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This guide focuses on 10 key issues, formulated as essential questions, central to the sustainable procurement of wood and paper-based products.

Wood and paper-based products can be an environmentally and socially sound purchasing option.

The essence of sustainable procurement is to select these products with acceptable and even beneficial environmental and social impacts. While sustainable procurement is an investment in a better world, it is also an investment in a better bottom line.

Sourcing and legality aspects

Origin

Where do the products come from?

Information accuracy

Is information about the products credible?

Legality

Have the products been legally produced?

Environmental aspects

Sustainability

Have forests been sustainably managed?

Special places

Have special places, including sensitive ecosystems, been protected?

Climate change

Have climate issues been addressed?

Environmental protection

Have appropriate environmental controls been applied?

Recycled fiber

Has recycled fiber been used appropriately?

Other resources

Have other resources been used appropriately?

Social aspects

Local communities and indigenous peoples

Have the needs of local communities or indigenous peoples been addressed?