

Wood Market Policy & Practice 2015

Background

The WM page on www.forest-festival.com currently describes the WM as an 'unrivalled opportunity to buy a wide range of unique home-grown (mostly Scottish) wood products direct from the makers.'

The Wood Market Working Group (WMWG) met on 27/11/14 and reaffirmed that;

The primary aim is to promote UK grown wood products and other UK grown forest products (e.g. foliage, cones, wild food) from sustainably managed sources.

Secondary aims include the promotion of products made mostly by the exhibitors themselves and maintaining a diverse range of wood/forest products for sale.

Policy

1. Preference will be given to exhibitors whose wares consist of 100% UK grown wood/forest products.
2. Where space/capacity allows an exhibitor may be permitted to display/sell up to 25% non UK grown wood/forest products.
3. All wood and Non Timber Forest Products (NTFP) should be from sustainably managed sources:
 - a. Where the material is UK grown the presumption – unless there is evidence to the contrary - is that it is from a sustainable source.
 - b. Where non UK material is permitted (e.g. <25%) the onus is on the exhibitor to provide evidence that it is from a sustainable source e.g. Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) or Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC).
4. Driftwood of UK grown appearance originally collected and processed in the UK may be permitted where space/capacity allows.
5. Recycled wood of UK grown appearance originally used, collected and processed in the UK may be permitted where space/capacity allows.
6. Non wood/forest products (e.g. stone, metal, glass, plastic) may be allowed up to 25% where these are an integral part of UK grown wood products and space/capacity allows.
7. Non UK machines and equipment used to process home-grown wood/forest products may be allowed where no UK alternative is readily available and where space and capacity allows (e.g. mobile sawmills, wood stoves/boilers, chainsaws etc).
8. In exceptional circumstances non UK material may be considered where there is surplus space/capacity (e.g. a unique product of sustainably sourced wood that will add value to the whole event). In such cases other factors to consider include: Is there a similar UK grown alternative at the WM or readily available elsewhere? Are the products made by the exhibitor or bought in from elsewhere? European or further afield? Regular rather than new WM exhibitor?

9. Borderline cases to be decided by the Wood Market Policy & Practice Sub-group (Treefest Partnership Chairman, Treefest Co-ordinator & FCS rep.).

Practice

1. All prospective exhibitors will be informed of this policy and practice ASAP and asked to confirm they will only display/sell UK grown wood/forest materials.
2. Any exhibitor wishing to sell/display a proportion of non UK materials must clearly describe these materials (inc species, source, origin, evidence of sustainability) and the proportions of UK v non UK materials to be displayed/sold. They should also explain why it might be appropriate to sell/display these materials at the WM.
3. Any exhibitor wishing to sell/display a proportion of other materials (e.g. stone, metal, glass, plastic) must clearly describe these materials (inc source, origin, evidence of sustainability) and the proportions of other material v wood/forest materials to be displayed/sold. They should also explain why it might be appropriate to sell/display these materials at the WM.
4. Exhibitors will be informed in advance of their acceptance/rejection and any conditions that may apply.
5. The Wood Market Policy & Practice Sub-group will rule in any cases of uncertainty.
6. Checks will be made at the WM and exhibitors may be asked to remove products from display/sale.

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