

Policy

Container floors

Purpose

By incorporating considerations regarding illegal logging of tropical forests in corporate purchasing, Maersk Line can remove unnecessary risks from our operations while driving social and environmental improvements in the supply chain. This will help us offer more sustainable transportation to our customers and will potentially

reduce the global demand for uncertified tropical hardwood. We believe this policy is an effective way to advance sustainable development in our industry.

Scope

This policy covers all procurement of new containers on behalf of Maersk Line as of January 1st, 2011.

Policy

It is the policy of Maersk Line that all orders for production of dry and special containers must comply with the standards for container floor materials, as described below and in order of the following priorities:

1. Non-wood recyclable or sustainable waste product container flooring such as recycled plastic.
2. FSC certified hardwood floor, which entails both the wood and the supply chain must be FSC certified.
3. Bamboo floor.
4. Non-tropical wood species from controlled, responsible forestry, such as birch and larch.
5. Tropical hardwood from verified legally compliant sources (VLC-certified). This will only be acceptable in 2011.

As a direct result of the new policy, non-certified tropical hardwood will no longer be accepted. In 2011, we are accepting tropical hardwood which is verified to be legally compliant.

The floorboards must further live up to all requirements as per Maersk Line standard container specifications.

Non-compliance

Should there be any form of unjustifiable non-compliance with the instructions of this policy, Maersk Line retains the right to withdraw any offers, purchases or contracts.



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