

**Forest Stewardship Council®
(FSC®) Controlled Wood
Due Diligence System (DDS)
Public Summary**

Eastcoast Hardwood Veneers

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Introduction

Zimmfor Management Services Ltd. is a leader in providing consulting services to the resource management sector, with a focus on certification support related to forest management and chain of custody (CoC) for wood and wood fibre products.

In support of our client base, Zimmfor has developed a Due Diligence System (DDS) and FSC Controlled Wood Risk Assessment (RA), according to the requirements for Sourcing FSC Controlled Wood (CW) Standard (FSC-STD-40-005 v3-1).

FSC Controlled Wood supports the use of FSC Mix products and the establishes minimum legal, environmental, and social requirements for non-certified fibre that can be mixed in with FSC certified fibre.

DDS Summary

Zimmfor has developed a DDS to support our FSC Chain of Custody (CoC) clients, consistent with FSC CW Standard requirements. The DDS consists of three elements:

- 1) Information Gathering – completed by clients using client specific “Supplier Declarations” or similar documents (e.g., Log Purchase Agreements; Timber Sale Contracts). Supplier Declarations provide information on products and species being sourced, geographic origins of timber harvesting, and includes a commitment from the supplier to assist in completing audits and confirmation of the legality of the wood being sourced.
- 2) FSC Controlled Wood Risk Assessment – completed by Zimmfor on behalf of participating clients, consistent with the FSC CW Standard. Source areas assessed are as indicated below.
- 3) Risk Mitigation – where source areas or suppliers are deemed to be not-low, or unspecified risk, risk mitigation procedures are developed to ensure that uncontrolled wood does not enter the client CoC system. Mitigation procedures may include physical segregation of uncontrolled material; implementation of verification procedures to confirm or alleviate risk concerns; and/ or exclusion of suppliers, supply areas, species, or products.

Supply Areas and Risk Designations

The Zimmfor Risk Assessment covers the Eastcoast Hardwood Veneers source areas within Pennsylvania, USA, listed in Table 1, below. For analysis related to High Conservation Value Forests (HCVFs), Zimmfor has adopted the ecoregion definitions and mapping provided by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF - www.worldwildlife.org/science/wildfinder/).

Applicable FSC Risk Assessment(s)

As of April 2017, there are no completed/approved FSC National Risk Assessments for the USA, and the FSC Centralized National Risk Assessment is incomplete for the USA.

Therefore, Zimmfor has prepared Company/Simplified Risk Assessments, consistent with the FSC Controlled Wood Standard (v3-1), FSC Global Forest Registry (FSC Registry - www.globalforestregistry.org – current version), and known/ available sources of information.



Zimmfor Risk Assessment

The Zimmfor Risk Assessment covering the Eastcoast Hardwood Veneers source areas within Pennsylvania, USA, listed below (Table 1) can be found at:

Eastcoast Veneers – [https://zimmfor.egnyte.com/dl/X6uqs6bJvC/FSC_RA_-_Eastcoast_Veneer_\(Mar._24%2C_2017\).pdf](https://zimmfor.egnyte.com/dl/X6uqs6bJvC/FSC_RA_-_Eastcoast_Veneer_(Mar._24%2C_2017).pdf)

Complaints and Contact Information

Complaints related to the Zimmfor Risk Assessment should be forwarded to the Zimmfor FSC Risk Assessment Manager at:

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All complaints and comments received related to the Zimmfor DDS will be managed consistent with the FSC CW Standard (40-005 v3-1, section 7).

Risk Assessment Summary Table – Applicable Source Areas

Table 1: Risk Summary

Supply Areas Assessed, including WWF Ecoregions	Overall Risk Rank by CW Category				
	1. Illegally Harvested Wood	2. Violation of Traditional or Civil Rights	3. HCVFs	4. Conversion	5. Genetically Modified Trees
Pennsylvania NA0401, NA0402, NA0403, NA0410, NA0411, NA0413, NA0414	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low