



Pesticides and other Hazardous Materials Use Policy
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APRIL Group (APRIL) is committed to sustainable development in all locations where we operate by implementing best practices. This is achieved through the implementation of our Sustainable Forest Management Policy 2.0 and commitment to comply with prevailing laws and regulations as well as relevant SFM certification and assurance schemes.

APRIL has operational procedures and standards related to the ongoing monitoring, evaluation and review of pesticides and other hazardous material including their controlled use, storage, handling, transport and disposal. APRIL maintain documented procedures for the use of pesticides and other hazardous materials and ensure compliance with legal requirements and user (label) instructions.

APRIL will adopt integrated pest management program that prefer, where possible, environmentally friendly biological, non-chemical methods of pest management and strive to minimize or avoid the use of chemical pesticides and other hazardous materials.

Staff and contractors required to use and handle pesticides and other hazardous materials receive appropriate training and competency assessment in their storage, handling, transport, use and disposal as well as appropriate personnel protective equipment to undertake required tasks.

Pesticides and other hazardous materials will only be used for the specific purpose as listed on the product label. The use of pesticides and other hazardous materials shall be based on local requirements and applied in volume and by techniques that are necessary and appropriate to achieve the management objective.

APRIL is committed to not using any restricted materials as listed in Annex 3 of the IFCC Standard 2013, the World Health Organisation Type Ia or Ib (2013), the Stockholm Convention (2016) and the Rotterdam Convention (2015).

Definition

Pesticides and other Hazardous Materials: substances that due to their nature, concentration or amount can pollute and/or damage the environment, and/or damage human health and other living creatures (IFCC/PEFC). For the purposes of this Policy this includes, but is not restricted to, pesticides and fertilizers.

Recommendation

That reference be made in the current SFMP 2.0 to the updated Chemicals and Hazardous Material Policy (Feb 2018).

Approved

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