



# *Oaks Unlimited, Inc*

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Oaks Unlimited Inc. is committed to implementing and achieving conformance with the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and Controlled Wood Standards. As part of that commitment, we are in the process of updating our lumber procurement policies and Contracts/Purchase Orders to address the relevant requirements of the chain of custody and controlled wood standards. This is an annual process.

Oaks Unlimited Inc. publicly declares it will source wood without violating any FSC standards, including the main five below:

- 1) illegally harvested wood;
- 2) wood harvested in violation of traditional and civil rights;
- 3) wood harvested from forests where high conservation values are threatened by management activities;
- 4) wood harvested from natural forests being converted to plantations or non-forest use; and
- 5) wood from forests in which genetically modified trees are planted.

Please be aware that Oaks Unlimited Inc. has conducted a formal Risk Assessment of its lumber areas and found them to be “low risk” for any of the above five categories of uncontrolled sources of logs. For further clarification, we are providing the following explanation of how we interpret the five unacceptable sources of wood.

- 1) Illegally harvested wood may be stolen, or may come from legally protected parks and wildlife refuges, or may be associated with timber trespass.
- 2) Wood harvested in violation of traditional or civil rights addresses situations where local Indian Tribes’ traditional hunting and fishing grounds are threatened, where civil rights are violated, and child labor laws are not followed.
- 3) High conservation value forests are areas that are considered natural and may contain unique or rare habitats and wildlife communities.
- 4) Natural or semi-natural forest conversion to plantations and non-forests is an issue only where large areas of original old-growth and natural forest are being lost. Areas of concern include parts of Malaysia, Indonesia and the Amazon River basin and other large intact forested areas where land clearing and population growth is encroaching on former natural forests. This does not generally apply to harvesting associated with home construction or development in the U.S and Canada.
- 5) There are no genetically modified trees in the U.S. and Canada at this time.



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In situations where we receive "Certified" lumber from organizations that are FSC Chain of Custody Certified, our procurement procedures require each organization to:

- 1) work with the certified organization to ensure that lumber deliveries are accompanied by a transport document or other proof that the lumber originated from a certified organization;
- 2) avoid mixing or substituting non-certified lumber material;
- 3) document the amount of lumber and descriptions of lumber products delivered; and
- 4) cooperate with our monitoring efforts to trace certified lumber content.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us at:

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Sincerely,

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