



Welcome to the CPET Timber and Woodfuel Newsletter

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Since 2004, the Central Point of Expertise for Timber has supported central government procurers and their suppliers to source legal and sustainable timber, palm oil and woodfuel.



Over the past three and a half years, we have organised 30 workshops across our commodities, and have written 11 timber newsletters and 9 palm oil newsletters. We have also answered all of your many queries via email and phone.

However, the CPET service will be coming to an end on the 31st March 2016. The use of the service has changed, moving away from high volume assistance of contractual issues and compliance with the TPP to low volume, complex queries. This demonstrates to us that CPET has achieved its goal, and procurers do not need the same type of support as they did when CPET was first established.



From the 1st April 2016, the CPET phone and email helpdesk will no longer be available. You should instead refer to the suite of [online guidance](#) on GOV.UK. This hosts many useful guidance documents and checklists, and should continue to be your first port of call after the service ends.

If you are mandated to comply with the TPP, or are supplying someone who is, [The Timber Procurement Advice Note \(TPAN\)](#) provides guidance for both contracting authorities and suppliers.

Contracting Authorities may find the following documents useful when evaluating evidence:

- [Forest certification schemes: validity checklist](#) This checklist is a quick and easy guide which will assist you when evaluating Category A evidence, such as PEFC or FSC certification.
- [Framework for evaluating category B evidence](#) This framework provides support to both procurement staff and suppliers. Part 1 sets out criteria for assessing Category B evidence, Part 2 provides checklists for submission of evidence and Part 3 consists of practical guidance.

Suppliers may find these documents useful if providing Category B evidence:

- [Forest source: practical guide for Category B evidence](#) This guide provides information on providing supporting evidence that a forest has been managed legally and sustainably.
- [Forestry supply chain: checking category B evidence](#) This guide sets out how to provide evidence of a legal and sustainable supply chain. This document can be used with the Forest source guide above to provide full Category B evidence. Alternatively, this document can be used to provide additional, supporting evidence in the event of a break in the chain of custody using Category A evidence.

To see these documents and many more including support on woodfuel and palm oil, see the full [CPET document collection](#).

Countryside Stewardship Scheme

The Countryside Stewardship Scheme replaced the English Woodland Grant. This year, there are two new grants that have been made available. Under the Countryside Stewardship scheme, the Forestry Commission is able to offer support for woodland creation, improvement or to prepare a woodland management plan. A woodland management plan is a key component of evidence for legal and sustainable timber. For more information on the standard for sustainable forest management in the UK click [here](#).



An application for assistance with creating a woodland management plan can be submitted year round, however some grants have deadlines in March and April 2016. For more information on which grants are available and how to apply, see the GOV.UK pages [here](#).

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On behalf of everyone in the CPET team, thank you for your support and use of the service
