



# Grown in Britain

## Timber Supply Chain Information Sheet



### ***Biomass Suppliers List***

The BSL is a list of Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) eligible woodfuels and biomass suppliers may register their woodfuels on the BSL.

RHI participants using biomass fuel need to ensure that their fuel meets the RHI sustainability criteria and demonstrate this to Ofgem in order to claim RHI payments. Fuel must meet a lifecycle greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions criteria of 60 per cent GHG savings against the EU fossil fuel average, and the land criteria – which for woodfuel are set out in the UK Timber Standard for Heat and Electricity.

Local suppliers with BSL authorised fuels can be searched by postcode through the Find a Fuel site. On this site, those producing and trading woody biomass, as well as Self-Suppliers, can apply to register their fuels as meeting those requirements. Traders can also request that we list their fuels on our public-facing Find a Fuel site.

Please note that the BSL does not cover RHI payments - refer to Ofgem for any queries on domestic and non-domestic RHI payments and eligibility.

The BSL is a fuel sustainability scheme but encourages the use of high quality fuel. The BSL supports the use of fuel with quality assurance certification through Woodsure and ENplus.

Website: <http://biomass-suppliers-list.service.gov.uk/>

### ***Renewable Heat Incentive***

The Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) is a UK Government scheme set up to encourage uptake of renewable heat technologies amongst householders, communities and businesses through financial incentives. Biomass/woodfuel is one of the technologies eligible.

Website: Domestic scheme <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-programmes/domestic-renewable-heat-incentive>

Non-domestic scheme <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/environmental-programmes/non-domestic-renewable-heat-incentive-rhi>

### ***Grown in Britain licensing***

The Grown in Britain licensing scheme covers the entire timber supply chain – from seed to store. Joining the licensing scheme means that you will be playing an essential role in promoting the brand and getting Grown in Britain wood products into the market place.

Every stage of production is independently assessed against our standard and covers the licensing of woodlands, timber and wood products that are grown in the UK. Once you become a member of our growing list of licence holders, you can promote your supply chain integrity and your products origin, by simply using GiB logo.

Website: [www.growninbritain.org](http://www.growninbritain.org)

### ***UK Timber Procurement Policy***

The UK government has recognised the pressures placed on our forest resources and has had a timber procurement policy since 2000. This policy requires that all timber and wood derived products procured originate from:

- Legal and sustainable sources or



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- FLEGT licensed or equivalent sources

Recycled products are equally accepted.

The policy is mandatory for all central government departments, executive agencies and non departmental bodies. Universities, colleges and other publicly funded autonomous organisations are encouraged to adopt sustainable timber procurement policies.

Website: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/timber-procurement-policy-tpp-prove-legality-and-sustainability>

### ***UK Timber Standard for Heat and Electricity***

This sets out how the land criteria will apply to those generating heat and electricity from woody biomass under the Renewable Heat Incentive, Renewables Obligation and Contracts for Difference.

Website <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/timber-standard-for-heat-electricity>

### ***Certification***

Forest certification is a mechanism for forest monitoring, tracing and labelling timber, wood and pulp products and non-timber forest products, where the quality of forest management is judged against a series of agreed standards.

For more information on FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) <https://ic.fsc.org/en>

For more information on PEFC (Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification) <http://www.pefc.co.uk/>

### ***Woodsure***

The Woodsure Certification scheme comprehensively checks woodfuel producers to ensure that they produce and supply woodfuel to the correct standard.

In order to avoid sub-standard fuel and the problems it causes, Woodsure Certification tests the products to EN and Önorm standards for woodfuel quality, which are the requirements that boiler manufacturers and installers specify their customers to use.

Customers purchasing from a Woodsure certified producer can be assured that the producer has been checked and tested, and have demonstrated they are able to produce and supply a quality product. The Woodsure logo enables consumers to easily identify whether fuel is of an appropriate standard for their boiler systems.

Website: [www.woodsurre.co.uk](http://www.woodsurre.co.uk)

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