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ACP	African, Caribbean Pacific States – specific countries and country codes eligible for specific preferential duty rates, per HM Revenue & Customs Integrated Tariff.
AF&PA	American Forest and Paper Association – North American-based association for the forest and paper industry.
AHEC	American Hardwood Export Council – promoting US hardwoods around the world.
BBA	British Board of Agrément – a UK major authority offering approval of construction products, systems and installers.
BIM	Building Information Modeling - an information management system covering the lifecycle of a building, ie initial design, detailed design, construction, operation and maintenance. BIM creates a fully collaborative information system with 3D visualization capability.
BIS	Department for Business, Innovation & Skills – sets Government policy for business regulation and support, education, innovation, skills, trade, etc. Government department created in 2009, replacing the Department for Business, Enterprise & Regulatory Reform (BERR).
BRE	Building Research Establishment
	Better Regulation Executive – a unit of the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills *(see BIS above)*.
BREEAM	Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method – a green building rating system with schemes covering different building types / uses. Buildings achieve ratings from Good through to Outstanding. BREEAM 2011, effective from 1 July 2011 and replaces BREEAM 2008, is for new building assessment registrations and certifications.
BRIC	- refers to the countries of Brazil, Russia, India and China, as a group. These countries are generally accepted to be at a similar stage of economic development and are rapidly developing.
BS	British Standard
BSI	British Standards Institution
BWF	British Woodworking Federation
CBI	Confederation of British Industry
CE	Conformité Européenne - a mark applied to a product to indicate it conforms to the European Standards set for it. The product should always be accompanied by a Certificate of Conformity and back-up technical papers.
CEI-Bois	- European Federation of woodworking industries.
CEN	Comité Européen de Normalisation - the European Committee for Standardization.
CEN/TC 38	The CEN technical committee whose scope of works deals with durability of wood and wood-based products.
CEN/TC 112	The CEN technical committee whose scope of works deals with wood-based panels.
CEN/TC 124	The CEN technical committee whose scope of works deals with timber structures.

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CEN/TC 350	The CEN technical committee that has the mandate to develop harmonised standard that will provide a horizontal (ie applicable to all product/building types) approach to the measurement of embodied and operational environmental impacts of construction products and whole buildings across the entire lifecycle. The standards are to be voluntary. The scope of the standards being developed in TC 350 has been extended to include economic performance and social performance of buildings.
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species
CoC	Chain of Custody – essentially a generic phrase for systems that allow for accurate traceability of wood through the supply chain back to the forest from whence it came.
CONFOR	Confederation of Forest Industries – a federation of principally domestic organisations representing domestic growers, sawmillers and the Forestry Commission.
CPA	Construction Products Association - represents the UK manufacturers and suppliers of construction product components and fittings.
CPET	Central Point of Expertise on Timber – the Government's reference point for all timber procurement in the public sector. Run through a company called ProForest, CPET advises the relevant Government Minister of timber procurement policy and provides advice and guidance to procurement officers.
CPD	Construction Products Directive - a European product safety and environmental directive concerned with the safety of constructions that sets out essential performance criteria for buildings.
CSA	Canadian Standards Association – a North American certification scheme.
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility
DEFRA	Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Declaration of Conformity	- a signed declaration from a product manufacturer that the product meets the requirements of a European Directive.
DfID	Department for International Development
DOHA Round	- the World Trade Organization's current (stalled) round of negotiations on world trade. Doha, in Qatar, is where the talks began.
EAC	Environmental Audit Committee
EATTA	East Anglia Timber Trade Association – a TTF Area Association.
EC5	Eurocode 5 – a European Standard relating to the design of timber structures.
EcoHomes	- a scheme run by the Building Research Establishment (BRE) to award points for environmental good practice for new-build housing in Scotland. Houses achieve ratings from Good to Excellent. As of April 2007 the Code for Sustainable Homes is used for the assessment of new housing in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.
EN	Norm Européenne - European Standard.
ENGO	Environmental Non-Governmental Organisation

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EPD	Environmental Profile Declaration – allows product and system build manufacturers to demonstrate the environmental performance of their products, in both manufacture and use.
ETA	European Technical Approval *(see ITT and BBA)* – issued to products for which mandated or harmonised European Standards have not been agreed and, coupled with an appropriate Attestation of Conformity procedure, will allow their manufacturers to affix the CE marking to them for placement anywhere within the EU market.
ETTF	European Timber Trade Federation *(also FEBO)* – comprises federations from Austria, Belgiu, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Switzerland and UK.
EUTR	European Union Timber Regulation – this Regulation entered into force on 2 December 2010 and will, as of 3 March 2013, make it illegal to place illegally harvested timber and timber products on the EU market. The legislation will require that due diligence is applied to all timber first placed on the EU market and that traders down the supply chain keep track of what timber, or timber products, was bought from whom and, where applicable, who it was sold to.
FEBO	Fédération Européene du négoce de Bois *(see ETTF).*
FFEB	Forests Forever Executive Board – the TTF's Environmental Committee.
FLEG	Forest Law Enforcement and Governance – the umbrella term for the international process of dialogue and government policy formulation hosted by the World Bank.
FLEGT	Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade – the EU's version of FLEG specifically related to the EU law which establishes the framework for Voluntary Partnership Agreements.
Forests Forever	- the TTF's environmental division.
FPC	Factory Production Control - a control system to monitor production so that the product characteristics are achieved and maintained consistently, as required by the Construction Products Directive.
FSC	Forest Stewardship Council – an international certification scheme.
GLA	Greater London Authority – a permanent body providing continuity in the ongoing development and delivery of strategies for London.
H&DTTA	Hants & Dorset Timber Trade Association – a TTF Area Association.
HMRC	HM Revenue & Customs
ITT	Initial Type Testing – a requirement on all products, as part of the Evaluation of Conformity process, to comply with the requirements of harmonised European Standards (or ETAs) and bear the CE mark.
ITTO	International Tropical Timber Organisation – an intergovernmental organization promoting the conservation and sustainable management, use and trade of tropical forest resources.
JREP	The Joinery Resource Efficiency Plan - plans for the joinery sector to improve their resource efficiency, particularly in terms of waste from the industry.

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LAPPC	Local Air Pollution Prevention & Control *(also see LA-IPPC)* – under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010, local authorities must regulate certain types of businesses (referred to as installations) to reduce any pollution caused and to help improve air quality. Installations included, but not restricted to, are glassworks and foundries, rendering plant and maggot breeders, petrol stations and concrete crushers, sawmills and paint manufacturers.
LA-IPPC	Local Authority Industrial Pollution Prevention & Control *(see LAPPC above).*
LCA	Life Cycle Assessment / Analysis – a technique to assess environmental impacts associated with all the stages of a product's life from cradle-to-grave, ie from raw material extraction through materials processing, manufacture, distribution, use, repair and maintenance, and disposal or recycling.
LCCIGT	Low Carbon Construction Innovation and Growth Team – a group tasked by Government *(see BIS)* to recommend ways to move to low carbon construction.
LDA	London Development Agency – responsible for London regeneration with broad powers and closely linked to the Mayor of London (abolishment intended by 31 March 2012).
LEED	Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design - an internationally recognized green building certification system, providing third-party verification that a building or community was designed and built using strategies intended to improve environmental performance.
LOCOG	London Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games – responsible for organizing and staging the London 2012 Olympic Games.
LSETTA	London & South East Timber Trade Association – a TTF Area Association.
LSX	London Sustainability Exchange – a think-tank charity comprising London-based companies, with funding from the EU. It assists businesses to tackle sustainability issues, eg effecting environmental management systems, etc.
LVL	Laminated Veneer Lumber – an engineered wood product using multiple layers of thin wood assembled with adhesives. Adhering to controlled specifications, LVL products allow users to reduce onsite labour. They are typically used for headers, beams, rimboard and edge-forming material.
MDF	Medium Density Fibreboard – a sheet material / panel product where very small wood fibres are mixed with glue, spread out into sheets and then dried.
MTC	Malaysian Timber Council – the Malaysian industry's promotional campaign.
MTCC	Malaysian Timber Certification Council
MTCS	Malaysian Timber Certification Scheme
NETTA	North East Timber Trade Association – a TTF Area Association.
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NHD	National Hardwood Division of the TTF
NORSOF	Softwood contract available to TTF Members, based on Incoterms.
NPPD	National Panel Products Division of the TTF
NSD	National Softwood Division of the TTF
NWTTA	North West Timber Trade Association – a TTF Area Association.

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ODA	Olympic Delivery Authority – public body responsible for developing and building the new venues and infrastructure for the Games and their use after 2012.
OSB	Oriented Strand Board – a sheet material / panel product where slivers of wood are oriented and glued together.
PANPRO	Panel products contract available to TTF Members, based on IncoTerms.
PEFC	Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification – an international certification scheme.
PNG	Papua New Guinea
prEN	Provisional European Standard – a draft European standard under development and is subject to change without notice.
PQQ	Pre-Qualification Questionnaire – completed to evaluate the suitably of a supplier. PQQs generally cover economic and financial status, technical / professional capacity and legal status.
Q-Mark	- BM TRADA's manufacturing certification process scheme for construction products.
REDD	Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation - a United Nation collaborative initiative acting to incentivise emissions reduction through financial mechanisms in developing countries.
REDD+	– in addition to REDD above, to include conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks.
REDD++	- in addition to REDD+ above, to include all land uses such as agriculture.
RPP	Responsible Purchasing Policy – a TTF-devised tool for its members to assist with a risk-assessment process of products for the likelihood of illegal wood entering the supply chain and continually reducing that risk.
SFI	Sustainable Forestry Initiative – a North American certification scheme.
Ska Rating	- a RICS-led and owned environmental assessment method, benchmark and standard, for non-domestic fit-out. A labelling system which is specific project-based.
SME	Small and Medium sized Enterprises
STTA	Scottish Timber Trade Association – a TTF Area Association.
TDCA	Timber Decking and Cladding Association (was Timber Decking Association until 1999).
TFT	The Forest Trust - a global non-profit organisation that helps companies and communities deliver Responsible timber Products. TFT also manages the Timber Trade Action Plan on behalf of the TTF.
TIMCON	Timber Packaging and Pallet Confederation – represents the interests of the UK industry, ie manufacturers of timber pallets, packing cases / crates and export packers. Runs the ISPM 15 registration scheme in the UK.
TRA	Trussed Rafters Association - represents trussed rafter manufacturers, suppliers and professionals working in this area. The TTF provides the secretariat for the TRA.
TRADA	Timber Research and Development Association

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TREP	Timber Resource Efficiency Partnership – established to implement the BWF's Joinery Resource Efficiency Plan. The TREP partnership comprises WRAP and BRE Trust, who provide funding.
TTAP	Timber Trade Action Plan – a collaboration between the TTF and the Dutch Timber Trade Federation to access EU funds for 3.6–1 match funding of work with suppliers in Asia, Africa, South America and China to improve their environmental performance. TTAP 1 relates to Asia and Africa, TTAP 2 to China and South America.
TTF	Timber Trade Federation – provides many benefits for its members.
TTJ	Timber Trades Journal – a leading timber trade publication.
UKFPA	UK Forests Product Association – representing a portion of domestic forest growers and sawmillers.
UKTFA	UK Timber Frame Association - trade association representing a portion of the UK manufacturers and key suppliers in the sector.
UKTGC	UK Timber Grading Committee - enables strength grading third-party assessment and verification.
UKWAS	UK Woodland Assurance Scheme – an independent certification standard for verifying sustainable woodland management in the UK.
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNIHARD	Hardwood contract available to TTF Members
VLO	Verification of Legal Origin - a third party scheme for basic legal requirements for forestry, rights to harvest, approved planning authorisations, payments of applicable fees and taxes, as well as chain of custody.
VPA	Voluntary Partnership Agreement – an agreement between the EU and a timber supplying country that requires the exporting country to licence timber and timber products for export as acceptable evidence by the EU of its legality.
WfG	Wood for Good - the timber industry's promotional campaign.
WPIF	Wood Panel Industries Federation - represents manufacturers of wood chipboard, oriented stranded board (OSB) and medium density fibreboard (MDF) in the UK and Ireland.
WRAP	Waste and Resource Action Programme – a Government-funded programme in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to help businesses and individuals reap the benefits of reducing waste, develop sustainable products and use resources in an efficient way *(also see TREP)*.
WTA	Western Timber Association – a TTF Area Association