

Balcas Procurement Policy

Balcas purchase timber, timber products, goods and services. We aim to purchase goods and services which minimise the social, environmental and ethical impacts of our supply chain and which meet our business requirements.

Balcas operate a due diligence process on third parties we engage with. This involves pre-screening and quarterly screening and agreement to Balcas' [Supplier Code of Conduct](#)

Balcas is committed to procuring timber and timber products from legal and sustainable sources. Balcas manufacture and distribute wood pellets which are certified in accordance to ENplus® A1 standards.

Balcas are manufacturers and suppliers of timber and timber products and therefore are classified as “operators” and “traders” respectively under the European Union Timber Regulation (EUTR) (995/2010).

Balcas adhere to the EUTR and The Timber and Timber Products Placing on the Market Regulations (UKTR).

It is common business practice for Balcas to keep records of all purchases and sales. Balcas implement a quality management system in accordance to [ISO 9001](#) requirements.

Balcas is committed to the FSC® values as defined in FSC-POL-01-004 expressed by signing a self-declaration that Balcas is not directly or indirectly involved in the following activities:

- a) illegal logging or the trade in illegal wood or forest products;
- 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 International Labour Organisation (ILO) Core Conventions, as defined in the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, 1998.

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Balcas holds Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) certification, which confirms that we help take care of forests for future generations. Numbers: NC-CoC-014380 and NC-CW-014380 (for controlled wood). [Balcas FSC Certificate](#).

Our company operates in compliance with all National and International Laws regarding trade and business.

If any parties are interested in our purchasing policy or have any evidence that any suppliers are providing us with illegal timber, please contact our FSC® manager:

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TIMBER SOURCES:

Species:	Sitka Spruce (<i>Picea sitchensis</i>); Norway Spruce (<i>Picea abies</i>); Douglas Fir (<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>); Scots Pine (<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>); Lodgepole Pine (<i>Pinus contorta</i>); Maritime Pine (<i>Pinus pinaster</i>), Stone Pine (<i>Pinus pinea</i>), Larch (<i>Larix</i>); Western Red Cedar (<i>Thuja plicata</i>); and Western Hemlock (<i>Thuja heterophylla</i>).
Source Country of Round Wood & Wood Residues	Northern Ireland, Scotland, and the Republic of Ireland
Source Country of Sawn Wood	(Certain Sawn Wood Products from Latvia and Sweden on request)
Source Countries of Wood Pellets	Scotland, Republic of Ireland and Portugal
Forest Management Unit Locations:	Fermanagh, Tyrone, Derry/Londonderry, Down, Antrim, Armagh, Inverness, Perth, Sutherland, Caithness, Argyllshire, Ross-shire, Nairnshire, Morayshire, Cavan, Sligo, Donegal, Leitrim, Roscommon, Longford, Monaghan, Galway, Mayo, Cork, Kerry, Clare, Limerick, Tipperary, Waterford, Kilkenny, Dublin, Wexford, Wicklow, Carlow, Meath, Westmeath, Louth, Laois, Offaly, Kildare and Northumberland
Company/Entity Responsible for Management of Forest:	DAERA Forestry and Land Scotland Coillte and Forest Service
Company/Entity from whom you purchase the timber if different to above:	Private Sales from Controlled Sources
Documentation which links our purchases with the source forest management unit:	Contracts, Conveyance Notes, Weight tickets, Bill of Lading, and Invoices
Legal documentation supplied to demonstrate compliance with applicable legislation:	Felling Licence
Management plan or equivalent documentation:	Maps and records show the area(s) in which harvesting has taken place and any harvesting restrictions that may apply