

Policy Summary

Timber is a key raw material used in many products, across many categories, by the John Lewis Partnership (JLP). It is a valuable natural resource, which is hugely commercially important to the business, but also comes with significant global concerns about levels of deforestation which have far-reaching negative impacts on forests, the communities that depend on them, and our climate. In addition to any legal obligations to provide supply chain traceability and demonstrate legality under the [Timber and Timber Products Placing on the Market Regulations \(UKTR\)](#) and [UK FLEGT Regulations](#), JLP expects its suppliers to actively work towards more responsible and sustainable sourcing choices through procuring recycled or independently certified timber and providing on-product labelling of this to support our customers in identifying and making responsible purchasing decisions. The requirements of the policy will enable JLP to progress towards its timber & paper sourcing commitment of 'all timber to be deforestation and conversion free'.

The following materials are in scope of JLP Policy on Responsible Sourcing of Timber & Paper:

John Lewis and Waitrose own brand and branded collaborations & licensed products where JLP is the manufacturer (Policy 70008) made completely, or containing components or parts that collectively make up >5% of the finished product weight, of:

- Solid timber
- Solid bamboo
- Timber veneers
- Timber composites such as MDF, particleboard & plywood
- Paper (including kitchen roll, tissues, toilet roll, wipes, gift wrap, cards, stationery)
- Any other timber or paper containing products which fall in scope of the UK Timber Regulations and for which JLP is first to place on the GB Market (the 'Operator') e.g. branded products, goods not for resale, store fixtures.

Suppliers are required to make due diligence submissions for all timber/paper-containing materials prior to product supply, and to renew this on an annual basis. These are independently risk assessed by a third party.

JLP prohibits any sourcing of timber/paper based materials from Myanmar, Central African Republic, Belarus, Russia and Ukraine, and also prohibits sourcing from Chinese Oak (*Quercus mongolica*) and Chinese Ash (*Fraxinus mandshurica*) species.

All products in scope of the policy must be sourced so that all timber/paper materials in the product are deforestation and conversion free (DCF). They must also meet the following

criteria:

- End-products are FSC (100%, Mix, Recycled) or PEFC (Certified, Recycled) certified, with full chain-of-custody in place to the end product, OR
- Where a full chain of custody certification on end product isn't achievable, all timber or paper-based materials that go into a product are sourced from:
 - Recycled sources (certified or verified uncertified) including pre- or post-consumer
 - FSC or PEFC certified forests or Controlled Wood/Sources
 - Non-controversial countries of origin
- In addition to the above, any tropical timber or timber from a natural forest (except non-controversial countries of origin) must be sourced as FSC or PEFC 100% with an intact chain of custody for this claim up to and including the supply to the final product manufacturer.

In support of our DCF target, from 1 Feb 2026 there will be an optional collection of geolocation details for the forest/area of harvest, with the aim of building this into the risk assessment process in future.