

SUSTAINABLE TIMBER PROCUREMENT POLICY

At Grant Westfield we aim to ensure that our business supports good environmental practices. It is therefore the policy of Grant Westfield that all timber and wood derived products shall be purchased from sources whose legality and responsible management are verified independently.

Grant Westfield recognises that the production and manufacture of timber-based products may have significant economic, environmental, and social impacts. Sustainable forest management is about preserving forests as a source of life for all who depend on it. We believe that timber should be harvested in a way that does not threaten endangered species or forest wildlife, nor the rights and livelihoods of the people who depend upon it.

Grant Westfield shall apply due diligence, including a documented risk assessment, to avoid involvement, directly or indirectly, with suppliers using controversial sources and / or involved in the following unacceptable activities:

- a) Illegal logging or the trade in illegal wood or forest products,
- b) Violation of traditional and human rights in forestry operations,
- c) Destruction of high conservation values in forestry operations,
- d) Significant conversion of forests to plantations or non-forest use,
- e) Introduction of genetically modified organisms in forestry operations,
- f) Violation of any of the ILO Core Conventions, and
- g) Countries currently under UN sanctions.

In addition to meeting the requirements of the UK Timber Regulations (UKTR) and supporting EU Timber Regulations (EUTR) we will refrain from selling products derived from sources about which substantiated concerns are known. To assist us in this due diligence, we shall prioritise the procurement of timber from Chain of Custody certified sources, or, where the specified timber is not available, we shall seek other forms of evidence or certification to substantiate legality.

At every opportunity Grant Westfield will promote the purchase of timber and wood products from independently verified sustainable sources. As manufacturers, rather than stockists, the priority has always been on procuring materials from certified sources where practicable and economically viable.

The Quality Manager shall be the assigned *Responsible Person* for ensuring the implementation of this Sustainable Timber Policy. Directors, Managers, Supervisors and Team Leaders, all have responsibility to ensure that the company sustainable timber policy is communicated to employees and the requirements of the policy are complied with wherever we operate.

Grant Westfield complies with relevant legislation and shall apply in all its operations and facilities the Core Labour Requirements. Further details may be found in the company policies on these subjects.

This Sustainable Timber Policy will be reviewed annually and updated as required, when new or changed legislation occurs, or should there be a change in our activities.

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