

COVID-19 AND KEY WORKERS IN THE FORESTRY AND WOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY

The UK Government has through DEFRA recognised the important role of forestry and wood processing businesses in supplying wood for key goods stating:

“Those involved in the supply chain of wood for key goods (including, but not limited to pallets, heating, packaging, tissue paper, timber harvesting, sawmills) should be considered **key workers**. Only necessary workers, producing key goods, should continue to attend workplaces. Working from home should be encouraged for administrative staff.”

It is important that these key workers are able to travel to work, to take children to and from school where required, and to undertake their activities related to their role as key workers.

Further information on key worker status in the forestry and wood supply chain is available at <http://www.confor.org.uk/covid-19/topics/key-workers/>

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