



Chain of Custody Procedures

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Appendix

Environmental Policy Statement

The Directors of MKM Building Supplies (The Company) recognise that The Company has a responsibility to the environment, customers, suppliers and staff to base its commercial activities on well-managed and sustainable forests. MKM shall adhere to the requirements of the FSC and PEFC standards to achieve this.

The Company is committed to purchasing all timber from legal and sustainable sources and seeks evidence of compliance from suppliers that they are operating in accordance with the laws of their country. The Company unreservedly condemns illegal logging practices and keeps informed of processes and changes in international legislation.

The Company imports and sells Softwood, and buys and sells Hardwood, Sheet Materials and Engineered Timber Products into the UK merchanting, joinery and construction markets.

The Company assesses suppliers for evidence of sustainable forest management and is subject to an annual independent audit. The UK Government has recognised the RPP as an excellent example of industry good practice in helping to source legal and sustainable timber.

The Company performs a risk assessment on all suppliers and seeks the clearest practicable information regarding the sources of raw materials. It recognises that the independent certification of the forests and the process chain is the best means of providing assurance that timber comes from legal and well-managed forests and will purchase certified material wherever possible.

As part of its commitment to Environmental practices The Company will source FSC Certified Timber wherever possible. The Company also declares that it is not, and will not be, involved, either directly or indirectly, in any of the following 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 Conventions¹*

¹ *As defined in the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work.*

The Company is working towards implementing Chain of Custody (CoC) procedures to ensure these materials meet the Government and C.P.E.T. (Central Point of Expertise in Timber) policy and guidelines on sustainable forest management practices and are obtained from legal and sustainable forest sources.

As part of this system, it is the policy of The Company to ensure compliance with the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) criteria. As part of this system it is the policy of The Company to avoid using timber harvested from forest areas where traditional or civil rights are violated, timber harvested from non FSC-certified forest areas having high conservation values which are threatened, timber from genetically modified (GM) trees, illegally harvested timber and natural forest that has been converted to plantations or non-forest use.

Management shall be responsible for implementing this policy and the day-to-day responsibility that this statement is carried out and that The Company Chain of Custody certification scheme, once achieved, is maintained in line with the certification body requirements and the Government and C.P.E.T. policy.

If it is established that The Company has received materials from illegal sources, it will promptly take the appropriate action(s), including ceasing purchasing from such sources for products covered by this policy.

The Company will work closely with all of its suppliers to encourage greater use of certified timber and timber products so that our continual improvement programme of introducing more certified products can be sustained. In order to achieve this all timber and engineered timber products, where possible, are sourced and procured from a list of 'Approved Suppliers' that is maintained and updated in accordance with The Company's Chain of Custody scheme requirements. These suppliers have already achieved Chain of Custody certification through a licensed and approved independent third part certification body.

On some product lines where certified material is as yet unavailable, The Company will continue to seek alternative sources or work with the supplying company to implement their own Chain of Custody scheme within agreed timescales.

The Company will work with its certification body to ensure that all criteria required by the FSC, PEFC, TTF RPP, the UK Government and C.P.E.T. (Central Point of Expertise in Timber) are met and that any non-conformances are corrected without delay.