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Holzindustrie Schweighofer delists two suppliers

- **New visible results of Holzindustrie Schweighofer's action plan for a sustainable timber industry in Romania**
- **Structured media monitoring resulted in 33 reviews and two delistings of critical suppliers**

In addition to ensuring compliance of log acquisitions, Holzindustrie Schweighofer (HS) has committed to fight illegal logging. This activity is based on a constructive dialogue with environmental NGOs, transparent communication and an overall enhanced control system for its supply chain, which also includes media monitoring of possible irregularities regarding the origin of all logs delivered to HS' mills.

Between November 2016 and April 2017, the media monitoring resulted in 33 cases of possible irregularities, which were reviewed by the dedicated compliance team. Holzindustrie Schweighofer has a zero tolerance policy concerning violations of its purchasing policy. Every piece of information about possible irregularities in its supply chain is taken seriously; every case is thoroughly investigated. The company fully cooperates with the authorities and provides all available information to clarify these situations. As a result of the aforementioned 33 in-depth analyses, two companies that clearly broke HSs criteria have been additionally delisted from the supply chain and will no longer supply to HS.

"In mid-January 2017 we publicly presented a comprehensive action plan for a sustainable timber industry in Romania. One of its key measures is to immediately investigate all possible irregularities that might affect our supply chain, also those that come to our attention via media reports, and to draw the consequences. Following this principle, we have taken the decision to delist two suppliers that did not comply with HS' standards'", said Dan Bănac, General Manager of Holzindustrie Schweighofer Romania.

Holzindustrie Schweighofer does not harvest any trees itself. To ensure that only logs destined for harvesting reach the company's mills, it requires its transporters to participate in the GPS tracking system "Timflow". This system allows tracing of the delivered timber from its loading place to the final destination.

A previous case of the “zero-tolerance” policy in action was announced in [March 2017](#)

Until now, 80 suppliers have been delisted. In each of these cases Holzindustrie Schweighofer has been in close cooperation with the authorities, who were promptly informed of any suspected irregularities and given full support throughout further investigations.

About Schweighofer Group

The Schweighofer Group has its roots in a traditional Austrian family company with over 400 years of experience in wood processing. Today, the Group is primarily active in the wood processing industry but also in dissolving pulp production, forest management, bioenergy production and real estate. The industry division of the Schweighofer Group operates three sawmills and two wooden panel productions in Romania, one saw mill in Germany and a dissolving pulp production in Austria. It takes a leading role in the European timber – processing industry, currently employing around 3.700 employees. Holzindustrie Schweighofer exports products to over 70 countries worldwide.

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