

Logs, open fires and wood burners- change of regulations as from now

The Government has instituted new regulations effective from this month, February 2021, to reduce the danger to health and the environment from logs and wood that is not sufficiently dry *.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-takes-action-to-cut-pollution-from-household-burning>

Extracts from this Government (DEFRA) website "..... sales of wet wood in units of under 2m³ will be restricted from sale from February 2021, allowing for existing stocks to be used up. Wet wood sold in volumes greater than 2m³ will need to be sold with advice on how to dry it before burning from this date."*

*(*with a moisture content of less than 20%)*

Under 2m³ is the typical quantity of wood that the majority of households purchase.

Moisture detectors For a small outlay you may want to consider buying a moisture checker such as the Brennenstuhl (photo attached). This costs about £14.00 and is worth using on logs at the point of purchase and when loading onto an open fire or woodburner. This model has three grades of checking, all under 20% moisture content. Of course other makes are available.

