

Due diligence system AB Gustaf Kähr

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General description

The organization is a sawmill producing hardwood lumber for own use in a factory producing Engineered floor. The suppliers included in this DDS are Swedish forest owners/organizations who supply the organization with mostly Oak but also other hardwood species such as Beech, Ash and Red Oak.

In order to keep track of the procurement of logs, a system called VIOL from Biometria (Nonprofit organization in Sweden acting as an information hub in the chain between the forest and the industry and former called SDC) is used.

Given the setup used for sourcing including transportation, there is no risk identified in the supply chain.

Risk assessment for Controlled wood

Name and address of the certificate holder:

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Name and address of the approving FSC® accredited certification body:

FSC Controlled Wood code: PBN-CW-074725

Date of the risk assessment: 2025-05-31

Date of approval of the risk assessment by the FSC® accredited certification body:

Results, see table below.

List of country and supply areas of timber supplied within the company's FSC Controlled Wood Program

Brief justification for each of the controlled wood categories considered negligible risk in a given supply area and listing of sources of information used to assess the requirements.

**Area for sourcing which risk assessment involves:
South part of Sweden, e.g. south of latitude 60.6746**

	Controlled wood category	Source(s) of information	Finding & Evidence	Result	Recommended mitigation measures
1	Illegal logging.	FSC-CNRA-SWE V1-0	Reference: FSC-CNRA-SWE V1-0	Negligible N/A	N/A
2	Wood harvested in violation of traditional and human Rights	FSC-CNRA-SWE V1-0	Reference: FSC-CNRA-SWE V1-0	Negligible or non-negligible (3.1-3.3 and 3.5)	N/A
3	Wood from forests where high conservation values are threatened by management activities	FSC-CNRA-SWE V1-0	Reference: FSC-CNRA-SWE V1-0	Negligible	3.1 and 3.3 see routine 3A below. 3.2 and 3.5 see routine 3B below
4	Wood from forests being converted to plantations or nonforest use	FSC-CNRA-SWE V1-0	Reference: FSC-CNRA-SWE V1-0	Negligible	N/A
5	Wood from forests in which genetically modified trees are Planted	FSC-CNRA-SWE V1-0	Reference: FSC-CNRA-SWE V1-0	Negligible	N/A

Actions taken to mitigate risks found in category 3, Wood from forests where high conservation values are threatened by management activities.

3A Kährs do not buy timber from registered or non-registered conservation areas or other formally protected areas, unless the timber is harvested, in order to support the conservation values and appropriate authorities, Skogsstyrelsen or Länsstyrelsen, has been consulted.

Kährs do not buy timber from registered or non-registered woodland key habitats or other registered or non-registered stands with high conservation value, unless the timber is harvested, in order to support the conservation values and appropriate authorities, Skogsstyrelsen or Länsstyrelsen, has been consulted.

Kährs buy timber from a lot of forest owners/ timber selling companies every season. In order to mitigate the risk of buying HCV timber, we ask the seller to verify if the timber is certified (FSC® and/or PEFC) and that there is an updated forest management plan.

If no forest management plan is available and the forest is not certified, the square root of the number of those stands should be on-site audited every year.

Example: 63 not certified and non-forest management plan => 8 (7,94) on-site audits to be performed.

Routine(s):

Routine for risk assessment of high conservation values when purchasing logs in Sweden, from uncertified forest properties:

1. When a purchase is made, the name and number of the forest property is noted.
2. If the property is situated outside Skåne, Blekinge or Jönköping County, a check is made against the governmental database for woodland key habitats and high conservation areas.

If any WKH or HCV areas linked to selected valuable broadleaved species are nearby, this is noted in the purchase declaration. This declaration is then viable for random field control, unless field control could be made earlier. If no forest management plan is available and the forest is not certified, the square root of the number of those stands should be on-site audited every year.

Example: 63 not certified and non-forest management plan => 8 (7,94) on-site audits to be performed.

3. During the audit period March 2025 to April 2026, 14 field audits were conducted without any findings. According to the square root method, 6 should be required to be conducted.

Routine for field control of WKH and HCV areas when purchasing logs in Sweden, from uncertified forest properties:

1. Ocular inspection of the log pile(s). Looking for big logs (1m+ diameter), hollow logs, etc.
2. If any of this log type is present, an assessment of the logged area is made. Looking for WKH and HCV areas.
3. If any WKH or HCV areas are found, a purchase contract is not established. If a contract already has been established, this is cancelled.
4. All field control findings, even if there are none, are saved in the purchase declaration.

3B The areas in Sweden, south of latitude 60.6746, used for timber supply are not affected by these restrictions and therefore no timber is sourced from these areas.

Source types:

The organization sources logs of Oak (*Quercus Robur* / *Petraea*), Beech (*Fagus Silvatica*), Ash (*Fraxinus Excelsior*) and Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*). That could be used together with FSC Controlled wood (FSC CW) or FSC 100% in the organization's 2 sawmills.

Comments or complaints

Stakeholders who have suggestions for improvements, comments or complaints related the organizations due diligence system are encouraged to contact:

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Complaint procedure to be followed:

1. Acknowledgment of complaints and preliminary assessment of the evidence provided in the complaint to the complainant; the responsible certification body and the relevant FSC National Office should be made within two (2) weeks of receipt of the complaint.
2. Verification process (e.g. field verification, desk verification) for cases in which evidence is considered substantial by the Organization should be finalized within two (2) months after its receipt.
3. A precautionary approach towards continued sourcing of the relevant material under control while a complaint is active should be employed.
4. Supply and supplier should be excluded if a complaint is considered substantial.
5. Procedures to ensure that relevant material is under control (as per 2. above) will only be accepted as Controlled Wood once it can be demonstrated as being in conformance with FSC Controlled Wood requirements.
6. All complaints received, and actions taken should be recorded and filed.
7. The complainant, the responsible certification body, and the relevant FSC National Office should be informed of the results of the complaint and any actions taken towards its resolution.
8. If the evaluation of a complaint does not support a negligible risk determination, the Management Units (MUs) in question shall be re-assessed, or the MUs shall be excluded from controlled supplies.

Stakeholder Consultation Processes/Summary

Due to negligible risk and/or mitigation activities for all CW categories, stakeholder consultation has not been done.

Technical Experts Used for Development of Control Measures

Due to negligible risk and/or mitigation activities for all CW categories, no Control Measures was developed.

Risk, control measures and verification

Due to the fact that all logs purchased elsewhere (outside Sweden) are at least FSC CW potential mixing risk is not an issue.

General summary of verification program

3.2 and 3.5: Although no Oak is growing near the HCVF part of Sweden following has been done:

In the general purchase specification and price list, it is from 30/9-2017 clearly said that no logs harvested north of Gävle (latitude 60.6746) will be accepted.

3.1 and 3.3: Actions taken to mitigate risk are described in routines earlier in this DDS.