

Responsible Timber and Timber Products Sourcing Policy

DFS recognises that extracting timber can have significant negative impacts on society and the environment. We are committed to responsible sourcing, and our long-term aim is to ensure the timber and timber products in our furniture originate from well managed forests and recycled sources certified to credible certification standards, especially FSC® certification.

EU Timber Regulation (EUTR) compliance

We are committed to complying with European Timber Regulation No 995/2010, and whilst we are not an operator placing timber or timber products on the internal market for the first time, as a trader we require all our timber suppliers to certify that the timber used in our products or supplied to us, is compliant with the regulations. We keep records of all timber supplied to DFS and timber products from our suppliers for a minimum of five years.

What we will not accept in our furniture

1. Illegally harvested wood
2. Timber harvested in violation of traditional and human rights
3. Timber from forests in which high conservation values are threatened by management activities
4. Timber from forests being converted to plantations and non-forest use since 1994
5. Timber from forests in which genetically modified trees are planted
6. Unknown sources.

What we do want in our furniture

DFS is committed to increasing the percentage of timber and timber products from sustainable sources, used in our upholstery and our furniture.

DFS has introduced a rigorous timber measurement and validation programme with all upholstery suppliers. The programme is designed to measure the use of FSC certified and PEFC certified timber in all products supplied to DFS.

Currently, 29% (by volume) of all timber and wood products in our upholstery is FSC certified. In our own UK based DFS factories 52% of timber and timber products used are FSC certified. Across the whole of the supplier base, the percentage of FSC timber used in products varies by supplier.

We are actively seeking opportunities to work with every supplier to increase the proportion of FSC certified timber used in DFS upholstery.

DFS will commence a similar programme with its dining and bedding business, and intend to report on progress in July 2019.

This policy will be reviewed, and our progress reported upon at least annually.

