

Public statement on the role of forest certification in our industry

The HS Timber Group is convinced that forest certification plays a crucial role in achieving and maintaining a sustainable resource base for our industry and climate friendly products: sustainably managed forests.

HS Timber Group seeks to work with all relevant certification systems available to accomplish the target of purchasing 100% wood only from certified forests by 2025. HS Timber Group is therefore determined to continue the certification with PEFC™ and SFI® but is also committed to continuously implement the requirements set by FSC® in order to be eligible to potentially regain FSC certification in the future.

The “FSC Conditions Framework for the Schweighofer Group” has been developed by FSC in consultation and engagement with stakeholders with the objective of stipulating the requirements, measures and actions to be implemented by the HS Timber Group, as to drive improvements in the social and environmental aspects of its operations, thereby achieving positive impacts benefiting the forests and forests sector and the people that depend on them. The actions and requirements of the Conditions Framework have been integrated into our Action Plan for a Sustainable Supply Chain. HS Timber Group is committed to continuously implementing these measures and thus laying the foundation for a long-term partnership with the FSC.

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