

# Pellet Survey Questionnaire

## Introduction

The survey of UK pellet & briquette production (or pellet survey) is one of a series of annual surveys and data requests used to produce statistics on the UK timber industry. The survey is run by the Forestry Commission (in association with the Forest Service) to collect data from wood pellet and briquette manufacturers in the UK, in order to monitor trends in wood use and renewable energy. Results from the survey are published in statistical releases produced by the Forestry Commission and are used by a range of others.

More information on the survey, including copies of the questionnaires sent to businesses in the past five years is available at [www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-94ukb2](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-94ukb2).

This paper explains the purpose of each question included in the survey.

## Questionnaire

The need for and wording of each question used in the survey for the year ending December 2014 was last reviewed at the November 2014 meeting of the Expert Group on Timber and Trade Statistics (information on the group can be found at [www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-5rabj3](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-5rabj3)). It was decided to add two questions on certification, which have already been used successfully in other surveys of the UK timber industry.

Information on why each question is included in the survey is provided below. Links to the releases listed are provided in the Annex to this paper.

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## 1. Total production

Data on the total production of wood pellets and briquettes is used by the Forestry Commission, the UK timber industry, international organisations and others (alongside data on pellet imports and exports) to monitor trends in wood use and renewable energy.

Results from the survey are reported in the following Forestry Commission statistical releases:

- Forestry Statistics (table 2.31); and
- UK Wood Production & Trade: provisional figures (table 10, for early, provisional results).

The results are also:

- Provided to international organisations (Eurostat, FAO, UNECE) through the Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire, for use in international statistics on wood production and trade.

Finally, the results are used to derive estimates of woodfuel supply and use, provided to international organisations (UNECE) through the Joint Wood Energy Enquiry, for use in international statistics on wood energy.

## 2. Source of fibres used in pellet and briquette production

Data on the source of fibres used in pellet and briquette production is not currently published as it is potentially disclosive. The feasibility of publishing this data will be investigated by September 2015, subject to disclosure constraints.

## 3. Origin of wood used in pellet and briquette production

Data on the origin of wood used in pellet and briquette production is not currently published as it is potentially disclosive. The feasibility of publishing this data will be investigated by September 2015, subject to disclosure constraints.

## 4. Markets for pellets and briquettes

Data on the markets for pellets and briquettes is not currently published as it is potentially disclosive. The feasibility of publishing this data will be investigated by September 2015, subject to disclosure constraints.

## 5. Certification

The survey for the year ending December 2014 includes two additional questions on certification, which have already been used successfully in other surveys of the UK timber industry.

Data on chain of custody certificates and certified timber are used by the Forestry Commission, UK timber industry and others to monitor trends in certification.

Results from the survey will be reported in the following Forestry Commission statistical release:

- Forestry Statistics (tables 2.28 and 2.29).

## Your views

In order to improve the statistics that we produce and to ensure that they remain relevant, we are interested in hearing from users of our statistics and respondents to our surveys.

If you wish to provide comments or suggestions for the pellet survey questionnaire, please contact us at any time:

- by e-mail - [statistics@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:statistics@forestry.gsi.gov.uk)
- by telephone - 0300 067 5238

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## Annex: links to releases

Copies of the releases referred to in this paper are available at the following links:

Forestry Statistics – [www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-d-7aqdgc](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-d-7aqdgc)

UK Wood Production & Trade: provisional figures -  
[www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-d-7aql5b](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-d-7aql5b)

Joint Forest Sector Questionnaire - [www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-d-7aqhzh](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-d-7aqhzh)

Joint Wood Energy Enquiry - [www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-d-8ekjqc](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-d-8ekjqc)