

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EU TIMBER REGULATION (EUTR)

INFORMATION TO OUR CUSTOMERS

The EU Timber Regulation (EUTR) prohibits the "placing on the market of illegally harvested timber or timber products derived from such timber" from 3rd of March 2013.

This regulation applies to "operators" and "traders".

It also obliges "*operators*" (first placers of timber or derived products on the EU market) to work with a due diligence system (DDS) to minimise the risk of putting such illegal timber or derived products on the market. The DDS is to consist of three elements: information, risk assessment and risk mitigation.

- Information - the common name of tree species, and, "where applicable", the full scientific names; the country of origin (the country where the timber was harvested, and information about the region within the country or even the specific concession of harvest); quantity (expressed in volume, weight or number of units); name and address of the supplier to the operator; name and address of the trader to whom the timber and timber products have been supplied.

- Risk Assessment - the operator must assess the risk of entry in its supply chain of illegal timber, based on the information mentioned above and having regard to the criteria established in the Regulation.

- Mitigation of risk – when assessment shows that there is a risk of introduction of illegal timber in the supply chain, this risk can be reduced through the application of information and additional checks to the supplier.

Traders (who buy or sell wood or wood products into the EU market) are required to identify their wood suppliers or products covered and their buyers of wood or wood products and keep records of sale and remaining information for at least five years.

Vicaima is classified as a trader and operator, and already started implementing measures to meet the compliance EUTR, including the development of a due diligence system in accordance with the requirements of Regulation. Since 2005 Vicaima is certified FSC Chain of Custody and FSC Controlled Wood, and since then the volume of timber FSC and FSC-CW purchased has increased substantially.

Vicaima is committed to meet full European Timber Regulation and will not buy wood or wood products from illegal sources or controversial.

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