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Timber Sourcing Policy

Silva (Chirk) is part of the leading wood-panel manufacturing group in Europe and is proud of its commitment to reduce its impact on the environment.

The company is committed to controlling sources of timber to exclude timber harvested from the following activities:

- a) Illegal logging or the trade in illegal wood or forest products according to the EU Timber Regulations 995/2010;
- b) Violation of traditional and human rights in forestry operations;
- c) Destruction of high conservation values in forestry operations;
- d) Significant conversion of forests to plantations or non-forest use;
- e) Introduction of genetically modified organisms in forestry operations;
- f) Violation of any of the ILO Core Conventions, as defined in the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, 1998.

All wood sources are assessed to determine whether they have the potential to fall into the above categories. Any supply of timber that has the potential to fall into one of the above categories must be accompanied by independent certification, otherwise this source is excluded.

The company supports the aim of the Forestry Stewardship Council to eliminate uncontrolled sources of wood. Therefore the company will report the delivery of any uncontrolled wood to the Forestry Stewardship Council via the certification body.

The following tree species are purchased and sold:

Species	Common Name	Botanical Name
Cypress	Lawsons Cypress	<i>(Chamaecyparis lawsoniana)</i>
	Leyland Cypress	<i>(Cupressocyparis leylandii)</i>
	Western Red Cedar	<i>(Thuja plicata)</i>
Fir	Douglas Fir	<i>(Pseudotsuga menziesii)</i>
	Grand Fir	<i>(Abies grandis)</i>
	Noble Fir	<i>(Abies procera)</i>
	Western Hemlock	<i>Tsuga heterophylla</i>
	Other Firs	<i>(Abies spp.)</i>
Larch	European Larch	<i>(Larix decidua)</i>
	Hybrid Larch	<i>(Larix x eurolepis)</i>
	Japanese Larch	<i>(Larix kaempferi)</i>
	Other Larch	<i>(Larix spp.)</i>
Pine	Corsican Pine	<i>(Pinus nigra var maritima)</i>
	Lodgepole Pine	<i>(Pinus contorta)</i>
	Scots Pine	<i>(Pinus sylvestris)</i>

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	Other Pines	(<i>Pinus spp.</i>)
Spruce	Norway Spruce	(<i>Picea abies</i>)
	Sitka Spruce	(<i>Picea sitchensis</i>)
	Other Spruce	(<i>Picea spp.</i>)
Broadleaves	Hardwood	

As a fail-safe the company remains committed to purchasing all of it's' timber raw materials from the UK mainland. From March 2011 the UK has been categorised by FSC International's Policy and Standards Unit as low risk. Therefore Silva (Chirk) will only purchase and sell FSC 100%, Mix or Controlled timber.

The company is committed to applying the FSC® core labour requirements which includes the following commitments:

- a) The organisation will not use child labour; no one under the age of 18 is to be employed full time.
- b) The organisation will not use any forms of either forced or compulsory labour.
- c) The organisation ensures there is no discrimination in employment and occupation.
- d) The organisation respects the freedom of association and the effective right to collective bargaining.

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