

Responsible Forestry and Procurement / EU DR Information for wood suppliers *Significant risk origin*

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) ¹ approved in May 2023 and the United States Lacey Act (2008).

The provision of information and compliance with our [Responsible Forestry and Procurement Policy](#) is a condition of purchase 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 production, 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 enterprises²). 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 DR 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 and batch 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 boundary coordinates or GIS shapefile (.shp or .kml) for harvesting areas or forests > 4 ha;
- 4) a map of the harvesting area, if available;
- 5) if applicable, certification and chain-of-custody number.

Documentation concerning harvesting rights and legal compliance (for origin from high risk regions):

6) Documents concerning the trade, transport and export of the wood :

- a. certificate of origin, phytosanitary certificate, B.L., final customs declaration: EX 1 and EX 3...;
- b. Attestation de Vérification à l'Export (Export Verification Certificate) and transport slip from production site to port (*on request*);
- c. proof of payment of export duties and taxes (*on request*) ;
- d. if applicable, FLEGT or CITES license.

7) For each harvested forest and each AAC (Assiette Annuelle de Coupe) where timber has been harvested :

- a. the (annual) logging permit and the annual operational plan (PAO) ;
- b. a proof of payment of timber and forest royalties and taxes (e.g. "Attestation de non redevance");

8) For the time of validity of the documents:

- c. a map of the forest or reference to an official map (for ex. WRI/GFW maps) [and the shapefile \(.shp or .kml\) of the boundaries](#);
- d. a proof of attribution of the forest title (proof of the convention, decree of attribution or proof of the forest management plan);
- e. a proof of the forest management plan: decree or approval letter; summary or the cover page & table of contents ;
- f. the company registration documents, as indicated in a list by country: professional license, certificate of registration of the forestry hammer, registration in the commercial register, taxpayer's card, patent, ...);
- g. Certificate of registration as a timber processor / exporter (if applicable in the country).

¹ [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.

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



For wood from non-certified forests/without a 3rd party license, we could come back to you to request a field verification

Origine(s) du bois

Please fill in the table below once a year, if the forests of origin and the Annual Cutting Areas (AACs) do not change during the year, or for each contract, if the forest of origin and the AAC are not always the same.

Order or / Purchase order or Invoice References	Product type (logs, lumber, veneer...)	Species and scientific name	Country of harvest	Forest / Concession + GIS file	Harvest area + GIS file or coordinates	Period of harvest (year)	Certified? FSC, PEFC, OLB, LegalSource™, ...
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B) Declaration of legality and responsible procurement*

Please complete and sign the declaration below, which applies to all Interholco purchases.

I confirm, on the basis of a due diligence assessment, and/or certification, that all wood supplied to INTERHOLCO is legal, from responsible sources and without having caused deforestation or forest degradation, in particular:

- 1) that the wood has been purchased, produced and harvested in accordance with the relevant legislation of the country of production, in particular in compliance with the laws applicable in the countries of production relating to the legal status of the production area (**) and applicable international conventions, with regard to:
 - a) land use rights (such as legal harvesting permits, the right to harvest timber) ;
 - b) environmental protection;
 - c) forestry regulations, including forest management and biodiversity conservation, when directly related to timber harvesting and CITES regulations;
 - d) the rights of third parties (including local communities and indigenous peoples);
 - e) labor rights (including health and safety at work and the ILO's fundamental conventions (freedom of association; the right to collective bargaining; the elimination of forced labor, child labor and discrimination in the workplace);
 - f) Human rights protected by 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) regulations in the fields of taxation, anti-corruption, trade and customs;
- 2) **that no corruption has been identified** in connection with the establishment and issuance of permits and licenses for the harvesting, transport, purchase and trade of timber ;
- 3) **that the timber does not come from forests or areas** that have undergone the following controversial activities:
 - **the destruction**, in the course of forestry operations, of High Conservation Values, forests or peatlands with a high carbon stock ;
 - **the deforestation** (the conversion, whether or not anthropogenic, of forests to agricultural use), or the degradation of natural forests, primary forests or peatlands (the conversion to forests of plantations or other wooded areas), after December 30, 2020 (*);
 - the introduction of **genetically modified organisms** in forestry operations ;
 - the use of **highly harmful pesticides**, as described by the WHO (Annex 1A, 1B) and in the Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions ;
 - **armed conflicts** or countries subject to sanctions imposed by the EU, UN or national institutions;
- 4) that **good forest and soil management practices** are implemented (reduced-impact harvesting), avoiding erosion and degradation of the soil, water system and forest ecosystem, and that deforested areas are rehabilitated;
- 5) that **illegal activities** (illegal logging, fire, poaching...) are **controlled and legal** and **responsible hunting** is ensured, 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](http://www.interholco.com) (available on www.interholco.com (Sustainability à Environmental Landscape).

Where appropriate, particularly for non-certified, high-risk sources, I agree to host (confidential) audits of the supply chain or forest.

Company :

Address, Country :

Date, Place :

Name, Signature : « Read and approved »

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