

CONTROLLED WOOD POLICY

NCT's senior management and board endorse its Controlled Wood Policy to demonstrate NCT's commitment to ensuring good forestry management.

COMPANY POLICY

The aim of this policy is to avoid the sourcing and trading of wood or wood fibre from the following categories:

- Illegal harvested wood;
- Wood harvested in violation of traditional and civil rights;
- Wood harvested in forests where high conservation values are threatened by management activities;
- Wood harvested in forests being converted to plantations or non-forest use;
- Wood from forests in which genetically modified trees are planted.

LEGALITY OF WOOD SOURCE

NCT will provide records indicating the origin of all the timber that we source. This information is currently available through our delivery note system and Oracle data base. The main concern around legality would be timber theft; NCT has been pro-active in this regard.

WOOD HARVESTED IN VIOLATION OF TRADITIONAL OR CIVIL RIGHTS

South Africa is considered low risk in this respect because the constitution protects the rights of every individual. In addition, all our timber is sourced from exotic plantations so conflict between indigenous peoples' right to access forests and the logging of the forest, does not exist.

WOOD HARVESTED FROM FORESTS IN WHICH HIGH CONSERVATION VALUES ARE THREATENED BY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

This requirement is not applicable in the NCT context as we source all our timber from exotic plantations. The water used licence system prevents the establishment of new plantation in areas that are considered to be of high conservation value.

WOOD HARVESTED FROM AREAS BEING CONVERTED FROM FORESTS AND OTHER WOODED ECOSYSTEMS TO PLANTATIONS OR NON-FOREST USES

In South Africa, all indigenous forests are protected by law. NCT only trades in timber from commercially grown exotic plantations.

WOOD FROM FORESTS IN WHICH GENETICALLY-MODIFIED TREES ARE PLANTED

There is no commercial use of genetically modified trees taking place in South Africa.

Compliance with our ISO 9001:2015 standard (IDP 07) allows NCT to supply Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) controlled wood to FSC-certified chain-of-custody companies for the purpose of mixing it with FSC-certified material. The standard and procedures allow NCT to greatly reduce the risk of trading in wood from unacceptable sources and will allow our customers to demonstrate our commitment to good management practices.

This policy is applicable to all timber supplied by NCT Forestry Co-operative Limited.