



Danish Timber Trade Federation - Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct sets out the principles by which members of Danish Timber Trade Federation agree to behave.

It is the aim of this code of conduct to provide a generic set of commitments to ensure that member companies are taking all possible steps to minimise their impact on the environment and source their timber and timber products responsibly.

The Code of Conduct is binding to all members of the Danish Timber Trade Federation.

Code of Conduct

1. Members of the Danish Timber Trade Federation shall comply with all relevant legislation at Danish, EU and International level.
2. Members of the Danish Timber Trade Federation shall at any time act honourable and show responsibility and care in the day-to-day running of the company.
3. Members of the Danish Timber Trade Federation may not distort or mislead costumers or suppliers with respect to any condition or claim regarding a product or service.
4. Members of Danish Timber Trade Federation do not accept illegal logging, manufacturing or sale of illegal wood. The members are committed to work with their suppliers and other stakeholders for an elimination of the problem.
5. Members of Danish Timber Trade Federation must be Chain of Custody certified or otherwise secure full traceability, must support the process of certification and contribute to grow the market for certified timber.

Members employ the internationally recognized certification systems FSC or PEFC to document the sustainability of timber.

Certain important countries of origin supply only very limited amounts of certified timber. Members of Danish Timber Trade Federation shall document sustainability with alternative documentation.

6. Members of the Danish Timber Trade Federation shall ensure that suppliers are complying with fundamental worker's rights as described in ILO's conventions.

In case of any discrepancy between the original Danish text and the English translation of this Code of Conduct, the Danish text shall prevail.



7. Members of Danish Timber Trade Federation will undertake the necessary measures to ensure that all relevant personnel employed by them will be conversant with and abide by the Code of Conduct.
8. Members of Danish Timber Trade Federation are committed to inform about the Code of Conduct and the complaints procedure on relevant information platforms.
9. The Code of Conduct is binding to all members of Danish Timber Trade Federation. If a member contravenes with any part of the Code of Conduct sanctions will be imposed, which may ultimately lead to exclusion in accordance with the federation's regulations.

Interpretation notes

1. The member must comply with all rules and be in good faith with respect to the producer's compliance of the rules that regard the wood. Such rules are e.g. relevant Danish, EU and international legislation, including EUTR and CITES.

Members of Danish Timber Trade Federation are obliged to comply with the Danish Competition Act, regulating e.g. the market information that can be shared among competing companies, as part of any activity of the Danish Timber Trade Federation.

2. The members must conduct their businesses fairly and responsibly.

3. Deals with attributes of a product or service including species, origin, production conditions, quality, dimension, humidity and any other attribute.

Simultaneously, at any time, the members strive for correct labelling of products in accordance with relevant standards i.e. CE-, ISO-, DS-standards or certification schemes like FSC and PEFC.

4. Deals specifically with illegal timber. We will continuously clarify how we define illegal timber, by including the guidelines and tools developed through experience sharing and dialogue with competent EUTR authorities, other timber trade federations as well as other stakeholders.

5. Members of the Danish Timber Trade Federation support the common certification target set for the federation and work to promote sustainable forest management through documented sustainable timber trade.

Independent certification of forest management and chain of custody is the most robust tool to document the sustainability of timber products.

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Members are committed to be chain of custody certified or otherwise secure an unbroken chain of custody by the 2022 general assembly of the federation.

Members employ the internationally recognized certification schemes of FSC and PEFC to document the sustainability of their products.

Members of the Danish Timber Trade Federation recognize that some important countries of origin supply only very limited amounts of certified timber. As a consequence there will still be a need to document sustainability with alternative documentation.

6. Such ILO (International Labour Organisation) conventions are for instance on child labour, minimum wages, dangerous working conditions and working hours – more info at: <https://www.ilo.org/global/standards/introduction-to-international-labourstandards/conventions-and-recommendations/lang--en/index.htm>

7. Deals with internal communication. The members are especially committed to inform the employees about the contents and the principles behind Danish Timber Trade Federation's Code of Conduct in order to make sure, that they are working in accordance with it.

8. Deals with external communication. Towards costumers, suppliers and other stakeholders. In practice it can be established by supplying information on the members own homepage or by referring to the Danish Timber Trade Federation.

9. The Code of Conduct is binding for all members of the Danish Timber Trade Federation. Violation of the rules can result in sanctions and can in extreme cases result in exclusion from the Danish Timber Trade Federation.