

## EU Timber Regulation Statement

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### **REGULATION (EU) No 995/2010 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 20 October 2010, laying down the obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the market**

This document defines the method by which George Barnsdale & Sons Ltd will comply with the above Regulation, otherwise known as the EU Timber Regulation, which comes into force with effect from 3rd March 2013.

**Article 1 of the Regulation** lays down the obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the internal market for the first time, as well as the obligations of traders.

**Page 2 paragraph 15 of the Regulation states: -**

*“Many timber products undergo numerous processes before and after they are placed on the internal market for the first time. In order to avoid imposing any unnecessary administrative burden, only operators that place timber and timber products on the internal market for the first time should be subject to the due diligence system, while a trader in the supply chain should be required to provide basic information on its supplier and its buyer to enable the traceability of timber and timber products.”*

The Regulation defines ‘Trader’ as “any natural or legal person who, in the course of a commercial activity, sells or buys on the internal market timber or timber products already placed on the internal market.”

With regard to the above regulation, George Barnsdale & Sons Ltd is defined as a ‘Trader’, and we will comply with the requirements of the Regulation as it applies to ‘Traders.’

**Article 5 of the Regulation** covers ‘Obligation of traceability’ and requires that Traders shall, throughout the supply chain, be able to identify: -

- (a)** The operators or the traders who have supplied the timber and timber products; and
- (b)** Where applicable, the traders to whom they have supplied timber and timber products.

It also states that Traders shall keep the information referred to in **(a)** for at least five years and shall provide that information to competent authorities if they so request.

In order to comply with the above, George Barnsdale & Sons Ltd will retain all delivery documents from our Timber Suppliers, and copies of delivery documents to our Customers, for a period of not less than 5 years.

Any request for information in excess of that required by the EU Timber Regulation, must be submitted in writing, and will be provided at the discretion of the Managing Director, George Barnsdale & Sons Ltd

Signed: -  4<sup>th</sup> March 2013  
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