

Panasonic Group Green Procurement Guidelines for Wood

Policy

We at the Panasonic Group will fully be aware of the importance of the blessings of nature (ecosystem services) that biodiversity brings, and in collaboration with suppliers we will proceed with the sustainable and ecology-conscious procurement of wood and wooden materials*¹ in a way that helps conserve high conservation value forests.

The following three categories will be defined for wood and wooden materials to promote green procurement and make its progress visible. We will increase the procurement ratio of Categories 1 and 2 and decrease that of Category 3.

[Category 1] Wood and wooden materials subject to priority procurement

- A. Wood and wooden materials produced from appropriately managed forests
 - a) Wood and wooden materials for which a third party certified the non-destruction of forests that have environmentally high conservation values
 - b) Wood and wooden materials for which a third party certified the sustainable management of forests
 - c) Wood and wooden materials produced from appropriately managed Japanese forests
- B. Recycled wood resources
 - a) Post consumer recycled wood and wooden materials
Examples: Wood recovered from dismantled structures, used crates
 - b) Wood and wooden materials unused in the market or reused
Examples: Material consists of scraps from plywood and lumber mills, shrubs, and small-diameter logs (including lumber obtained from thinning), secondary use materials², etc.

[Category 2] Wood and wooden materials that meet procurement requirements

- A. Wood and wooden materials for which compliance with the regulations concerning forestry in its country or geographical area of origin
- B. Wood and wooden materials for which compliance with the regulations concerning forestry in its country or geographical area of origin has been confirmed by method under the authorization of associations

[Category 3] Wood and wooden materials subject to exclusion from procurement

Wood and wooden materials for which compliance with the regulations concerning forestry in its country or geographical area of origin cannot be confirmed

Miscellaneous Information

- We will implement appropriate information disclosure aiming to increase the transparency of our initiatives.
- We will maintain appropriate communications with stakeholders, and periodically revise these guidelines to improve the standards of our initiatives.
- We and our suppliers will jointly secure traceability to ensure that procurement is implemented in compliance with these guidelines.
- These guidelines will cover all business units that procure wood and wooden materials in Japan.

Note 1: Wood and wooden materials include those used for products themselves but not as individual packages, packaging materials, auxiliary transport materials, etc. Paper and paper materials are subject to Panasonic Group Green Purchasing Guidelines for Paper, and not subject to these guidelines.

Note 2: Secondary use materials refer to trees that are not mainly used as wooden materials but have a certificate issued by a reliable third party.