

## Environmentally Responsible Wood & Wood Fibre Procurement

Carter Holt Harvey Building Supplies Ltd (CHHBSL) is committed to managing its business in a responsible manner including environmentally responsible procurement of wood.

Procuring wood from environmentally sustainable sources is one of the actions CHHBSL can take to promote sustainable environmental management for the benefit of current and future generations.

From 1 December 2007, this policy will be recognised by each of CHHBSL's manufacturing sites in Australia and New Zealand and reflected in CHHBSL's procurement activities.

Wood and wood fibre purchased for processing, remanufacture and on-sale will originate from 'sustainable sources'.

Sustainable sources of wood and wood fibre include those meeting the following criteria:

- All wood fibre sourced from plantation forests that are managed in compliance with applicable law and regulations; or
- All wood fibre sourced from Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), or State Government certified Australian Forest Standards (AFS) sources, when commercially available.

Sustainable and controlled sources exclude those meeting the following criteria:

- Old growth forests including natural forests and forest areas of high conservation value;
- Derived from genetically modified trees, being trees originating from recombinant transgenic techniques;
- Natural forest being converted to plantation or non-forest use;
- Where traditional or civil rights are being violated; and
- Wood that has been harvested illegally.

CHHBSL verifies and monitors its sources. Exceptions to this policy must be escalated to and approved at CE level or higher to ensure an optimal commercial and environmentally sustainable outcome is reached.

All employees and direct customers will be advised of this policy.



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