

PURCHASING & ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS



Our Impact

As a wood treater, we use less energy than manufacturers of comparable steel or plastic products, extend the life of wood products and use fast-growing species from managed forests.

As a responsible employer and corporate citizen in our community, our facility is an environmentally protective, closed-loop system and is operated and monitored by our staff of scientists and production and regulatory specialists. We recycle the solution used to treat lumber and our treating plant has zero wastewater discharge. Our policies are designed to ensure safe operation with minimal waste.

Our Business

Aljoma is a link in the lumber and building material distribution chain in the U.S. and world, and a leading secondary manufacturer and distributor of lumber and building products. Although we do not own forests or harvest logs, our business and success are built on lumber; we have a vested interest in ensuring a healthy environment in which trees can grow and thrive.

Our Commitment

We carry the mantle of leadership with a great respect for our resources and a great sense of responsibility to our customers, our people, and our environment. We pledge to be a responsible steward of our environment so our business can thrive and so future generations can prosper on a healthy planet.

Our Sources

Aljoma imports lumber from countries including Fiji, Africa, Bolivia, Philippines, Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Honduras, and China. In South America, we buy primarily North American pines transplanted from the U.S. and grown on plantations. The wood we buy from China also is plantation-grown. Because our resources come from suppliers worldwide, we believe it is imperative to adopt policies and strategies that address economic costs and environmental impact globally.



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Our Procurement Practices

We are particular about our partners – the suppliers and others with whom we do business – and demand they share our sense of environmental concern. We review and monitor vendors' operations through regular dialogue, on-site visits, and independent certification of their operations and standards. We recognize and prefer vendors that use third-party certification agencies dedicated to verifying environmentally sound business practices.

Among the certification programs we recognize are the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), the Canadian Standards Association (CSA), the International Standards Organization (ISO 14001), the Pan-European Forest Certification (PEFC), and other qualified organizations devoted to the sustainability of the world's forests, wildlife and watersheds. We do not favor or endorse one program over another; each has its strengths and place.

In relation to tropical forests, Aljoma Lumber asks suppliers to show evidence that they and their respective governments are undertaking practical measures to implement the International Timber Trade Organization (ITTO) Objective 2000; and urges the U.S. Government to maintain and increase aid and other positive assistance to those tropical countries which are endeavoring to implement ITTO "Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forests."

Our Bottom Line

We believe that we will contribute to the economic and environmental success of our company, stakeholders, and planet by:

- working with vendors who share our beliefs and maintaining environmentally sound purchasing and manufacturing standards;
- minimizing waste in our operations and through our Continuous Improvement process;
- building success from the world's most renewable, sustainable, recyclable, durable, and biodegradable resource – wood – and maximizing its life-cycle and use; and
- committing to continuously improving in all that we do.