



## FSC™ and PEFC™ Certification

**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 biomass), 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™ controlled wood 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 and reported that differs).

You can request ecodek® as either ‘FSC™ controlled wood’ or ‘PEFC™ Certified’ but you must meet the following criteria: FSC™ – Forest 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™ controlled wood you must either:

- 1 Be a company with an up-to-date FSC™ Chain of Custody 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.

ecodek® produced without FSC™ or PEFC™ certification is still manufactured in the same way, using the same ethically and 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.



**The mark of responsible forestry**

**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.**