

SPECIFICATIONS: FOREST MANAGEMENT IN ALSACE

By signing these specifications, I commit to conducting forest management according to the recommendations of the “Guide des bonnes pratiques forestières” (Best practices for forest management) written by the interprofessional association Fibois Alsace, as part of the PEFC certification process and, in particular, to

1. Voluntarily gaining knowledge of and respecting the implications and obligations recommended by PEFC ALSACE (Owner specifications and list of non-compliances enclosed in appendix).
2. Abiding by the laws and rules, particularly the French forestry law and forestry code, the laws and rules of the French environment code, law on water, urban development code and labour code applicable to forestry, and, more particularly, those pertaining to regulated forestry activity in Alsace and forestry units.
3. Respecting the contractual provisions relating to the work to be carried out. Leaving the felling area in a satisfactory state, taking particular care not to damage crop trees and to enable smooth forestry operations.
4. Respecting the natural area that constitutes a forest, its environment, and using the access, hauling and depot routes under the best conditions possible with particular regard to weather conditions and as part of work site organization. If necessary, restoring these access routes after operations.
5. Respecting the environmental obligations of which I have knowledge and informing the owner of them, clearing the felling area of any object or product used during the logging and hauling operations, and restoring, if need be, the pre-existing run-off or drainage systems, and using the available means adapted to the capacity or fragility of the forest environment. Respecting the outstanding flora and habitat areas of which I have been given prior notification.
6. Ensuring I hire qualified employees or sub-contractors who have undergone specific forestry management training, using equipment that is suited for the tasks to be carried out and in perfect working order.
7. Promoting all elements that concern personal safety through risk analyses and the use of equipment with regulation security appliances. Taking the necessary measures to indicate the work area with regard to any possible users when it crosses major routes.
8. Carrying out the presentation and marking of timber according to good practice for the promotion of certified timber.

Last name:.....

First name:.....

Agency/Company:.....

Date.....at.....

Signature: