



## NOTICE TO IMPORTERS 2751

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### Lifting of the UN Import Sanctions against Liberia

United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1343 of 7 March 2001, originally imposed a prohibition on the direct and indirect import of all rough diamonds from Liberia, whether or not such diamonds originated in Liberia. UNSCR 1521 of 22 December 2003 imposed a prohibition on the import of round log and timber products.

2. The import prohibition on round log and timber products was suspended and then lifted as Liberia adopted the necessary forestry legislation proposed by the Forest Reform Monitoring Committee created by the Government of Liberia.

3. Importers should also be aware that there may be other import controls on timber or wood products. Further information on this can be found at [www.forestry.gov.uk](http://www.forestry.gov.uk)

4. Liberia was admitted to the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) on 4 May 2007. As a consequence the prohibition on the import of rough diamonds operated by the Department of Trade and Industry has now been lifted.

5. Importers of diamonds should make themselves aware of the importing requirements of the Government Diamond Office (GDO). The GDO is responsible for implementing the Kimberley Process in the UK, see their website at [www.fco.gov.uk/kimberleyprocess](http://www.fco.gov.uk/kimberleyprocess). The GDO can be contacted on telephone 020 7008 6903/5797, fax 020 7008 3905 or email [GDO@gtinet.gov.uk](mailto:GDO@gtinet.gov.uk)

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