



**FSC® & PEFC™ Certified Wood Veneers**

## **ENVIRONMENT HEALTH & SAFETY**

### **Independent certification for responsible forest management**

Briggs eco-cert wood veneers come from the US, Canada, Europe/the EU, Scandinavia, Australia, New Zealand and Africa. eco-cert certified wood veneers are independently certified to be from well-managed forests under the [FSC®](#) or [PEFC™](#) forest management schemes.

Briggs eco-cert certified wood veneers have many environmental benefits:

- Our FSC® & PEFC™ Chain of Custody certificates ensure supply chain integrity from forest to market.
- Low embodied energy
- Carbon storage – growing trees absorb carbon dioxide which is then “locked up” for the life of the tree and wooden products made from that tree.
- Land use and biodiversity – Responsibly managed native forests are a natural ecosystem and consequently have high biodiversity. Plantations also support a reasonable degree of biodiversity.
- Wood is a renewable resource.
- Veneer is one of the most environmentally efficient and economical ways to use beautiful timbers because one cubic metre of veneer can cover more than 1,000 m<sup>2</sup> of panel surface

### **Briggs holds current PEFC™ and FSC® Chain of Custody certificates:**

FSC® Chain of Custody Certificate Numbers: SGSHK-COC-002954, SGSHK-CW-002954

PEFC Chain of Custody Number: AU09/3493

### **Health, Safety, Formaldehyde, VOC's**

Natural wood veneer in its raw state has no added formaldehyde and formaldehyde emissions are well below Super E0 which is 0.03 ppm (lower than E0). Additionally it should be noted that wood veneer is exempt from Formaldehyde emissions section of the Greenstar tools: download [Formaldehyde Statement Natural Timber Veneer](#).

Raw veneer has negligible VOC's (volatile organic compounds). Any contribution to VOC's and formaldehyde in veneered panels is not generally due to natural veneer, but due to the substrate, glues and coating. If the *finished veneer panels* are required to be E0 and low VOC, please specify all substrates, glues and coatings to be E0 and Low VOC.

As in all wood working operations, it is essential that adequate protection is taken against the contact and the breathing of wood dust when processing, and that normal workplace hygiene practices are followed.