

Timber recycles carbon

TIMBER QUEENSLAND GUIDELINE

Specifications for Sustainable Timber

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This Guideline has been prepared to assist with the correct specification of timber to be obtained from legal and sustainable sources. The clauses are intended to be inserted into standard tendering and specification documents as appropriate.

LEGAL & SUSTAINABLE TIMBER

Timber used for building construction and fit-out should only be sourced from legal and sustainable sources. Timbers are considered acceptable where there is a high degree of certainty that they are from forests, either native or plantation, that are legally harvested and sustainably managed, or where they are recycled timbers.

Definition of Timber

In this contract 'timber' is deemed to include any timber from tree logs, poles, round timber or recycled timber with a sawn, dressed or machine finish including glued-laminated timber, finger jointed timber, laminated veneer lumber, engineered wood products (EWP's) and wood based panels. Timbers supplied or used in performance of the contract that have been salvaged or re-used are referred to as 'recycled' timber, which is further defined below. Timbers supplied or used in performance of the contract that are not recycled are referred to as new timbers.

1.1 LEGAL

The contractor is required to submit evidence that the new sawn timber supplied under this specification has been obtained from a legal source. In order of preference, evidence of legal origin includes:

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1. Statement, and if requested physical evidence, that the timber is:
 - sourced from Australia; or
 - imported from a low risk country; or
 - where imported from other countries, Chain of Custody (CoC) Certification from an internationally recognised forest certification scheme.
2. For timber imported from other countries where timber does not have CoC certification, a statement that the timber was sourced from forests managed within the legislation, regulations and codes of practices of the country of origin. Suppliers will state what policies and processes they have in place and the evidence available to verify this statement. Preference will be given to processes and evidence that have been verified by a third party.

Low risk country

In this contract 'low risk countries' are countries such as New Zealand, Canada, Austria, Finland, United States of America, Chile, Germany, South Africa, Sweden and France. Further indications of risk are given in 'Timber Queensland guideline for ensuring legality of imported timber' at www.timberqueensland.com.au

1.2 SUSTAINABLE

The contractor is required to supply timber from a sustainable source. Preference will be given to timbers that have a higher level of certainty of their sustainability credentials.

In this contract new sawn timber is considered to be sustainable if sourced from native or plantation forests that meet one or more of the following criteria, in order of preference:

1. Certified to meet the requirements of an internationally recognised certification scheme, or
2. Any one of these:
 - a. Progressing towards certification to meet the requirements of an internationally certification scheme;
 - b. Are from a forest which is part of an Australian Regional Forest Agreement area approved for timber production;
 - c. Are from a plantation; or
3. From a known source that meets the country of origin's sustainable forest management requirements.

In this contract recycled timber is deemed to be from a sustainable source.

DEFINITION OF RECYCLED TIMBER

In this contract 'recycled timber' means recovered timber that prior to being supplied had an end use as a stand alone object or as part of a structure. The terms 'recycled', 're-used' and 'reclaimed' are used interchangeably and cover materials as defined in AS/NZS ISO 14021: 2000.

Internationally Recognised Forest Certification Schemes

In this contract 'Internationally recognised forest certification schemes' include:

- FSC - Forest Stewardship Council
- AFS – Australian Forestry Standard
- PEFC – Other international schemes endorsed by the Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification

1.3 EVIDENCE OF ORIGIN

The contractor is required to provide evidence of origin for all timber supplied. In order of preference, the evidence of origin will be:

1. Chain of Custody Certification
2. Third Party Evidence of Origin.
3. Statutory declaration stating the source.

Chain of Custody Certification

In this contract 'Chain of Custody Certification' means timber that has chain of custody certification that conforms with the requirements of an internationally recognised forest certification scheme to the last point of transformation (i.e. sawmill, importer, merchant or manufacturer).

In this contract, where timber is branded with a recognised forest certification scheme brand at the last point of transformation and this brand remains legible and visible on the timber or timber products manufactured from it (i.e. trusses, frames, EWP's) that are delivered to site, this is deemed sufficient evidence of 'chain of custody' and 'product tracking'.


Third Party Evidence of Origin

In this contract 'Third Party Evidence of Origin' in the context of this Contract means documentary evidence of origin and production controls, which has been verified by an *authorised third party*, detailing the *source* and *product tracking* of all timber supplied.

'Source' in this context means:

- For new timber the forest where the trees were grown and harvested and the sustainability status of that forest.
- For recycled timber the previous use of the timber.

'Product tracking' in this context means the production controls used to track the timber from the source, through all processing activities and any other parts of the supply chain prior to delivery to site. Product tracking will provide a high level of confidence about the origin of the timber and the tracking procedures will generally conform with AS 4707-2006 Chain of Custody for Certified Wood, Appendix B – Physical Separation.



'Authorised third party' in this context means a Conformity Assessment Body accredited to assess internationally recognised forest certification scheme(s) such as those accredited by JAS-ANZ to undertake product certification under AS 4707; or an FSC Accredited Certification Body, (or other body as approved under this contract.)

Statement of Source

In this contract 'Statement of Source' means a Statutory Declaration detailing where the timber was sourced and any steps in the supply chain. Suppliers will state the processes in place, and the evidence available, to verify this statement.

1.4 RIGHT TO REJECT TIMBER

The right to reject any timber that does not comply with the provisions of these Conditions or the Contract Specification will be reserved. Where the right to reject any timber is exercised, the contractor shall supply alternative timber, which does so comply, at no additional cost and without causing delay to the Contract completion period.