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To Whom It May Concern

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#### *Statement on*

#### **SAPPI EUROPE AND EU TIMBER REGULATION**

The EU Timber Regulation (EUTR – Regulation (EU) No 995/2010<sup>1</sup>) lays down the obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the EU market for the first time, as well as the obligations of traders, which are companies, who buy or sell timber or timber products already placed on the EU market.

The purpose of the Regulation is to counter the trade in illegally harvested timber and timber products. It covers a broad range of timber products including solid wood products, pulp and paper, and it applies to both imported and domestically produced timber and timber products.

The operators shall exercise due diligence when placing timber products on the market by implementing procedures so as to minimize the risk of illegal timber in their supply chain. The key elements of the due diligence system are access to relevant information, risk assessment, and mitigation of identified risk. A trader has an obligation to keep records of their suppliers and customers.

Sappi Europe is both an operator and a trader under the definitions of the EUTR, depending on the product and raw material. The company has taken extensive measures to comply with the requirements of the Regulation. All the mills are FSC® and PEFC Chain of Custody (CoC) certified<sup>2</sup>, and Sappi's Due Diligence System covers all supplies of woodfibre raw material entering the mills. Sappi exclusively procures woodfibre raw material which meets at least the requirements of FSC Controlled Wood.<sup>3</sup> The FSC and PEFC CoC-certificates can be downloaded from [sappi.com](http://sappi.com).

Mill specific wood origin reports including tree species and geographic origin of woodfibres can be obtained through Sappi's customer service representatives, and also downloaded directly from [sappi.com](http://sappi.com).

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) No 995/2010: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32010R0995>

<sup>2</sup> FSC® C015022; PEFC/07-32-76

<sup>3</sup> Sappi Group Woodfibre Procurement Policy: <http://www.sappi.com/groupwoodandfibrepolicy>