

# Timber Sustainability and Purchasing Policy (BMS-P-011)

Scott Timber Ltd is committed to the responsible purchasing of timber and timber products. Our long-term intention is that all timber used in products that we purchase or specify is sourced from well-managed forests that have been certified to credible certification standards and/or are from post-consumer recycled materials. This commitment will be realized through a stepwise approach to responsible purchasing that uses the best available techniques and information.

Scott Timber Ltd has a responsibility under the UK Timber Regulations to carry out due diligence to prevent the placing of illegally harvested timber on the UK market. All our suppliers are and will be subject to regular checks to ensure that to the best of our knowledge, our products have a negligible risk of illegal origin. The organization will not source products containing timber, fibre, and other raw materials if the following apply, or are suspected.

- The source forest is known or suspected of containing high conservation values, except where the forest is certified or in progress to certification under a credible certification system or the forest manager can otherwise demonstrate that the forest and/or surrounding landscape is managed to ensure those values are maintained.
- The source forest is being actively converted from natural forest to a plantation or other land use, unless the conversion is justified on the grounds of net social and environmental gain, including the enhancement of high conservation values in the surrounding landscape.
- The material was illegally harvested or traded.
- The material was traded in a way that drives violent armed conflict or threatens national or regional stability (i.e. what is commonly called conflict timber)
- The harvesting or processing entity, or a related political or military regime, is violating human rights.
- The material is sourced from genetically modified trees.
- The source forest is unknown.

To ensure that the above goals are achieved, this organization will:

- Assess all suppliers of timber and timber products for all purchases of goods for resale.
- Seek information on the chain of custody of the timber and timber products we purchase, including the circumstances under which they were manufactured and traded.
- Evaluate chain of custody information against this policy and supporting operations procedures.
- Continually improve the level of compliance with these policies, using annual reviews, reports and actions agreed upon with our suppliers.
- Work with and encourage supplier and forest sources that are actively engaged in a process of time-bound, transparent, stepwise commitment to credible certification.
- Work with key stakeholders to ensure that best practice is followed.

- Set annual targets regarding our performance.
- Maximize the use of post consumer recycled timber and products.



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