



Enforcement Action taken in the period: 1 April to 30 September 2019

The Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) is part of the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy. We oversee the regulatory system for product safety and standards in the UK. Our purpose is to make regulation work, so that it protects people and enables businesses to understand their obligations. The statutory enforcement actions listed below were taken by OPSS in 2019.

May 2019

Company:

DECOR HOME FURNITURE LTD

Action taken:

Notice of Remedial Actions, issued on 29th May 2019 under Regulation 11 of the Timber and Timber Products (Placing on the Market) Regulations 2013

Product:

Wooden furniture imported under Commodity Code 9403 from Turkey

Breached regulation details:

Regulation 4(b) of the Timber and Timber Products (Placing on the Market) Regulations 2013.

Detail:

Décor Home Furniture Ltd failed to implement measures to ensure the timber used had been legally harvested.

OPSS subsequently received written confirmation from Décor Home Furniture Ltd that it is now meeting the obligations of an operator.

Company:

ROBERTO ROSSELLINI LIMITED

Action taken:

Notice of Remedial Actions, issued on 29th May 2019 under Regulation 11 of the Timber and Timber Products (Placing on the Market) Regulations 2013

Product:

Wooden furniture imported under Commodity Code 9403 from Turkey

Breached regulation details:

Regulation 4(b) of the Timber and Timber Products (Placing on the Market) Regulations 2013.

Detail:

Roberto Rossellini Limited failed to implement measures to ensure the timber used had been legally harvested.

OPSS subsequently received written confirmation from Roberto Rossellini Ltd that it is now meeting the obligations of an operator.

June 2019

Company:

ALFRESCO CONCEPTS (UK) LIMITED

Action taken:

Notice of Remedial Actions, issued on 25th June 2019 under Regulation 11 of the Timber and Timber Products (Placing on the Market) Regulations 2013

Product:

Tables imported under Commodity Code 9403 from Nicaragua

Breached regulation details:

Regulation 4(b) of the Timber and Timber Products (Placing on the Market) Regulations 2013.

Detail:

Alfresco Concepts (UK) Limited failed to implement measures to ensure the timber used had been legally harvested.

OPSS subsequently received written confirmation from Alfresco Concepts (UK) Ltd that it is now meeting the obligations of an operator.

September 2019

Company:

HEARTLANDS FURNITURE (WHOLESALE) LIMITED

Action taken:

Prosecution on 20th September 2019. Heartlands Furniture (Wholesale) Limited pleaded guilty to two charges of failure to implement due diligence and failure to comply with a Notice of Remedial Action.

Heartlands Furniture (Wholesale) Limited was fined £4000 for each of offence (total £8,000) plus a victim surcharge and full costs of £5,347.86, totalling £13,347.86.

Product:

Brazilian Pine Corona Bedframe

American Oak Stirling Cabinet.

Breached regulation details:

Regulation 4(b) and (g) of the Timber and Timber Products (Placing on the Market) Regulations 2013.

Detail:

The company failed to exercise the required due diligence in relation to a Brazilian Pine Corona Bedframe placed on the market on 31st October 2017 and an American Oak Stirling Cabinet placed on the market on 20th November 2017.

A previous breach of the Regulations led to a Notice of Remedial Action being served on Heartlands Furniture (Wholesale) Limited on 9th February 2017.