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Dear Sir / Madam

On the 3rd. of March 2013, the EU Timber Regulation (Regulation (EU) No 995/2010) comes into force with the following effect:

1. It prohibits the placing of illegally harvested timber and timber products derived from such timber on the EU market for the first time (illegally harvested means harvested in contravention of the applicable legislation in the country of harvest).
2. It requires 'operators' to exercise due diligence through a system of measures and procedures to minimise the risk of placing illegally harvested timber and timber products derived from such timber on the internal market.
3. It requires a 'trader' in the supply chain to provide basic information on its suppliers and its buyers to enable the traceability of timber and timber products.

MEDITE and SMARTPLY are classed as Traders under the EU Timber Regulation as all wood based raw materials used in production are already placed on the EU market by operators (operators being the first placers in the EU and the company responsible for carrying out due diligence and ensuring legality according to the EU Timber Regulation).

The legal responsibilities of traders according to the EU Timber Regulation are an obligation to know who the wood based raw materials were bought from and to whom finished product containing those raw materials has been sold to, and to keep records of such transactions for five years. However, if selling to a final consumer there is no requirement to know to whom finished product was supplied.

MEDITE and SMARTPLY are fully compliant with the EU Timber Regulation requirements. In addition, both entities have FSC chain of custody certification and are subject to an additional layer of external certification requirements.

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