Timber and Paper Products Procurement Guidelines

Forests play an important role in combating climate change and maintaining biodiversity. However, forest loss is continuing on a global basis, and one of the causes is said to be deforestation connected to the production of wood products including timber and paper. In light of this external environment, Mitsubishi Corporation (hereafter ‘MC’) has established the Timber and Paper Products Procurement Guidelines, which serve as MC’s policy for the conservation of forests and forest ecosystems, and for addressing human rights and labor issues in forest areas. Through this guideline, MC conveys its fundamental perspective to its suppliers around the world and strives to ensure the following:

1. Procured timber and paper products do not impose an excessive environmental impact on the forest in the area of origin.
2. Wood harvesting connected to products procured by MC is conducted in a way that conserves forests and does not adversely affect the livelihoods of local residents.
3. Timber and paper products are procured from suppliers that have established a management structure to confirm the legality of the wood-related raw materials and products they procure.
4. Timber and paper products are not procured from suppliers involved in serious social and environmental issues such as deforestation of High Conservation Value (HCV) forests.
5. Timber and paper products are procured from suppliers that meet the standards established in the “Mitsubishi Corporation Policy for Sustainable Supply Chain Management”, in the event that FSC® (Forest Stewardship Council)-certified or recycled timber and paper products are not available.
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6. Procurement of FSC-certified products is prioritized to the extent possible.