

SAINT-GOBAIN DISTRIBUTION BÂTIMENT ENVIRONMENTAL TIMBER POLICY

As a commitment aligned with the Saint-Gobain Distribution Bâtiment Responsible Purchasing Policy, the timber environmental policy defines the moral and responsible conduct requirements within Business Units relating to the buying and selling of timber, and fixes a set of common operating rules.

This timber policy symbolizes the commitment on the part of the Sector and its BUs which procure timber products from many different countries, to be recognized as a group of responsible businesses, promoting good citizenship. The Sector's objective up the supply chain is to participate positively in the protection of the biodiversity of forest areas and the habitats of the people who rely on forests for their livelihood. Down the supply chain, the Sector continues to look to develop more and more healthy timber panel and flooring products for end-users.

This policy is based on two principles:

- Responsible purchasing and procurement,
- Responsible selling.

RESPONSIBLE PURCHASING AND PROCUREMENT HINGES ON THREE AXES

1 Protection of biodiversity and local populations

- Analyzing the degree of species vulnerability leads us to adapt our purchasing policy accordingly.
- Refuse to sell timber from countries in contravention of international conventions or good forestry practices.

2 Assurance of timber legality, in accordance with European Regulation FLEGT.

Our product traceability commits us to:

- Obtaining proof from suppliers that timber comes from legal operations,
- Establish a due diligence system.

3 Promotion for certified or responsibly managed timber

- This means each year increasing the percentage of certified timber (FSC, PEFC, ...) in our sales plan, giving preference to local timber.

RESPONSIBLE SELLING HINGES ON THREE GOALS

1 Training & involving our sales force in this process.

2 Certifying our sales outlets (FSC and PEFC).

3 Informing our customers and providing them with all necessary indications on products being offered.

Saint-Gobain's Building Distribution Sector timber environmental policy as applied to its Business Units and brands will be reviewed on a regular basis. This is an open-ended continuous improvement process, with planned and quantified commitments.

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