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**UPM and EU Timber Regulation Statement** 

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## UPM MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE EU TIMBER REGULATION

UPM have the necessary tools in place to fulfil the requirements of the EU Timber Regulation (EU No 995/2010) and its implementing regulation (EU No 607/2012) which aim to prevent the sale of illegal wood, or products made with such wood, on the EU market. It is UPM's policy, in accordance with its Code of Conduct, for all of its operations to comply with applicable laws and regulations wherever it conducts its business.

UPM has taken extensive steps to ensure that the raw wood material and pulp used in its products is obtained from legal and sustainable sources. The EU Timber Regulation lays out the obligations on operators who place timber and timber products on the EU market for the first time, as well as the obligations for traders, which are companies, who buy or sell timber or timber products already placed on the EU market.

The Regulation covers products including round wood, fuel wood, timber products and pulp and paper products originating both inside and outside of the EU. Printed books and papers, packaging in use as well as recycled materials are excluded from the requirements of the Regulation. The legislation enforced in the country where timber is harvested is the basis for the determination of what is deemed legal, and covers the rights to harvest timber, payments for harvest rights, environmental and forest legislation related to harvesting, third parties legal use and tenure rights and trade and customs rights in so far the forest sector is concerned.

UPM is both an 'operator' and a 'trader' under the definitions of the EU Timber Regulation, depending on the product and origin of raw material used, and has taken all appropriate actions to comply with the requirements of both of these as detailed below;

- An 'operator' is the party who first places the timber and related products on the market. Operators must implement a due diligence system. A due diligence system includes three elements; access to relevant information, risk assessment and mitigation of the risks identified.
- A 'trader' in the supply chain buys or sells timber or timber products already placed on the EU market, and must keep records of its suppliers' details and the details of other traders to whom it has supplied timber of timber products for a minimum of 5 years.

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UPM has developed procedures to ensure we fulfil the requirements set out in the EU Timber Regulation and its implementing regulation, including managing information on tree species and the country /region of origin.

Mill specific information for UPM's pulp and paper mills which includes product specific information on product composition, tree species, origin of wood, and the Due Diligence Systems in place, can be downloaded through the UPM Certificate Finder at www.upm.com.

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