POLICY REGARDING THE USE OF CHEMICAL PRODUCTS

It is the policy of Gabon Wood Industries (GWI) to comply with the recommended method of using the chemical products in all working area; to take care of the employee’s health and to avoid, control and manage pollution.

GWI will take affirmative action to minimize the use of pesticides by all possible means such as IPM (Integrated Pest Management), alternative forest actions or biological control. In all cases, GWI will prohibit the use of pesticides containing Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) listed by the Stockholm Convention.

GWI will inhibit the use of type 1A and 1B (WHO classification) pesticides and other highly toxic pesticides identified in legal and regulatory texts, unless no viable alternatives are available. In the event of force majeure, and in the absence of any other technical alternative and on the basis of a detailed justification, GWI will use these products only after informing the Certification Body.

GWI will monitor the quantities of products used in the sites. Fertilizers will not be used as an alternative to appropriate soil management and will be applied in a controlled manner so as to minimise environmental impacts.

GWI will continue to make this policy understood by employees and all its stakeholders; in order to ensure and maintain a safe and clean working environment.

Any violation of the policy should be immediately reported to Management and serious actions will be taken against violators.

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