THE TRUTH ABOUT BUYING 'FSC' TIMBER PRODUCTS

FSC® stands for **The Forestry Stewardship Council®**, and in their own words is a global, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the promotion of responsible forest management worldwide'.

Many products you buy today have the FSC symbol on to show they have been sourced considerately and can be tracked from forest to store. Hence the 'Chain of Custody' is so important. We'll explain a little more on that shortly.

FSC certification is recognised as the most credible certification system by WWF, and is recommended or insisted on by many other organisations.

Obtaining FSC certification involves an accreditation process for traceability, and annual audits to ensure the processes are kept up to date.

The key point of all this is:

- Products can only be supplied as FSC provided that every owner of the timber from forest to store is FSC certified, which means that…
- If at any point in the journey, the timber is owned by a non-FSC organisation, the finished product cannot be FSC certified.

For example: Timber is sold by an FSC grower to an FSC sawmill, who sell it to a non-FSC stockist, who sells it to an FSC manufacturer. As the stock was not FSC registered the Chain of Custody was broken and the products cannot be FSC certificated.

Landmark currently hold FSC certification FSC-C117261 which can be viewed a https://marketplace.fsc.org/details/57642.

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