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Goodbye FSC and PEFC – Decision not to recertify

Dear customers,

Lindner Suisse has been practising true Swiss sustainability since its inception in 1920, long before any of these labels even existed. We only source guaranteed pesticide-free Swiss wood from the surrounding area (approx. 65 km as the crow flies). Nothing about this will change in the future.

We only use [Swiss Wood](#) for our production. Swiss Wood complies with the strict requirements set out in the Swiss Forest Act (*Waldgesetz*) and the Swiss Commercial Practices for Raw Wood (*Handelsgebräuche für Rohholz*) (2nd edition 2021). These lay down the rules for the sale of round sawn timber, industrial timber, and energy wood throughout Switzerland. Furthermore, all our products are manufactured in accordance with the [Swiss wood wool standard](#).

Lindner Suisse has fulfilled and continues to fulfil all the requirements for obtaining the two labels. Despite this, we have decided against recertification for a number of reasons. An increasing number of our Swiss partners in the forestry, wood logistics and wood processing industries have already opted out (source: Lignum homepage). What this means for us is that the supply of Swiss wood that is certified according to both labels is becoming smaller and smaller and the conditions for being able to buy such wood directly in Switzerland and not having to look for it in other countries are becoming worse and worse.

In our opinion, compliance with minimum standards for ecological forestry and supply chains cannot be monitored under the current system in the way it is done today (see also "Der grosse Schwindel mit Öko-Holz", online article in the Berner Zeitung dated 01.03.2023 by Bernhard Odehnal, Christian Brönnimann and Sylvain Besson). The large environmental association Greenpeace, for example, discontinued its membership with the FSC back in 2018.

For us, a certification is not just a matter of marketing. We will continue to only use Swiss wood in the future. This means Swiss wood that not only complies with strict ecological regulations.

We are confident that we can continue to offer true sustainability in the future. We would be delighted to continue to count you as one of our loyal customers.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T. Wildberger".

Thomas Wildberger

Further information:

[Swiss Forest Act](#)

[Swiss Commercial Practices for Raw Wood](#)

[Swiss Wood Industry](#)

