



Mid-Sussex Timber

Quality Timber and Building Materials



MID-SUSSEX TIMBER SAFETY ADVISORY

USE OF CREOSOTE TREATED SECOND HAND TIMBERS

Since June 2003 a European Community Directive requires us as a supplier to advise customers of restrictions on the use of creosote treated second hand timbers, in particular second-hand railway sleepers.

The Timber Trade Federation and the Wood Protection Association have provided us with the following appropriate guidelines:

The EU directive specifically forbids use of creosote treated timber in the following;

- Inside buildings, whatever their purpose.
- In toys.
- In playgrounds.
- In parks, gardens and outdoor recreational and leisure facilities, where there is a risk of frequent skin contact.*
- In manufacture of garden furniture.
- For the manufacture and use or re-treatment of: containers intended for growing purposes, packaging of products for human or animal consumption, other materials, which may contaminate either of the above.

***NB.** Very few uses could be interpreted as having frequent skin contact so this is not very restrictive, for instance users would not normally use for tables or seats as surface creosote would stain clothing.

When working with creosoted timber avoid contact with skin. Wear gloves and if sawing or machining wear a dust mask and eye protection. Dispose of off-cuts and sawdust etc safely. Waste wood may be burnt if local rules allow or taken to local waste disposal facility.

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I confirm that I purchased creosote impregnated sleepers from Mid Sussex Timber as per the attached document and that I have received read and will act upon the advice notes provided.

Sign

Date.....

Print Name

Account Number.....