

WWF Global Forest Trade Network



RESPONSIBLE PURCHASING POLICY FOR FOREST PRODUCTS EXAMPLE

As a consumer of forest products, local authority name has a responsibility to ensure that our procurement is not at the expense of the future of the world's forests, but positively supports responsible forest management.

To achieve this, local authority name will purchase forest products from legal and sustainable sources and ensure that forest products are sourced only from forests where:

- The forest owner/manager holds legal use rights to the forest. Where there is compliance with all relevant local and national legal requirements, where all relevant royalties and taxes are paid and where there is compliance with the requirements of CITES.
- Harm to ecosystems is minimised.
- Productivity of the forest is maintained.
- Forest ecosystem health and vitality is maintained, including adequate protection of the forest from unauthorised activities such as illegal logging, mining and encroachment.
- Biodiversity is maintained including protection of rare, threatened and endangered species and conservation of key ecosystems or habitats in their natural state and the protection of features and species of outstanding or exceptional value.
- Legal, customary and traditional tenure and use rights related to the forest are identified, documented and respected; where mechanisms for resolving grievances and disputes are in place and where the basic labour rights and health and safety of forest workers.

Local authority name will require documentation to prove this in the form of:

1) Certification under a scheme recognised by CPET¹ including the Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC) and the Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification scheme (PEFC) **or**,

2) Other documentary evidence that provides assurance that the source is legal & sustainable as summarised above and defined by CPET in detail.

Where certified timber does not exist we will carry out due diligence on these timber purchases and where necessary seek external advice on purchases from CPET. We will work with our contractors and suppliers on the implementation of this policy.

¹Central Point of Expertise on Timber: www.cpet.org.uk

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