



RONA Wood Sourcing Policy

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This Wood Sourcing Policy applies to all vendors who provide goods to RONA Inc. (hereinafter, “RONA”). It aims to inform the public and vendors of RONA's vision and commitments.

RONA recognizes the key role that forests play on a global scale for biodiversity, carbon sequestration and local communities through job creation and access to nature and its resources. As a leading Canadian home improvement company, RONA seeks to foster responsible forestry practices that contribute to the preservation and sustainability of resources for future generations.

RONA is committed to doing business with vendors who, in addition to complying with applicable laws and regulations, share RONA's environmental vision.

Because responsible sourcing concerns everyone in the supply chain, RONA favours a collaborative and transparent approach with stakeholders to implement this policy and ensure its continuous improvement.

RONA undertakes to review this policy periodically and amend it as required using the latest information available.

Definitions

In applying this policy, RONA uses the following definitions:

“Wood” means hardwood, treated wood, particleboard (e.g. MDF), and wood from forest by-products of all tree species, including rubberwood and bamboo. Recycled wood, paper, cardboard and packaging are excluded.

“Recycled wood” means wood from deconstruction or from a recycler.

“Deforestation” is defined by the [Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations](#) as “the conversion of forest to other land uses, such as agriculture and infrastructure.”

“Endangered wood species” means species identified as endangered or critically endangered by the [International Union for Conservation of Nature’s Red List](#).

“High conservation value forest” is defined by the [High Conservation Value Network](#) as a forest with “biological, ecological, social or cultural value of outstanding significance or critical importance.”

“Wood products” means all products containing wood or components made of wood.



Certification

RONA recognizes the following certifications: Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) and all certifications recognized under the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification® (PEFC®), including the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®). They are managed by third parties to ensure responsible forest management.

RONA gives preference to FSC-certified wood products when they are available and meet product performance and business requirements.

Consent of the Indigenous Peoples

RONA recognizes the fundamental principles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the importance of [free, prior and informed consent \(FPIC\)](#). RONA encourages its vendors to participate in the FPIC process, where appropriate.

Commitments

RONA asks its vendors:

1. That the wood used in their products complies with the following guiding principles:
 - Comes from a known source and is legally harvested and traded;
 - Does not threaten high conservation value forests;
 - Is not from deforestation;
 - Is not harvested from an endangered species;
 - Is harvested and produced in a way that ensures the protection of human rights, as described in RONA's [Human Policy Rights for Vendors](#) and recognizes and upholds indigenous and other local community rights and customs.
2. FSC certification (FSC 100% or FSC Mix) for wood products whose wood comes from a region at high risk of deforestation.

The regions recognized as being at high risk of deforestation are those defined by the deforestation fronts identified by the [World Wildlife Fund for Nature®](#) (WWF®). These regions are listed in the Appendix.

In order to comply with this requirement, vendors must ensure that wood from a country with regions at high risk of deforestation is FSC-certified, unless they can demonstrate that the wood comes from a forest outside the deforestation fronts identified by the WWF.



Countries with regions at high risk of deforestation

Continent	Country
Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angola • Cameroon • Central African Republic • Congo • Côte d'Ivoire • Democratic Republic of the Congo • Equatorial Guinea • Gabon • Ghana • Guinea • Liberia • Madagascar • Mozambique • Sierra Leone • Zambia • Zimbabwe
Asia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cambodia • China • India • Indonesia • Laos • Malaysia • Myanmar • Thailand
North America	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mexico
Oceania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia • Papua New Guinea
South America	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Argentina • Belize • Bolivia • Brazil • Colombia • Ecuador • Guatemala • Guyana • Paraguay • Peru • Venezuela

Verification

In order to measure its performance, RONA intends to conduct vendor surveys. As part of this verification process, RONA requires its vendors to maintain wood traceability (with or without certification), i.e. to be able to trace their supply chains back to the forest for all wood components of their products.

The following information must be known to vendors and shared with RONA: the region where the wood is harvested, the species of wood and the wood certification, if applicable.

In the event of non-compliance, vendors must implement the necessary corrective actions within a reasonable timeframe, otherwise the business relationship with them may be compromised.

Appendix: Regions at high risk of deforestation

Country	At-risk regions		
Angola	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bié • Cuando Cubango 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cunene • Huíla 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunda Sul • Moxico
Argentina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chaco • Formosa • Jujuy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salta • Santa Fe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santiago del Estero • Tucumán
Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Capital Territory • Ballarat • Bendigo • Brisbane - East • Brisbane - North • Brisbane - South • Brisbane - West • Brisbane Inner City • Cairns • Capital Region • Central Queensland • Central West • Coffs Harbour - Grafton • Darling Downs - Maranoa • Far West and Orana • Geelong • Gold Coast • Hobart • Hume 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunter Valley exc Newcastle • Ipswich • Latrobe - Gippsland • Launceston and North East • Logan - Beaudesert • Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday • Melbourne - Inner • Melbourne - Inner East • Melbourne - Inner South • Melbourne - North East • Melbourne - North West • Melbourne - Outer East • Melbourne - South East • Melbourne - West • Mid North Coast • Moreton Bay - North • Moreton Bay - South • Mornington Peninsula 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murray • New England and North West • Newcastle and Lake Macquarie • North West • Queensland - Outback • Richmond - Tweed • Riverina • Shepparton • South Australia - Outback • South Australia - South East • South East • Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven • Sunshine Coast • Toowoomba • Townsville • Warrnambool and South West • West and North West • Wide Bay
Belize	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belize • Cayo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corozal • Orange Walk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stann Creek • Toledo
Bolivia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beni • Cochabamba 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La Paz • Pando 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santa Cruz • Tarija
Brazil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acre • Amapá • Amazonas • Bahia • Goiás 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maranhão • Mato Grosso • Mato Grosso do Sul • Minas Gerais • Pará 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piauí • Rondônia • Roraima • Tocantins • Siêmreab

Cambodia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kâmpóng Cham • Kâmpóng Thum • Krâchéh • Môndól Kiri 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ŏtdâr Méanchey • Preäh Vihéar • Rôtânôkiri 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stoëng Trêng • Tbondg Khmüm
Cameroon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adamaoua • Centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Est • Littoral 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ouest • Sud
Central African Republic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basse-Kotto • Haute-Kotto 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haut-Mbomou • Mbomou 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ouaka
China	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yunnan Province 		
Colombia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antioquia • Caquetá • Chocó 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guainía • Guaviare • Meta 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nariño • Putumayo • Valle del Cauca
Congo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuvette 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuvette-Ouest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sangha
Côte d'Ivoire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abidjan • Bas-Sassandra • Comoé • Lacs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lagunes • Montagnes • Sassandra-Marahoue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vallée du Bandama • Woroba • Zanzan
Democratic Republic of the Congo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bas-Uélé • Équateur • Haut-Katanga • Haut-Uélé • Ituri • Kasai 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kasai-Central • Kasai-Oriental • Kwilu • Lualaba • Mai-Ndombe • Mongala 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nord-Ubangi • Sankuru • Sud-Ubangi • Tshopo • Tshuapa
Ecuador	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carchi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Esmeraldas 	
Equatorial Guinea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centro Sur • Djibloho 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kié-Ntem • Wele-Nzas 	
Gabon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haut-Ogooué • Ogooué-Ivindo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ogooué-Lolo • Woleu-Ntem 	
Ghana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ahafo • Ashanti • Bono 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bono East • Central • Eastern 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater Accra • Western • Western North
Guatemala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alta Verapaz • Huehuetenango 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petén • Quiché 	
Guinea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faranah 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kankan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N'Zérékoré
Guyana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barima-Waini • Cuyuni-Mazaruni • Demerara-Mahaica • East Berbice-Corentyne 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essequibo Islands-West Demerara • Mahaica-Berbice • Pomeroon-Supenaam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potaro-Siparuni • Upper Demerara-Berbice • Upper Takutu-Upper Essequibo

India	• Manipur	• Nagaland	
Indonesia	• Bengkulu • Jambi • Kalimantan Barat • Kalimantan Selatan • Kalimantan Tengah	• Kalimantan Timur • Kalimantan Utara • Lampung • Papua	• Papua Barat • Riau • Sumatera Barat • Sumatera Selatan
Laos	• Attapeu • Bokeo • Champassack • Huaphanh • Khamuane	• Luang Prabang • Luangnamtha • Oudomxay • Phongsaly • Saravane	• Savannakhet • Sekong • Xayabury • Xiengkhuang
Liberia	• Montserrado • North Central	• North Western • South Central	• South Eastern A • South Eastern B
Madagascar	• Antananarivo • Antsiranana	• Fianarantsoa • Mahajanga	• Toamasina • Toliara
Malaysia	• Sabah	• Sarawak	
Mexico	• Campeche • Chiapas	• Quintana Roo • Tabasco	• Yucatán
Mozambique	• Cabo Delgado • Manica	• Nampula • Sofala	• Tete • Zambézia
Myanmar	• Kachin • Kayin • Mon	• Sagaing • Shan (East) • Shan (North)	• Shan (South) • Tanintharyi
Papua New Guinea	• Highlands	• Momase	• Southern
Paraguay	• Alto Paraguay	• Boquerón	• Presidente Hayes
Peru	• Amazonas • Cusco • Huánuco	• Loreto • Madre de Dios • Pasco	• Puno • San Martín • Ucayali
Sierra Leone	• Eastern Province	• Northern Province	• Southern Province
Thailand	• Chiang Mai • Chiang Rai • Chumphon • Kanchanaburi	• Phayao • Phetchaburi • Prachuap Khiri Khan • Ranong	• Ratchaburi • Tak • Uthai Thani •
Venezuela	• Amazonas	• Bolívar	• Delta Amacuro
Zambia	• Central • Copperbelt	• North-Western	• Western
Zimbabwe	• Manicaland		