wood Furniture)          |
| 39 | ICA Sverige, Sweden                                | 85 | Verband Schweizer Türenbranche, Switzerland                     |
| 40 | IKEA Group, Sweden                                 | 86 | VVNH, Vereniging van Nederlandse Houtondernemingen, Netherlands |
| 41 | John Dickinson Stationery, UK                      | 88 | Westefel Werke GmbH, Germany                                    |
| 42 | JYSK Nordic, Denmark                               | 89 | WH Smith Ltd  |
| 43 | Kinnarps, Sweden                                   | 90 | ZIF sas, Italy  |
| 44 | KoppWood, Denmark                                  |    |   |
| 45 | Landmann-Peiga GmbH & Co. Handel-KG                |    |   |
| 46 | La San Giuseppe SpA, Italy                         |    |   |



We, the undersigned companies, in our capacity of producers, purchasers or retailers of timber and wood products, are deeply concerned by the problem of illegal logging and the continuing import of illegally sourced wood products into the European Union.

Illegal logging contributes to deforestation, causes loss of biodiversity and erodes the rule of law. It undermines responsible forest management, encourages corruption and tax evasion and reduces the income of producer countries. It also has serious economic and social implications for the poor and disadvantaged.

Cheap imports of illegal timber and forest products, as well as the non-compliance of some players with basic social and environmental standards, destabilise international markets, and threaten jobs. This unfair competition based on widespread illegal practice harms those European companies, particularly small and medium sized businesses, who do behave responsibly and attempt to play by the rules.

As responsible companies dealing in timber products, we believe that concerted political and trade action is needed to tackle this problem in order to create a level playing field for timber that has been legally acquired.

We therefore broadly support the European Union's FLEGT (Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade) initiative and the efforts of a number of timber trade federations to eliminate illegal timber from their sector.

However, we acknowledge that self-regulation and voluntary measures alone are not sufficient to tackle this problem.

Without a clear European legal framework, companies that want to answer consumer-driven demand and benefit from investment in sustainable practices will always be disadvantaged.

We urge the European Commission and governments to take immediate action, and as recommended in the Action Plan, we call upon them to:

**Adopt new EU legislation which makes it illegal to import all illegally-sourced timber and wood products into the European market.**