

# HARO Customer Information

## Certifications



Hamberger Industrierwerke GmbH stands for compliance with the latest standards in all business processes. This is documented by the certification of its quality management system according to DIN EN ISO 9001:2000, which was introduced in 1995 and reconfirmed by the audit conducted in June 2005.

As a manufacturer of a natural product, the company is also acutely aware of its ecological responsibility. Hamberger Industrierwerke GmbH was one of the first companies in the wood-working industry to be certified according to DIN EN ISO 14001 already in 1998, which affirms its strong commitment to environmental management. In June 2005 the company was successfully audited for compliance with the requirements of the revised DIN EN ISO 14001:2004 standard.

Working in partnership with nature is essential to ensure the company's basis in future. The use of timber from sustainably managed forests and its optimum processing with state-of-the-art manufacturing technology are therefore of key importance. To document these efforts, the company has obtained certification for its product supply chain by the two leading systems for timber.

Certification to PEFC and FSC is proof that the timber used can be traced and tracked through the entire chain of custody, from the certified, sustainably managed forest all the way through to the final product.

Hamberger Industrierwerke GmbH has been certified to PEFC since 2002. Since 2004, over 80% of the timber used in the production of parquet and laminate flooring have complied with the PEFC standards. Since 2005, the company has been certified to FSC.

The company's right to carry the PEFC and FSC labels documents that Hamberger Industrierwerke has created the possibilities to produce in accordance with the required standards.

As the two systems to a certain extent compete in the different markets, the company has so far refrained from marking its products directly with the labels.

The reason for the high degree of compliance with the PEFC standard at product level lies in the responsible purchase of the raw materials. The timber for the individual parts of the final products are purchased, as far as possible, in the regions surrounding the company headquarters in Rosenheim, Germany. These forests are almost entirely certified according to the PEFC standard. The FSC certified forests (such as spruce for the middle layers) are located primarily in Scandinavia and Switzerland. Transporting the raw materials over longer distances than necessary is not beneficial for economic as well as ecological reasons. In view of this fact, it is literally "only natural" to use timber from regional PEFC certified forests in production as far as possible.

