

GFTN-UK Forest Product Reporting Summary for 2017

Williams Lea Tag has been a participant in WWF's Global Forest & Trade Network (GFTN) in the UK since 2006.

All GFTN participants commit to progressively sourcing forest products from well-managed sources. Williams Lea undertakes due diligence to assess and mitigate any risk of illegal and unwanted forest products entering into the UK market from our supply chain. We collect as much information on supply chain sources as possible, and systematically work to eliminate poor sources which may not positively benefit forests as a future resource for people and nature.

To highlight our progress towards meeting our commitments to source well-managed and recycled materials, we're publishing the status of our current supply chain for various categories of forest goods, as defined by the GFTN.

We hope the transparency of the UK GFTN members about their performance on forest sourcing will prompt others in the sector to follow suit. We also encourage all forest certification systems to continuously improve their performance in delivering responsible forest management.

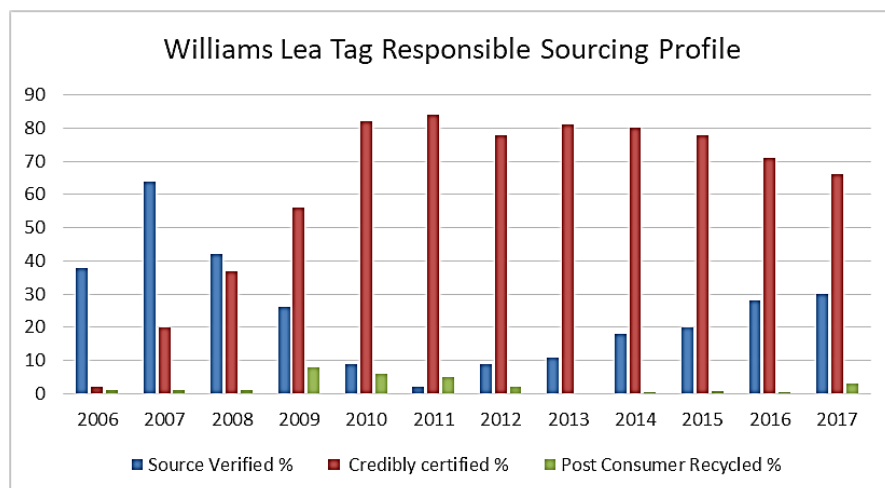
At present, WWF and GFTN participants believe FSC represents the gold standard and a credible benchmark for other forest certification schemes to match. Our preference is to source increasingly from credibly-certified forests or verified recycled sources.

The European Timber Regulation aims to limit the trade in illegal timber. It provides a baseline of legality as a minimum for forest goods entering the European market and reaching consumers. GFTN participants want to make sure they're playing their part in reducing the UK footprint on global forest resources, by sourcing sustainably—going beyond a compliance-only approach.

Our forest products reported for the 2017 calendar year are as follows:

28.37%	Source Verified (including e.g. PEFC purchased with Chain of Custody)
65.68%	Credibly Certified (e.g. FSC purchased with Chain of Custody)
3.28%	Post Consumer Recycled

In the past 10 years, our procurement of forest products is shown in the chart below.



Scope of reporting

- All paper material purchased on our clients behalf used within Williams Lea’s own production centres and external print vendor partners

Challenges

- Aligning environmentally focused products to our clients
- Managing our sustainable principles within the supply chain as part of our client’s processes
- Managing a volatile market whilst still maintaining our sustainable principles within the supply chain (including cost)
- Reducing the carbon footprint of our supply chain networks
- Maintaining Best Practice in performance compliance and the environment

Priorities

- Continued provision of environmentally focused and sustainable products as part of our services to our clients
- Driving the adoption of sustainable principles within our supply chain networks via our audit process and adoption of best practice and sustainable procurement processes
- Continue working with our long term partners within our supply chain to maintain sustainable and constant supplies of environmentally focused products
- Consider and investigate alternative sources of paper materials whilst ensuring any new material meets environmental standards
- Work with our suppliers to manage and reduce carbon, water and energy consumption
- Continued responsible sourcing of paper and paper related products

Our Policy

<https://www.wlt.com/news/2018/07/31/williams-lea-tag-publishes-2017-gftn-uk-forest-product-report>