



# Timber Purchasing Policy

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## **Responsibility**

Vastern Timber Co Ltd recognises a responsibility to the environment, the company's customers, suppliers and staff.

Vastern Timber endeavours to:

- Buy British grown logs.
- Base its commercial activities on wood sourced from well managed forests.
- Wherever possible source wood from forests accredited under the FSC scheme.
- Minimize the effects of transportation through local purchasing.
- Reduce raw material usage through waste reduction.
- Recycle packaging.

## **Legality**

The company is committed to identify the source of all wood used and to taking all reasonable measures to ensure the legality of harvested material purchased by the company.

## **Supplier Monitoring**

The company will regularly obtain from suppliers:

- a) Information relating to their environmental practices
- b) Clearest practicable information regarding sources of raw material used in the manufacture of the wood products

### **Timber Certification**

This company recognises that the independent certification of forests and the process chain is the most useful tool in providing assurances that the timber comes from legal and well managed forests. The company will only accept or use labels or certificates which include environmental or sustainability claims if these are supported by publicly available standards drawn up in a fully participatory transparent and objective manner and backed by independent inspection.

### **Avoid Misleading Claims**

The company will avoid misleading and unsubstantiated environmental claims

### **Management Structure**

The company has appointed a Director responsible for the implementation of this policy and will ensure that environmental issues relevant to the policy are discussed regularly at the highest level of management. The company will ensure that all employees associated with timber purchasing are encouraged to act in accordance with this policy and are given appropriate education and training to do so if required.

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