



Wood Sourcing & Verification Policy

AKD Softwoods sources plantation grown *Pinus radiata* sawlog from a number of forest growers. Suppliers of forest products vary from large corporate organisations to small individual holdings.

AKD is committed to the values of the Forest Stewardship Council and thus shall not directly or indirectly be involved in 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 of non-forest use;
- e) Introduction of genetically modified organisms if forestry operations;
- f) Violation of any of the ILO Core Conventions, as defined in the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, 1998.

AKD Softwoods is fully committed to the Forest Stewardship Council Chain of Custody certification and the sourcing of controlled material through an extensive verification procedure. In order to maintain this status AKD Softwoods will exclude any wood sourced from the following categories:

- ◆ Forests harvested illegally;
- ◆ Forest areas where harvesting has violated traditional and civil rights;
- ◆ Forest areas where high conservation values (HCV) are threatened by management activities;
- ◆ Forests that are being converted to plantations or non-forest use;
- ◆ Forests in which genetically modified trees are planted.

The following procedures shall be implemented to ensure compliance:

- All small private suppliers shall complete an owner/agent declaration (Doc. 5.12).
- AKD will conduct verification audits as per the AKD Controlled Wood Verification Audit Procedure (Doc. 2.5) to verify details provided by suppliers of non FSC certified materials and ensure that HCVs are not being threatened.
- AKD will not accept wood from suppliers who fail to complete a declaration or are unknown to the network of contractors or principles.

AKD Softwoods has appointed a contact person responsible for implementing the policy, this is the Resources Manager.



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