



# THE GERMAN FEDERAL FOREST ACT

Pollmeier is mainly using certified wood according to the PEFC standard (Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification). The PEFC Council is a leading organization in promoting sustainable forest management through independent third-party forest certification. We make PEFC-certified products available on request to our customers worldwide. When you see the PEFC symbol, you can be sure that the wood and paper products you are purchasing have been produced according to one of the highest sustainable forest management standards.

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## **Supporting Sustainable Wood Management: The German Federal Forest Act**

The vast majority of the wood used in Pollmeier products comes from the surrounding forests near our state-of-the-art sawmills in Germany. Because of our country's long tradition of environmental protection, you can be sure that each Pollmeier product has been produced according to sound, sustainable forest management principles.

## **Sustainability. Made in Germany.**

For over 200 years, Germany has made sustainable forest management a top priority. In the past, sustainability practices encouraged companies to take only the amount of wood that could be replaced with new growth—guaranteeing an adequate supply of raw materials for the next generation. Today, however, woodlands are regarded as something much more than a natural resource. They have also become a focal point for rest, relaxation and recreation. As a result, today's forest management techniques take the concept of sustainability one step further by placing an even greater priority on environmental protection over wood production.

## **Honoring progressive forestry laws.**

Germany has some of the most progressive forest protection laws in the world. The German Federal Forest Act, as well as the regional forest laws of the individual German states, have established important rules for the sustainable and proper use of woodlands for all forest owners: *§ 11 Forest Management* "Forests shall be managed in a proper and sustainable manner within the scope of their intended purpose." (Excerpt from the German Federal Forest Act of May 2, 1975)

## **Protecting our natural resources.**

As a result, Germany's woodlands are managed according to modern, ecologically sound methods. All activities are centered squarely around the needs of the forest—stimulating trees' natural ability to grow while promoting lumber's vital role in local economies. Ecological forest management embraces a number of principles that help reduce environmental impact, including single-tree selection for mature stock and a strict ban on clear-cutting. This produces healthy woodland ecosystems: multi-layered, stable forest stands capable of natural regeneration—now and in the future.