

# Wood and Forest Based Product Procurement Policy

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## Policy Statement

The Wood and Forest Based Product Procurement Policy outlines Boise Cascade Company's (Boise Cascade) commitment to sourcing legally harvested and transported wood and forest-based products.

## Scope

The Wood and Forest Based Product Procurement Policy extends to all procurement activities for primary and secondary wood and forest-based products used in our production facilities, and to the purchase of wood and forest-based products through our distribution facilities. This policy defines the expectation to avoid the purchase of illegal wood and forest-based products as required by regulatory authorities.

## Definitions

**Forest Certification Programs** – third-party audited standards that define responsible forestry practices and requirements for tracking forest wood and fiber through harvesting to manufacturing and to the final product. These programs include Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®), Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®), and the Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) Standards.

**FSC Definition of Conversion** – *A lasting change of natural forest cover\* or High Conservation Value areas\*, induced by human activity\*.* This may be characterized by significant loss of species diversity\*, habitat diversity, structural complexity, ecosystem functionality or livelihoods and cultural values. The definition of *conversion\** covers gradual forest *degradation\** as well as rapid forest transformation.

\* = term further defined in FSC-POL-01-007 V1-0.

**FSC definition of High Conservation Values** – forests that possess any of the following:

**HCV1 – Species Diversity** – Concentrations of *biological diversity\** including endemic species, and rare, threatened or *endangered\** species, that are significant at global, regional or national levels.

**HCV 2 – Landscape-Level Ecosystems and Mosaics** – Intact forest landscapes and large landscape-level ecosystems\* and ecosystem mosaics that are significant at global, regional or national levels.

**HCV 3 – Ecosystems and Habitats** – Rare, threatened, or endangered ecosystems, *habitats*\* or *refugia*\*.

**HCV 4 – Critical Ecosystem Services** – Basic ecosystem services\* in critical situations, including protection of water catchments and control of erosion of vulnerable soils and slopes.

**HCV 5 – Community Needs** – Sites and resources fundamental for satisfying the basic necessities of *local communities*\* or *Indigenous Peoples*\*.

**HCV 6 – Cultural Values** – Sites, resources, habitats and landscapes of global or national cultural, archaeological or historical significance, identified through engagement with local communities or Indigenous Peoples.

\* = all HCV terms further defined in FSC-STD-01-001 V5-3

**FSC Definition of Plantation** – a forest area established by planting or sowing with using either alien or native species, often with one or few species, regular spacing and even ages, and which lacks most of the principal characteristics and key elements of natural forests. The description of plantations is further defined in FSC-POL-01-007 V1-0 and the FSC Forest Stewardship Standards.

## Policy

Boise Cascade is a wood product manufacturing and building materials distribution company that is committed to the legal trade of wood and forest-based products. As such, we expect the same commitment from our Suppliers (see <https://www.bc.com/suppliers/>). The Supplier Code of Conduct clarifies the expectations we have of each of our suppliers, vendors, contractors, consultants, agents, and any others who provide goods and services to Boise Cascade.

Boise Cascade has implemented and utilizes a due care program designed to prevent purchases of wood and forest-based products that originate from illegal sources. Boise Cascade will not knowingly purchase wood and forest-based products for production or distribution from illegally harvested or traded sources. Boise Cascade's commitment extends to all procurement activities for primary and secondary raw materials used in our production facilities, and to the

purchase of wood and forest-based products through our distribution facilities. Our procurement personnel are responsible for tracking and documenting the geographic origin, legality, and certification status of wood and forest-based products.

Boise Cascade is committed to compliance with all applicable national and international environmental, forestry, worker protection, and other relevant laws and regulations (see our Environmental Policy at <https://www.bc.com/environmental-policies/>). Boise Cascade expects all of its wood and forest-based product suppliers to comply with all applicable laws and regulations pertaining to their operations and to provide information regarding wood and forest origin, species identification, and certification status of the wood and forest-based products they supply to Boise Cascade. Consistent with our values, Boise Cascade seeks to eliminate any sources and suppliers that do not meet the spirit of our policies and values.

Boise Cascade is committed to implementing internationally recognized forestry certification programs, including the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) 2022 Standards, Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) FSC-STD-40-004 V3.1, and the Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) ST 2002:2020 COC (Chain of Custody) Standards and the requirements addressing responsible wood procurement from sustainably managed forests.

Where Boise Cascade locations are certified to FSC standards, in addition to utilizing our due care program designed to prevent purchases of forest based raw materials and wood products that originate from illegal sources, we commit to source wood that is low risk for:

1. Wood harvested in violation of traditional and civil rights
2. Wood harvested in forests where High Conservation Values are threatened by management activities
3. Wood harvested in forests being converted to plantations or non-forest use (according to FSC definitions and standard requirements)
4. Wood from forests in which genetically modified trees are planted

Boise Cascade encourages landowners from whom we directly purchase wood to reforest following harvest. Boise Cascade's contracts for SFI certified locations require the use of best management practices (BMPs), and we help to identify and protect important habitat elements for wildlife, including Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value. When conducting harvesting operations in forests that contain threatened and endangered species and rare plant

communities, Boise Cascade is committed to complying with all applicable laws and regulations that protect these species and rare plant communities. Boise Cascade encourages the expertise of direct suppliers and all wood producers through ongoing education and training. Boise Cascade requires independently trained logging professionals on all harvest operations to minimize negative impacts to the environment.

Boise Cascade cooperatively works with governmental and non-governmental organizations that are dedicated to the sustainable use of forest resources, and we seek constructive solutions to environmental issues and challenges. Through partnerships, Boise Cascade maintains its leadership position in the business community to ensure an environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable future.

## **Related documents or policies**

- American National Standard for Due Diligence in Procuring/Sourcing Legal Timber
- Boise Cascade Code of Conduct
- Boise Cascade Forest Certification Procedures
- Boise Cascade Supplier Code of Conduct
- Forest Stewardship Council Chain of Custody and Controlled Wood Standards
- FSC Policy to Address Conversion: FSC-POL-01-007 V1-0 EN
- FSC Principles and Criteria for Forest Stewardship Standard FSC-STD-01-001 V5-3
- Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Chain of Custody Standard
- Sustainable Forestry Initiative Chain of Custody and Fiber Sourcing Standards
- 11.7 - Supplier Due Diligence Policy