

# TIMBER POLICY

## SAINT-GOBAIN GROUP

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***Saint-Gobain's timber policy defines the responsible conduct with which Saint-Gobain subsidiaries are required to comply when buying and/or selling timber products. It specifies a set of common operating rules.***

This policy is part of the **response of the Saint-Gobain Group to the major challenges of sustainable development.**

It reflects our determination to set an exemplary standard for all our products throughout their life-cycle. Moreover it contributes to our objective of maximum possible reduction of the impact of our activities.

We have defined three areas of action directly inspired by the Group's Principles of Conduct & Action.

## **RESPECT FOR OTHERS**

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### **Ensuring respect for fundamental rights of local populations**

We are committed to:

- ensuring that we buy and sell timber harvested in countries or concessions that comply with international conventions.
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## **CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

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### **Using timber harvested in responsibly managed concessions in order to preserve natural resources**

We are committed to:

- giving priority to recycled products first in our purchasing and sales policies, then either PEFC/FSC certified products or timber from responsibly managed forests.

### **Contributing to biodiversity preservation**

We are committed to:

- adapting our sales and purchasing policy depending on the level of species vulnerability.
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## **RESPECT FOR THE LAW**

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### **Ensuring the legality of the timber we import, use and sell**

*In particular in compliance with the European Timber Regulation (EUTR) under the FLEGT action plan in Europe and with the Lacey Act in the US.*

We are committed to:

- gradually developing a traceability system for all the timber products we buy and sell,
- implementing a system to evaluate and control risks linked to the timber trade.