



Georgia Biomass LLC Certification Documented Control System

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Sustainable Forestry Policy

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Georgia Biomass LLC is committed to ensuring its products come from sustainable sources and encourages employees to broaden the practice of sustainable forestry. To accomplish this commitment, the company shall comply with the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) Standard, SFI® Chain of Custody Standard, Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) Chain of Custody, FSC Controlled Wood, PEFC™ Chain of Custody and corporate policies. These third-party certifications and corporate policies demonstrate the company's best efforts to better track the sources of its fiber as well as avoid trading and sourcing wood fiber from controversial sources or from illegally harvested wood; wood harvested in violation of traditional and civil rights; wood harvested in forests where high conservation values are threatened by management activities; wood harvested in forests being converted to plantations or non-forest use; and wood from forests in which genetically modified trees are planted.

Georgia Biomass LLC employs credible, environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable forestry procurement and harvesting practices to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. We practice a land stewardship ethic when purchasing and harvesting timber that promotes the reforestation, managing, growing, nurturing, and harvesting of trees for useful products with the conservation of soil, air, and water quality, biological diversity, wildlife and aquatic habitat, recreation, and aesthetics.

Georgia Biomass LLC shall never knowingly accept any fiber produced in significant violation of state Best Management Practices for Forestry (BMPs). All professional wood producers delivering wood to the Georgia Biomass LLC facility will complete SFI Implementation Committee approved logger training to achieve SFI Logger Education "trained" status.

Business practices of Georgia Biomass LLC ensure that the forest-based raw material used in our products does not come from controversial sources. Controversial sources are defined as raw material obtained through illegal logging, or which includes the taking of any threatened and endangered species. Threatened and endangered species are species listed under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES), or other applicable state laws and regulations.

This policy has been communicated to all affected suppliers. On request it is available to customers and other interested parties.

The Delivered Fiber and Logging & Hauling Agreements contain language for mandatory BMP compliance, documentation of logger training, and compliance with all applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations to insure that Georgia Biomass LLC receives no wood from controversial sources.