



**Australian Government**

**Department of Agriculture,  
Water and the Environment**

**Ministry for Primary Industries**  
Manatū Ahu Matua



## Quick reference guide: identifying legal timber from New Zealand

This quick reference guide supports the **Country Specific Guideline** for **New Zealand**. These may be used by businesses importing regulated timber products from New Zealand to Australia to carry out their due diligence in accordance with the *Illegal Logging Prohibition Act 2012* (the Act) and the *Illegal Logging Prohibition Regulation 2012*.

### How does New Zealand manage the risk of illegality in its forests?

New Zealand operates a robust regulatory framework that ensures a negligible risk of illegal logging within New Zealand forests. This regulatory framework is backed up by a strong judiciary, and a highly professional forestry industry. Also, New Zealand consistently ranks as one of the least corrupt countries in the world.

Exotic planted forests are the source of 99.9 per cent of the annual harvested volume in New Zealand. These forests were planted for the purpose of being harvested. Ninety-six per cent of the area is privately owned, and owners have strong incentive to protect their forests assets and property. Seventy per cent of the area has Forest Stewardship Council certification. The exotic species used in New Zealand are low value compared to tropical hardwoods, and are unlikely to be the target of illegal trade.

### What species and products I can expect to import from New Zealand?

Common species from exotic planted forests include radiata pine, Douglas fir, cypress and eucalyptus. There are exports to Australia spanning most of the product categories regulated under the Act.

Harvesting may be approved from privately owned indigenous forests under Sustainable Forest Management Permits or Plans authorised by the Ministry for Primary Industries under the *Forests Act 1949*. Harvesting from these forests is less than 0.1 per cent of the annual harvested volume. Common timber species include beech and rimu.

### Factors to consider

Things for you to consider when importing timber from New Zealand:

- Was the product harvested in New Zealand?
- Is the species what you would expect (e.g. exotic species from planted forests, indigenous species authorised under a Sustainable Forest Management Plan or Permit)?
- Do you know the exporter? Do you have an existing business relationship?
- Is there anything unusual about the product (e.g. low price, unusual volume)?

There may be some products that contain timber which was harvested in a third country, before it was imported into New Zealand and then exported to Australia. In this case you should contact your New Zealand exporter to gather further information about this product as New Zealand's regulatory framework does not cover timber products harvested overseas.


### More information

For further information please refer to the **Country Specific Guideline** for **New Zealand**.

## Examples of documents

An example of a resource consent granted by a local council is provided below. A resource consent is required where standard conditions that apply to a forestry activity under the *Resource Management Act 1991* or the *National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry* cannot be met.

An example of an Intention to Export Form (ITE1) issued by Ministry for Primary Industries to authorise the export of unfinished indigenous forest products is provided below. An ITE1 form is not required to export finished indigenous forest products.



### LAND USE CONSENT FOR LAND DISTURBANCE AND/OR VEGETATION CLEARANCE

Pursuant to section 104 & 104C of the Resource Management Act 1991 the GISBORNE DISTRICT COUNCIL hereby grants the following:-

**CONSENT NUMBER:** LV-2017-Consent number-00    **FILE NUMBER:** <Property ref>

**CONSENT HOLDER:** <Consent holder's name>

**OF:** <Postal address>  
<City/Town>

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** <Legal Description, including Survey District>

**SITE LOCATION:** <Locality of consent at or about Map and Grid Ref: NZTM: Map Six: Digit Northing Six: Digit Easting>

**CONSENT TO:** Harvest <XX> hectares of plantation forest and associated earthworks as outlined on the accompanying plan in <forest name>.

**APPROVAL DATE:** <Approval date>    **EXPIRY DATE:** <Expiry date>

This consent is subject to the conditions specified in the attached resource consent decision.

Signed at Gisborne this <Consent date> for and on behalf of the Gisborne District Council.

Name: <Delegated officer name>  
Shared Services Science Manager (issued pursuant to delegated authority)


Any enquiries concerning this consent may be directed to: <Case officer name>

**TEAM LEADER LAND & SOIL RESOURCES**

FITZHERBERT STREET, GISBORNE, NEW ZEALAND. PO BOX 747, GISBORNE. TEL (06) 867 2049 FAX (06) 867 8076

### Notice of Intention to Export Indigenous Timber (Form ITE1)

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This form to be forwarded to **AssureQuality New Zealand** at least 10 days prior to the date of exporting  
Notice of Intention to Export - Form ITE1 (s 67C(3) Forests Act 1949, s 5(2) Forests Amendment Act 2004)

To: Director-General, Ministry for Primary Industries

I GIVE NOTICE of my intention to export the indigenous forest produce described in this notice, and, I declare that the particulars set out in this notice were, at the date of this declaration, true and correct in every respect and in accordance with the requirements of the Forests Act 1949.

I ACKNOWLEDGE an inspection of the export consignment by a Forestry Officer is required.

Signature of Exporter: \_\_\_\_\_ (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Exporter/Consigner Name and Address			
Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____			
Buyer/Consignee Name and Address			
Ship/Article/Plant name or other description	Seal/point of loading		
Seal/point of discharge	Final Destination	Date of exporting	

Description of Exports (include any marking)	Species	Net weight (kg)	Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )

Source: \_\_\_\_\_ Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: All applications MUST include a written statement of the source of the timber (for example, SFM Plan/Permit Annual Logging Plan Number or Milling Statement and harvest name).

Address where consignment can be inspected: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Phytosanitary certificates required? \_\_\_\_\_

LSL Use Only Source confirmed: Y / N _____ Signed: _____ Date: / / _____ Forestry Officer Name: _____ Customs clearance # (Provide this to your Customs Broker): _____	AssureQuality Use Only Inspected: Y / N _____ EXPORT: YES / NO / APPROVED _____ Signed: _____ Date: / / _____ Forestry Officer Name: _____ Application #: _____
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Notes: Exporters are advised to check with <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/ah-ma-and-ahm-requirements/reporting-countries-phytosanitary-requirements/forestry/> for any phytosanitary requirements.

Export information is provided on the back of this form.  
Email [gisborne@assurequality.com](mailto:gisborne@assurequality.com) or fax 07-324-8110 your completed form to AssureQuality-M Management.  
For further information contact the Ministry for Primary Industries: 0800 00 83 33

Notice of Intention to Export Indigenous Timber - Form ITE1 Ministry for Primary Industries

An example of a Harvested Wood Levy Statement issued by Levy Systems Ltd to companies subject to the mandatory industry levy charged on all harvested wood from plantation forests.



\*\* SAMPLE ONLY \*\*

STATEMENT PRINTED: 20 Sep 2018

**SUPPLIER COMPANY**  
Commodity Owner Name  
Postal Address 1  
Postal Address 2

**SUPPLIER CODE:** UNK00001  
**REFERENCE:** 000000017

### NEW ZEALAND HARVESTED WOOD LEVY STATEMENT

To whom it may concern,

A levy is imposed on all wood material harvested from plantation forests in New Zealand under the Commodity Levies (Harvested Wood Material) Order 2013. All the harvested wood material supplied by Commodity Owner Name is subject to that levy.

STATEMENT VALID FOR: 01/09/2018 - 31/08/2019

**AUTHORISATION**  
This statement is issued by Levy Systems Limited at the request of the above named entity. Levy Systems Limited are contracted to administer the levy for the Forest Growers Levy Trust.

This is a true representation of information in the Harvested Wood Commodity Levy System.

signature here

Andrew Taylor  
Chief Executive Officer  
Levy Systems Ltd  
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Levy Systems Limited is approved by Ministry for Primary Industries to issue levy statements



## Who should I contact for further information?

### **Australian Government**

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### **New Zealand Government**

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[mpi.govt.nz/about-mpi/contact-us](http://mpi.govt.nz/about-mpi/contact-us)

[mpi.govt.nz/forestry/forestry-in-nz/illegal-logging](http://mpi.govt.nz/forestry/forestry-in-nz/illegal-logging)