



BOOTS UK FOREST PRODUCT REPORTING SUMMARY FOR 2018

Boots UK commits to progressively sourcing forest products from well-managed sources.

We have a long-term objective to ensure all key forest risk commodities (wood/paper/pulp, palm oil, soya, cattle products) and shea are sourced for own brand products come from more sustainable sources by 30 August 2025

Boots UK 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 wood pulp and paper usage in products and goods not for resale (excluding packaging)

At present, we 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. We want to make sure we are playing our part in reducing the UK footprint on global forest resources, by sourcing sustainably – going beyond a compliance-only approach.

Boots UK forest products reported for the 2018 calendar year are as follows:

- 0.2 %** Source Confirmed, fully traceable but uncertified
- 4.97 %** Source Verified (Certified, including PEFC purchased with Chain of Custody)
- 94.83%** Credibly Certified (FSC purchased with Chain of Custody)
- 0.0%** Pre-consumer Recycled
- 0.0 %** Post-consumer Recycled

Our responsible forest product procurement policy can be found here (see Policies section):

http://www.boots-uk.com/corporate_social_responsibility/marketplace/sustainable-supply-chains.aspx

Our Priorities for the year 2019 /2020 are:

- To achieve near real-time reporting of wood, paper and pulp usage in Boots owned brand products to ensure at least 95% (by volume) comes from FSC or PEFC certified or recycled sources
- To determine the baseline credentials of paper and pulp used in Boots owned brand packaging and set appropriate targets to ensure all comes from FSC or PEFC certified or recycled sources.