



Gilbert Smith Forest Products SFI® Policy

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Gilbert Smith Forest Products (GSFP) is committed to implementing and achieving the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Forest Management and Fiber Sourcing Standards in our supply of wood to manufacturing facilities.

GSFP's SFI Policy is to promote the Principles of Sustainable Forest Management (SFM). GSFP has committed to the following standards in order to achieve these principles and to continually improve environmental, social and economic performance.

- Providing safeguards for the health and safety of employees, contractors and the public in our woodlands operations;
- Providing education and training necessary for employees, contractors and suppliers to carry out their work in a safe and environmentally responsible manner;
- Complying with environmental laws, social laws, regulations and other requirements to which we commit;
- Managing forest land in a professional manner to achieve and maintain sustainable forest management; avoiding controversial fiber sourcing including illegal logging
- Adhering to federal and provincial laws pertaining to international agreements and conventions to which Canada is signatory;
- Providing participation opportunities for Aboriginal peoples with rights to and interests in Sustainable Forest Management;
- Encourage, develop and maintain partnership opportunities with Aboriginal businesses and entrepreneurs;
- Respecting and recognizing established Aboriginal title and rights, and treaty rights;
- Improving knowledge about the forest and sustainable forest management through monitoring advances in sustainable forest management science, technology and incorporating them where applicable;
- Evaluating and continuously improving our environmental performance and sustainable forest management.

To implement and achieve the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Standard Principles and their specific Objectives, Performance Measures and Indicators, GSFP has developed and adopted programs and plans to guide its forest management and wood procurement activities. These programs and plans are contained in the company's Environmental Management System, SFI Evidence Tables and GSFP's Wood Producer Information Package.

The company is also committed to annually review the effectiveness of its SFI policy and programs, to continually improve its sustainable forestry program.

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