

TIMBEREXPO UPDATE

**TIMBER
EXPO**

There are now less than 160 days to go before Timber Expo opens its doors to visitors for the first time. This groundbreaking event in the exhibition calendar is designed to bring the timber industry together for the first time under one roof. It will be held at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry on the 27 & 28 September 2011 and will be the UK's only dedicated event for the timber industry.

Timber Expo is a must attend event for specifiers looking for the latest timber solutions. The show will reveal the widest display of new and innovative applications for timber within the built environment to spark the imagination of all construction professionals.

The show is designed to be a transactional event and aims to attract over 5000 visitors from the following categories:

- Architects, designers, specifiers, engineers
- Projects managers, quantity surveyors & planning professionals
- Sustainability consultants
- Contractors, procurement managers, buyers
- Housebuilders, developers, RSLs, Local Government
- Traders, importers, exporters, distributors, forestry professionals
- Joinery businesses, carpenters, system suppliers
- Research & academic institutions
- Trade associations & professional bodies

If you are
planning to visit
the show, we look
forward to welcoming
you on the PEFC Stand
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ECOBUILD 2011

In March PEFC exhibited at Ecobuild for the fourth consecutive year. The show, which this year moved from Earls Court to the ExCeL Exhibition Centre in London Docklands, was bigger and better than ever.

Despite a challenging economic climate, this year's event exceeded all expectations, delivering standing-room-only audiences at conference and seminar sessions, and provided exhibitors with a wide cross-section of visitors from around the world. Over 1300 companies exhibited and more than 50,000 people visited over the course of the 3-day show.

We consider that Ecobuild provides PEFC with an excellent forum to engage with a broad spectrum of stakeholders from across the timber and construction industry and have therefore already booked for next year's show which will take place at ExCeL from 20-22 March 2012.

For further details visit www.ecobuild.co.uk.



NOTICE OF AGM:

The PEFC UK Annual General Meeting will be held at the offices of the Country Land and Business Association, 16 Belgrave Square, London SW1 on 5 July 2011. Invitations will be sent to members with a copy of the 2011 Annual Report next month.



FLEGT UPDATE

EU action to tackle the trade in illegal timber is supported by the Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) Regulation, which establishes a licensing system between the EU and certain timber producing and processing countries. Agreements have already been signed with Ghana, the Republic of Congo and Cameroon, and negotiations are well underway with other countries, including Indonesia and Malaysia.

FLEGT-licensed timber is expected to become available by the end of 2011 and will automatically comply with both the EU Timber Regulation and the UK Government Timber Procurement Policy – CPET (Central Point of Expertise on Timber).

For more information visit:
www.cpet.org.uk/files/flegt_report_12_web.pdf

BEER OF THE YEAR IS PEFC CERTIFIED

The Italian micro-brewery “Foglie d’Erba” received the first prize in the category “Anglo-American origin hoppy beers” for their PEFC-certified beer at the recent Sapore Beer Festival held in Rimini, Italy in February.

“Certification is often only associated with wood-based products, but in the Southern Mediterranean region, we are seeing rapid growth in non-wood forest products such as tree oils and mushrooms to meat from animals bred and fed exclusively in PEFC-certified forests,” explained Antonio Brunori, National Secretary of PEFC Italy. “A natural extension of this is, as in all great civilizations, the brewing of beer!”

386 beers from 82 Italian breweries

competed in the Sapore Beer Festival, which was organised by the Italian Union of Beer Producers, Unionbirrai. “Sapore is Italian for ‘taste’ and we are delighted that our PEFC-certified beer is recognised by true connoisseurs,” commented the beer’s creator, Gino Perissutti.



This is the first – and so far only – beer in the world to achieve PEFC certification, as it is flavoured with pine needles, pine cones, and resin, which are all collected from PEFC-certified forests. In announcing their decision, the judges commended the brewery’s strong commitment to the environment and ties to local ecology – the fact that the beer is PEFC-certified was also a plus,” concluded Dr. Brunori.

EU TIMBER REGULATION UPDATE

The EU government will introduce major new legislation to tackle the global trade in illegal timber. The EU Timber Regulation and the FLEGT Regulation underline the UK government’s continued commitment to tackle illegal logging and support responsible timber procurement.

The Regulation, which will apply from March 2013, will make it an offence to first placing of illegally harvested timber or timber products, including many pulp and paper products, onto the EU market. Furthermore, operators who place timber or timber products on the market for the first time must put in place a due diligence system to mitigate the risk that this timber is illegal. This due diligence system must include:

- information about the supply of timber products; for example, species, quantity, country of harvest

- risk assessment to determine the risk of illegality
 - a procedure to mitigate the risk of illegality if necessary
- Operators can either set up their own due diligence system or use one provided by a monitoring organisation, a body which helps operators to comply with the Regulation by providing an established due diligence system which operators can pay to use. Certification schemes such as PEFC will be a key tool to help operators evaluate the risk of illegality and criteria against which certification schemes can be assessed will be established in due course.



Defra is leading the UK’s implementation of the EU Timber Regulation and will be working with other EU Member States and the European Commission to develop additional legislation to clarify details of the Regulation, for example the criteria against which certification schemes can be assessed. Defra is keen to work with as many stakeholders as possible when implementing the Regulation and will shortly conduct a public consultation.

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TRINITY MIRROR ATTAINS PEFC CERTIFICATION



In March, Trinity Mirror (Scotland), which produces *The Daily Record* newspaper, achieved PEFC Chain of Custody certification, becoming only the second British daily newspaper publisher to do so, after *The Guardian*.

Peter Hutchison, Trinity Mirror's Health, Safety, Environment and Security Manager, said that achieving PEFC certification, further developed their environmental management system, and enabled the company to provide readers with assurances of responsible paper sourcing. As a Group, Trinity Mirror currently sources 75% of its

newsprint from either recycled materials or virgin fibre from well-managed forests.

The Daily Record was recognised as Scotland's newspaper of the year in both 2007 and 2008 and is the best-read daily newspaper and the biggest individual daily media hit in Scotland. It reaches over one million adults every day from Monday to Saturday.

Although PEFC is now a global organisation with representation in 30 countries; it began life in Edinburgh a little over ten years ago. We are therefore delighted to see Scotland's most popular newspaper joining the thousands of companies around the world that have invested in PEFC chain of custody, assuring their customers about the sustainability of raw materials.

PEFC NORTHPRINT DEBUT

PEFC will exhibit at Northprint 2011 for the first time. Northprint is the only national print show for the UK and is held in the Harrogate International Centre, on 10-12 May.

The show will bring together the UK print community with print suppliers. If you are planning to visit the show, you can find us in the IPIA Print Lounge.

PEFC will be promoting the benefits of PEFC chain of custody certification to printers – almost 500 UK print companies are now PEFC-certified - and to highlight the importance of the PEFC logo as an assurance of responsible

sourcing to corporate print buyers. PEFC recognition is growing amongst the print buying community; a recent *PrintWeek* Environment Report showed that 41% of print buyers considered PEFC an important environmental accreditation when selecting a printers. This led *PrintWeek* to conclude that "In terms of environmental accreditations, the big winner over the past 12 months was PEFC, the importance of which in the eyes of buyers grew by a healthy 10%". To make it easier for print buyers to find PEFC certified papers, a new database of certified paper merchants and manufacturers was added to the UK website in February.

Take a look at www.pefc.co.uk/news-page/find-certified/paper-merchants

CHAIN OF CUSTODY WORKSHOPS

PEFC UK will be running free interactive workshops designed to help increase the understanding of the PEFC programme and the importance of Chain of Custody certification for those manufacturing, trading and procuring timber products.

The workshops will highlight the factors driving demand for certified products in the UK market place, explain the recently revised PEFC international Chain of Custody standard and its requirements, and what a chain of custody certification assessment involves.

The first workshop on Tuesday 7 June is aimed at those companies in the **timber engineering sector** who have not yet gained chain of custody while the second on 8 June will focus on the **joinery and fit out sectors**.

Further information about both workshops is available on the website – www.pefc.co.uk or by emailing hilary.khawam@pefc.co.uk

Early registration is recommended.

MEET PEFC

Northprint 2011

10-12 May 2011

Harrogate International Centre, Harrogate; PEFC stand in IPIA Lounge. For further details visit www.northprintexpo.com

PEFC Stakeholder Dialogue

(topic/date to be announced)

May 2011, Geneva, Switzerland

For further details email info@pefc.org

Chain of Custody Workshops

(topic/date to be announced)

7-8 June 2011

Country Landowners Association, London SW1. For further details visit www.pefc.co.uk

PEFC UK Annual General Meeting

5 July 2011, Country Landowners

Association, London SW1

Details sent to members in May

Timber Expo

27-28 September 2011

Ricoh Arena, Coventry

For further details visit www.timber-expo.co.uk

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