

Here at **ecodek®**, we go to extra lengths to ensure that the wood fibres used to make our composite decking comes from a sustainable & ethical source.

We only use Beech hardwood fibres as, in our opinion, Beech gives our product the best aesthetic and physical properties possible.

**ecodek®** is not only made from sustainable wood fibres (that would otherwise be used as fuel), but is also fully recyclable, we turn 100% of returned materials back into new composite products.

**ecodek®** is supplied through a Chain of Custody process which is the unbroken path between the “forest gate” and the end user, including all stages of processing, manufacture, storage, sales and distribution. By having FSC and PEFC certification it enables us to say “*This product has been made with timber from well-managed forests and we can prove it.*”

**ecodek®** is currently available as PEFC certified, although it can also be supplied as FSC Chain of Custody to clients who are pursuing FSC Project Certification or are themselves FSC certified.

In general FSC is the more widely recognized timber standard in the UK, however in the rest of Europe PEFC is the more popular. The standards differ slightly so you need to be sure which one you need (the product is no different, it's just the way that our internal production information is gathered & reported that differs).

You can request **ecodek®** as either ‘**FSC Chain of Custody**’ or ‘**PEFC Certified**’ but you must meet the following criteria:

**FSC®** – *Forestry Stewardship Council®* is an independent organisation that promotes the responsible management of the World's forests. The FSC label provides a credible link between responsible production and consumption of forest products, enabling consumers and businesses to make purchasing decisions that benefit people and the environment as well as providing on-going business value.

In order to procure **ecodek®** with FSC CoC (Chain of Custody) you must either:

- 1) Be a company with an up-to-date FSC CoC certificate, we check your company details against the FSC register when you order.
- 2) **Or** be taking delivery of **ecodek®** directly to the construction site & the site must already be a registered FSC construction project.

**PEFC®** – *Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification®* shares some common aims with FSC in promoting the sustainable management of forests but differs slightly in emphasis and interpretation of forest management criteria.

Anyone can order our products as PEFC, however it is only necessary to order as PEFC if your Company's procurement directive states it as necessary.

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**ecodek**® produced without FSC or PEFC certification is still manufactured in the same way, using the same ethically & sustainably sourced Beech wood fibre, the only difference being that the production records are not as explicit.

We are certified and audited by BM TRADA Certification, an independent certification body that is accredited by FSC and PEFC to ensure that certified companies comply with the scheme requirements.

All products supplied as FSC or PEFC carry a surcharge – this is to cover our admin & certification charges – please see price list for more details.

