



FSC CONTROLLED WOOD POLICY

As a responsible user and producer of FSC certified and controlled wood products, York Timbers (Pty) Ltd has committed itself to ensure that we enforce the pre requisites of the FSC Chain of Custody.

To this end we will exclude processing wood harvested from the following categories:

- Wood harvested from forest areas where traditional or civil rights are violated.
- Wood harvested from non FSC-certified forests areas having high conservation values which are being threatened.
- Wood harvested from genetically modified (GM) trees.
- Illegally harvested wood.
- Natural forest that have been converted to plantations or non-forest use.

To affect this policy York Timbers (Pty) Ltd will comply with the procedures outlined in Annexure 1.

The Group Systems Officer is appointed to implement and maintain the system for the management of the Controlled Wood Standard as detailed in the FSC standard: FSC-STD-40-005.

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Date

ANNEXURE 1

Procedure for dealing with the Controlled Wood Standard (FSC-STD-40-005)

York Timbers (Pty) Ltd will:

1. have one person appointed who is responsible for ensuring the FSC Controlled Wood requirements are met, according to FSC-STD-40-005.
2. ensure that all key personnel (employees and contractors) understand their role in controlling incoming shipments of round wood. The company will identify, provide and document any necessary training for staff.
3. identify and record documents that show compliance with the applicable requirements of the standard.
4. verify that for all foreign suppliers of wood species listed in Annex 1, 2 or 3 of CITES (See www.cites.org), all applicable licenses and permits are accompanied with trading documents.
5. have a publicly-available written commitment to control specified wood sources in order to avoid material that comes from any of the five categories listed above in the controlled wood policy.
6. keep a list of all incoming wood and fibre that the company wishes to control. This list should include species, volume, country, district of origin, and the name and address of the supplier.
7. establish a system to ensure that "uncontrolled" wood is not mixed with wood that is controlled in accordance with the requirements outlined in FSC-STD-40-005 and with wood that is FSC certified. Preference will be given to sources of FSC certified wood.
8. implement a company verification program of wood suppliers who are not FSC certified.
9. assess the risk of their suppliers in accordance to the requirements specified in FSC-STD-40-005.
10. implement a complaints mechanism to address evidence related to its risk assessment conclusions, this is the Safety Health and Environmental Request (SHEAR) procedure.

