

Responsible Purchasing Policy

Commitment to sustainability

The Managing Director of HEYWOOD VLOEREN, also responsible for all raw material purchasing, will be responsible for the implementation of this policy and will ensure that relevant sustainability issues will be discussed with the senior management and commercial staff.

HEYWOOD VLOEREN will ensure that the management and staff follow the mission of responsible stewardship of the environment and its natural resources, and will promote this policy as one of the companies internal and external USP's.

Environmental responsibility

HEYWOOD VLOEREN not only recognizes its responsibility to the environment, but also to its customers, suppliers and staff and will base its commercial activities on well-managed forests products, and will envisage to limit wastage and optimize the re-use of the timber waste as raw material for other processes in its production facility, following the cradle to cradle principle so this could become a cornerstone of Heywood's timber raw material processing.

Certification & Chain of Custody

HEYWOOD VLOEREN is committed to the sourcing of legal and responsible timber products and will, were possible, only procure timber products from suppliers which are certified by independent international recognized standards such as FSC® and PEFC. All Heywood's suppliers are requested to provide Chain of Custody documentation and credible certification which gives Heywood Vloeren the best assurances that the product originates from a legal and preferably well managed forest.

Legality

HEYWOOD VLOEREN is committed to the sourcing of timber products which is harvested, produced, processed and traded in a legal way and will seek evidence of compliance from suppliers by operating a due diligence risk assesment tool.

International regulation

HEYWOOD VLOEREN is committed to continously improve the proportion of timber and timber products that originate from legal and well-managed forests and will cease to purchase any timber and timber products whose supply is in breach of any international regulation.

Risk assessment and Supply Chain Management

HEYWOOD VLOEREN will make a risk assessment of each supplier and the products they supply, to evaluate the risk that the supplier and/or its products may not be in compliance with Heywood's mission as outlined in this Responsible Purchasing Policy. All collected and available information will be used to make the risk assesment effective. The information about existing and potential suppliers and their sources of material will be evaluated. When in doubt Heywood Vloeren will seek clarification and take the necessary measures to avoid the risk, and either clasify the risk as almost void or seek alternative supply without risk.

Auditing

All HEYWOOD's procedures and purchases are transparant, well documented and in line with this policy and can be verified by independent third-party auditing if necessary and applicable.

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