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The LEGAL LUMBER™ Due Care Environmental Compliance Certification Program was established by Tropical Forest Products as a corporate environmental compliance and education program designed to assist building product users in establishing an ethical approach to specifying and sourcing building products which incorporate comprehensive environmental ‘Due Care’ best practices and educate both specifiers and consumers about the environmental benefits associated with using natural and renewable wood products verses their non-renewable, non-wood substitutions.

To comply with “LEGAL LUMBER™ Certificate of Compliance Guidelines, Policies and Procedures”, a product carrying our LEGAL LUMBER™ certificate of compliance and on product labeling must...

- be derived from a naturally occurring, renewable and sustainable resource.
- be 100% organic having grown without the use of genetic modification or chemical fertilization.
- have a useful service life which exceeds its natural growth cycle.
- sequester and store carbon throughout its useful service life cycle.
- generate zero post industrial and post consumer non biodegradable waste.
- be 100 percent biodegradable at the end of its useful service life returning to nature as natural organic waste.
- not require for service any petroleum based or inorganic chemical treatments, bonding agents or coatings.
- not require for service any high energy consumptive thermal or chemical modification.
- be safe for contact with humans and animals.
- not require for service, any specialized handling, storage or disposal procedures.
- meet Low VOC emission standards being free from any inorganic off-gassing.
- be used, reused or recycled without the use of chemical processing.
- not be listed in CITES (Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species) Appendixes I or II.
- be derived from member countries of the ITTO (International Tropical Timber Trade Organization) having signed the ITTA (International Tropical Timber Trade Agreement)
- be harvested from forest areas where traditional or civil rights are not violated.
- be harvested from areas where natural forest has not been converted for plantations or non forest use.
- be third party verified as having been harvested legally and sourced in compliance with all national and international laws and regulations pertaining to the trade of wood products and more specifically in compliance with Legal and Due Care compliance requirements as defined by the U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S Department of Justice, including but not limited to the U.S. Lacey Act, U.S. Buy American Act, U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and U.S Forced Labor Laws.

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