



**Responsible
Wood**
Enabling
Sustainability

Australian Standards and Federal Procurement Rules

The PFPA Act 2013 states that all relevant entities must procure timber, timber-based and paper-based productions only in accordance with Australian Standards.

To meet requirements for sustainability in procurement the AS 4708 and 4707 can be applied.

Responsible Wood and PEFC certified products, recognised by mutual recognition with Responsible Wood, are the only products which meet the terms and conditions of AS 4708 and 4707.

Procurement thresholds for Commonwealth Procurement Rules

Procurement thresholds are as follows:

Non-construction services

\$80k non-corporate
Commonwealth entities

\$400k prescribed corporate
Commonwealth entities

Construction services by Commonwealth entities

\$7.5m (includes projects co-funded
with state government or industry)

A list of all entities is available from the Department of Finance website - finance.gov.au/resource-management/governance/overview/

From March 1st 2017 the Australian Federal Government introduced a range of new procurement standards ensuring public resources are managed in a way that is effective, transparent, co-operative and accountable. To achieve this, businesses must now demonstrate capacity to meet specific Australian Standards when supplying timber and timber-based products to the Federal Government.

Known as the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 (PFPA 2013), the Act binds both Commonwealth (known as 'non-corporate') and select non-Commonwealth (known as legally separate 'corporate') entities; binding entities to specific Commonwealth Procurement Rules (CPR's) beyond certain procurement thresholds.

Responsible Wood and AS 4708 and AS 4707

Responsible Wood has been accredited by Standards Australia as a Standards Development Organisation. In this capacity Responsible Wood manages AS 4708 and 4707 as part of its Responsible Wood certification scheme which aims to provide for forest management and consume activity.

Responsible Wood is the Australian member of the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) and is one of 42 forest certification schemes endorsed by the PEFC. Responsible Wood and PEFC certified products, recognised by mutual recognition with Responsible Wood, are the only products which meet the terms and conditions of AS 4708 and 4707.

For more information relating to how this could impact on your procurement needs please contact Responsible Wood.

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