



## WOOD AND FIBER SOURCING POLICY

At Resolute Forest Products (Resolute), we recognize and value wood as a renewable and environmentally friendly raw material for the paper, market pulp, tissue, lumber and other wood based products that we make. To make these products, we utilize virgin wood in diverse forms but mainly as pulpwood, sawlogs and wood chips. For some of these products, we also utilize recycled fiber such as old newspapers, magazines and office papers. The wood we use is sourced both from the forestland operations that are under our control and from what we procure on the open market from independent suppliers.

We care about the tangible and intangible forest values, including environmental, social and economic values. As such, we are committed to being good stewards of the forest resources we utilize, and we adopt this policy to ensure that our wood sourcing operations are conducted in a responsible and sustainable manner.

### **Our Commitments:**

- Third-party certify all forestlands on which we maintain a level of stewardship to globally recognized forest management standards.
- Third-party certify our mill and sawmill operations to globally recognized chain of custody and/or fiber sourcing standards. An integral part of these certifications is the implementation of fiber tracking systems. This allows us to identify the source of the wood we acquire and to provide our customers and other stakeholders with the assurance that the wood we use originates from responsible sources. Implementation of these certifications is a key component of our due diligence process to meet the requirements of trade regulations such as the Lacey Act in the United States and the European Union Timber Regulation.
- Promote responsible forest management principles and practices among all of our suppliers.
- Require conformance to voluntary forestry best management practices and/or forestry regulations by all of our suppliers.
- Require appropriate training for the employees, contractors, and suppliers who work in our wood sourcing operations.
- Strive for continual improvement in our wood sourcing operations and encourage our wood and fiber suppliers to demonstrate continual improvement in their own wood sourcing operations.
- Recognize and respect the rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- Comply with all laws and regulations in all of our operations, including social laws such as those concerning civil rights, equal opportunity employment, anti-discrimination, anti-harassment, workers' right to organize and associate freely, collective bargaining, occupational health and safety, workers' compensation, child labor, and forced labor.
- Implement a due diligence system to avoid wood from the following unacceptable sources:
  - Sources that involve illegal harvesting or trade in illegal forest products.
  - Sources where traditional or human rights are violated within the forestry or forest products sector.



- Sources that involve significant damage to exceptional conservation values where such values are threatened by forest management activities. We promote appropriate measures to maintain attributes in high conservation value forests as identified by recognized processes and/or science-based sources.
- Sources where significant conversion of forests to plantations or non-forest use is taking place, as defined in the standards to which we are certified.
- Sources that involve the use of genetically modified trees for purposes other than research or field trials.

### **Certification Standards That We Recognize**

We promote globally responsible and sustainable forest management practices, and as such, we advocate for an inclusive approach to forest management, fiber sourcing, and chain of custody certification through the acknowledgement of a variety of globally recognized standards. Our individual facilities and woodlands operations may be certified to one or more of the following standards:

- The CSA Z809 standard, which is specific to Canada, is a forest management standard for large, privately and publicly owned forestlands.
- The Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®), which applies to the United States and Canada, has a set of standards for forest management for large forestland of private or public ownership, for fiber sourcing for wood procurement operations, and for chain of custody. In conjunction with our SFI certifications, we are committed to implementing and achieving the SFI Principles.
- The Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®), which is a global organization, has its own set of individual national standards for forest management. FSC also has a chain of custody standard and associated Controlled Wood standard, as well as a standard for sourcing reclaimed material. In conjunction with our FSC certifications, we are committed to upholding FSC's Principles and Criteria.
- The American Tree Farm System® (ATFS), which is specific to the United States, is a forest management standard that applies to small family-owned forestlands. ATFS certification does not apply directly to Resolute's operations, but we recognize ATFS certification and encourage it among such forestland owners.
- The Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC), which is a global umbrella organization, endorses national forest management standards and has its own chain of custody standard. The CSA Z809, SFI, and ATFS forest management standards are all formally recognized by PEFC.

Where we are certified to any of these standards, we are committed to meeting their principles and requirements.

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Richard Garneau  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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