



Chain of Custody

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Purpose: For products covered under the Responsible Wood Certification Scheme (RWCS), Australian Sustainable Hardwoods Pty Ltd (ASH) objective is to source sustainable timber products from legitimate sources.

Independent certification to an approved forest management standard provides ASH, ASH's customers, and the consumer with this assurance.

The Responsible Wood Certification Scheme (RWCS) is endorsed by the international standard PEFC as conforming to its certification requirements for Forest Management and PEFC-CoC. The RWCS also encompasses the two Australian Standards AS4708 and AS4707.

The list of products covered by the certification scheme are detailed in the RW chain of Custody Manual.

Scope: All Directors, employees, contractors, and visitors.

Legislation:

Reference: Complies with our Environmental Policy

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Principles: ASH will procure sawlogs certified in accordance with The Australian Forestry Standard AS4708 primarily from VicForests and other certified suppliers with some other suppliers compliant with the RWCS making up the total supply.

ASH, as part of providing a customer focused portfolio of products, may also purchase quantities of sawn and finished material from suppliers that are certified or compliant with the RWCS.

ASH will process this material through facilities that are certified in accordance with Australian Forestry Standard AS4707.

In order to provide an operational framework that meets the requirements of the Australian Standard for Chain of Custody, Australian Sustainable Hardwoods is committed to:

- Supporting any claims related to the source of wood supplied by Australian Sustainable Hardwoods with Chain of Custody certification.
- Providing assurance of the continuity, integrity, and validity of Australian Sustainable Hardwoods Chain of Custody system.
- Ensuring guidelines and roles and responsibilities are defined in Standard Operating Procedures in order to implement the Chain of Custody system.
- Ensuring staff and contractors have appropriate skills, competencies and resources that are essential to the implementation and control of the system.
- Appointing a management representative to oversee the implementation and maintenance of the system.
- Ensuring Australian Sustainable Hardwoods comply with applicable laws relating to the safety of personnel and impact on the environment.
- Recognising the right for personnel to collectively bargain as is consistent with International Labour Organisation conventions.
- Ensuring continuous improvement of the Chain of Custody system through the reporting of issues and improvements, and regular reviews of the effectiveness of the system conducted by senior management and system representatives.

Authorisation:

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vince Hurley".

Vince Hurley
Managing Director

