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## OSiT's Sustainable Timber Policy

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1. OSiT's Sustainable Procurement Policy commits us to avoid procuring goods, services and works that impact negatively on places, people and other species both locally and across the world. We recognise that forest management can be environmentally appropriate and socially beneficial; it can also be environmentally and socially damaging. To support responsible forest management, we will meet the following commitments in relation to purchasing timber and timber products (including, but not limited to, paper, furniture, wood fuel, site works and material supplied by contractors such as scaffolding, hoardings).
2. OSiT will not source forest products from:
  - Forests or forest product suppliers that do not comply with all relevant national and international legislation relating to the trade in forest products;
  - High Conservation Value Forests where these are recognised nationally or regionally, unless these forests are progressing towards credible forest certification in a time-bound, stepwise and transparent manner;
  - Protected areas, parks or similar areas where harvesting operations are not complimentary to responsible forest management;
  - Forests which are currently being converted to other land uses, or forests that have been converted since 1994; and
  - Forests which are in areas of armed conflict or civil unrest where there is a direct relationship between the forest products trade and the funding of such conflicts.
3. OSiT will procure products from legal and well managed forests which are certified under third party certification schemes which are in compliance with the criteria set in the document "UK Government Timber Procurement Policy: Criteria for Evaluating Category A Evidence". Schemes in compliance include the Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC) and the Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification scheme (PEFC).
4. OSiT will accept other documentary evidence that provides assurance that the source is sustainable as set out in the document titled "UK Government Timber Procurement Policy: Framework for Evaluating Category B Evidence".
5. OSiT will, where practicable, purchase recycled timber and products using recycled timber.
6. OSiT Sustainable Timber Policy will be embedded as part of OSiT's sustainable procurement policy. This will include communicating the policy to all stakeholders, ensuring procurement procedures incorporate the policy and providing guidance to all employees on how to comply with the policy.