Uniboard Canada Inc. Fibre Procurement Policy Forest Conversion Issues

Uniboard Canada Inc. ("Uniboard") is committed to offer quality products made with wood from non-controversial sources.

To accomplish this commitment, it recently adopted new mitigation measures to minimize risk of impact caused by forest operations on forest conversion as defined by the National Risk Assessment ("NRA") of FSC Canada.

Conversion

The NRA concluded specified risks of forest conversion in the Mixedwood Plains ecozone portion found in the province of Québec. In keeping with its commitment to responsible procurement, Uniboard confirms the measures taken to avoid wood sourced from forest conversion in the RCM particularly those in these in the areas of concern.

For Uniboard, it is essential to implement and monitor compliance with laws and regulations that protect and restore forest cover in the RCM included in our supply regions such as:

- CPTAQ limiting deforestation in maple sugar operations located in green zones
- The Agricultural Operations Regulations
- Article 233.1 of the Act Respecting Land Use Planning and Development defining fines imposed in case of illegal logging

Uniboard encourages RCM and municipalities to support and implement measures to protect and restore forest cover. The following initiatives are examples of how to reduce or even stop the rate of deforestation in the RCM:

- Forest cover monitoring carried out by municipalities
- Nature Conservancy of Canada Natural Areas Conservation Program (http://www.natureconservancy.ca/fr/nos-actions/partenariat-dugouvernement-du-canada/programme-de-conservation/)
- Forest corridors of the Regional Environmental Councils and Nature-Action Québec (<u>http://nature-action.gc.ca/site/corridor-forestier</u>)

By making this commitment public,, Uniboard seeks to raise the awareness of their clients, suppliers, forest workers and land-use managers of the loss of forest cover and the importance of protecting species at risk. Please contact us for more information.

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