

## Certification and initiatives

Felix Distribution is committed to sourcing wood and wood products that are certified according to nationally and internationally recognized standards for responsible forest management, to ensure that forest products are only harvested under sustainable forest management plans, plans that preserve (tropical) forests, protect indigenous people and wildlife, and prevent land conversion. In line with various certification initiatives, Felix Distribution believes in assigning economic value to the wood. Only by generating fair compensation for forest products will there be an intrinsic motivation at the place of origin to protect and secure the forests for the next generation. Felix Distribution strives for a world in which human choices have a beneficial effect on sustainable development. Through participation in various certification initiatives, Felix Distribution promotes the use of sustainable (tropical) hardwood that discourages deforestation, reduces global warming and conserves flora and fauna worldwide.

Link to video: [Tropical forest: Use it or Lose it](#)

Approximately 30% of the earth is covered by forests. 4 billion hectares of trees that purify the air, produce oxygen, prevent soil erosion and improve water quality. If managed sustainably, forests are an inexhaustible source of raw materials that can be formed with little energy into products that can be reused or used for green energy after a long period of use. By not cutting down more trees when they grow naturally, biodiversity is maintained and the ecological function of the forest as a habitat for plants and animals is preserved. In 2020, approximately 4 million hectares will be certified under sustainability initiatives such as FSC® and PEFC™. The vast majority of the FelixWood range is covered by one of the two international labels, the other part by national sustainability labels such as OLB and TLV.

## Forest Stewardship Counsel (FSC®)

FSC® is represented worldwide in 81 countries, in Europe among others by Felix Distribution. To this purpose Felix Distribution promotes a responsible forestry policy and abstains from unacceptable forestry practices and acts according to the FSC® principles and criteria which are partly based on and contribute to 14 of the 17 SDGs, the Sustainability Development Goals anchored by the United Nations.. FSC® stands for a balanced balance between social, economic and environmental interests. By means of an exclusive Chain of Custody (CoC) Felix Distribution maps out its entire supply chain. The FelixWood products covered by this certificate are identified by the logo below, which identifies and traces their sustainable origin.



The mark of  
responsible forestry

FSC® C003450

[click on the logo for our certificate](#)

Link to [Sustainable Development Goals](#)

## Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes (PEFC™)

PEFC™ is a global collaboration of national organizations promoting sustainable forest management, one of those affiliated organizations is Felix Distribution. People, planet & profit are the starting points of this international forest certification system based on mutual recognition of quality marks and, independently audited, national and regional forest certification systems with a focus on local priorities. The FelixWood products covered by this certificate are identified by the logo below, which identifies their sustainable origin.



## PEFC Certified

This product is from sustainably managed forests and controlled sources

[www.pefc.org](http://www.pefc.org)

[click on the logo for our certificate](#)

## Forest Law Enforcement Governance and Trade (FLEGT)

FLEGT is a European initiative aimed at reducing illegal logging by strengthening sustainable and legal forest management and promoting trade in legally produced timber. Through a Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA), FLEGT contributes to and commits.

100% of Indonesia's FelixWood assortment is imported under the FLEGT license. It is expected that the implementation process in the Republic of Congo will be completed in the foreseeable future, which means that the FelixWood assortment from Congo Brazzaville will be 100% covered also.

## Bureau Veritas Origine et Légalité des Bois (OLB)

OLB is based on respect for national and local laws and regulations regarding sustainable forest management in exploitable forests, including humane working conditions. Also within this sustainability initiative, the entire chain from forest product to end product is monitored.

## Société Générale de Surveillance (SGS S.A.)

Felix Distribution is audited annually by SGS, the world leader in inspection, control, analysis and certification. During these audits, all FSC® and PEFC™ purchases and sales are checked, eliminating any shortcomings in the entire supply chain. These audits are concluded with a certificate.