



ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FOR WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS.*

The environmental policy is based on two funding principles:

Forests, forest functions and products, including wood, contribute to human well-being worldwide.

Every country, including the UK, must value its forests and strive for equality in access to the benefits which forests provide.

The ultimate responsibility for forest policy lies with the sovereign Government and people of forested countries. They have the task of balancing environmental, economic, social and political needs. Nevertheless, this organisation believes that the UK timber industry has a responsibility to its customers, suppliers and staff to base its commercial activities on properly managed forests.

PALMER TIMBER LIMITED:

1. Supports National and International efforts focused on achieving the fastest possible progress towards environmentally and socially sound forest management worldwide, in line with the statement of forest Principles adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environmental & Development (UNCED) 1992.
2. Will encourage and support suppliers of wood products who adopt the appropriate environmental polices and standards within their own national context, relevant to their position within the wood chain.
3. Encourages the use of wood as an environmentally beneficial material and is constantly seeking out new ways to reduce wood waste and to utilise residues.
4. Will seek to obtain clear information about the sources of all wood products and that all supplies conform to government regulations and environmental policies in their own National and Regional context.
5. will support the introduction of effective system to substantiate that the relevant National Regulatory Authorities are working towards internationally acceptable standards, so that customers may be assured of the soundness of forest management and forest managers may receive the benefits of responsible management practices.
6. will not use labels or certificates which include claims of sustainable forest management, unless supported by the respective government authority.
7. for the purpose of the controlled wood category within the company's FSC manual, the company will not source timber from
 - a. wood harvested from forest areas where traditional or civil rights are violated
 - b. wood harvested from non FSC-certified forest areas having high conservation values which are threatened
 - c. illegally harvested wood
 - d. wood harvested from genetically modified trees
 - e. natural forest that has been converted to plantations or non-forest use.

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*This policy will be reviewed periodically