

Statement on the European Timber Regulation (EUTR 995/2010)

As of 3 March 2013, the European Timber Regulation (EUTR 995/2010) is in force. The EUTR prohibits the placing on the internal market of illegally harvested timber and timber products. According to the EUTR, there is no requirement for operators and/or traders to provide a declaration/certificate that the timber and/or timber products supplied are in conformity with the EUTR. However, the EUTR does impose obligations on 'operators' and 'traders':

- *Market operators are natural or legal persons who place timber or timber products on the internal market (EU) for the first time. Operators must apply a 'due diligence system' to minimise the risk of placing illegally harvested timber or timber products derived from illegally harvested timber on the internal market.*

Gras Wood Wide and Noord Europese Houtimport are therefore qualified operators and we have implemented a 'due diligence system' as required by the EUTR. This requires us to collect information/documentation on timber and/or timber products and to conduct a full risk assessment of our suppliers in order to minimise the risk of placing illegally harvested timber or timber products of illegal origin on the internal market.

- *Traders are natural or legal persons who, in the context of a commercial activity on the internal market, buy or sell timber and/or timber products that have already been placed (by an operator) on the internal market (EU). Traders must keep records of their suppliers and customers in order to be able to trace timber or timber products.*

Gras Wood Wide and Noord Europese Houtimport are therefore also qualified as traders and we keep records of our suppliers and customers so that we can trace timber or timber products.

We subscribe to the European Timber Regulation (EUTR 995/2010) and confirm on the basis of information/documentation obtained that the timber and/or timber products supplied are in compliance with the EUTR.

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