

Chain of Custody Policy

Sustainable Timber Tasmania is a State Government Business Enterprise with the fundamental statutory responsibility to make available and sell forest products from the Permanent Timber Production Zone of Tasmania's public forests. Sustainable Timber Tasmania also obtains and sells products from other sources. Sustainable Timber Tasmania is committed to demonstrating that products provided to customers originate from sustainably managed forests. This process is known as maintaining chain of custody. Under this policy, Sustainable Timber Tasmania will:

- Only obtain forest products from sources:
 - that are legally harvested;
 - where harvesting has not violated traditional or civil rights,
 - where High Conservation Values are not threatened by management activities;
 - where native forests are not being converted to plantations or non-forest use;
 - where Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) are not used;
 - that do not originate from countries subject to forest product-based trade sanctions;
 - that are not classified as conflict timber; and
 - where traded raw materials comply with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (the CITES convention).
- Obtain or trade in forest products from sources certified to the Australian Forestry Standard and/or Forest Stewardship Council sustainable forest management schemes wherever possible.
- Provide information to customers sufficient for them to ensure traceability of supplied products.
- Maintain the chain of custody system so that is compliant with the Australian Forestry Standard and/or Forest Stewardship Council requirements.
- Maintain a system to enable the credible and valid use of logos or other certification marks on wood products and associated documents.
- Comply with all applicable workplace health and safety and environmental laws and regulations.
- Respect the rights of all workers to collectively bargain consistent with International Labour Organisation conventions.
- Provide staff and contractors with sufficient awareness, information, skills, training and resources to implement this policy.
- Continually improve the chain of custody system through regular monitoring, auditing and review programs.



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