



Model Timber Specification / Policy Wording

Many organisations want to show support for responsible timber sourcing, so Grown in Britain have developed the following inclusive specification / policy wording:

“All timber and wood based products for either temporary or permanent inclusion in the works must be from legal and sustainable sources, as defined by the UK Government Central Point of Expertise on Timber (CPET)¹, and delivered to site with full chain of custody.

Chain of custody schemes recognised as meeting the above include:

- Grown in Britain (GiB);
- Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC); and
- Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).

Wherever possible we prefer timber from home-grown sources with full Grown in Britain chain of custody to promote social values and ensure local provenance.”

In addition we encourage organisations to promote a **Grown in Britain First** policy to show support for the social value and sustainability benefits of homegrown timber:

“We support the principles of Grown in Britain and their assurance of the home grown supply chain and therefore we have a **Grown in Britain First** policy.

Grown in Britain First means that unless there are significant financial, performance or availability barriers, we expect the timber and forest products that we use, either directly or in projects we are delivering and throughout our business activities, to be certified through the Grown in Britain assurance scheme.”

Grown in Britain certificated timber and forest products come with three key assured features:

- **Legal** - The trees were felled legally according to UK law²
- **Sustainable** - Grown in accordance with the UK Government’s Forestry Standard³
- **Homegrown** - The source trees were felled in either England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland

For more information on the Grown in Britain standard visit www.GrownInBritain.org

¹ CPET Guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/cpet-resources-for-government-procurers-suppliers-and-businesses>

² Legal Guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tree-felling-licence-when-you-need-to-apply>

³ UK Forestry Standard: <https://www.forestry.gov.uk/ukfs>