



B&Q Guidance Note: Sourcing Quarried Products Responsibly

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Introduction

Our customers have indicated a desire to be able to purchase responsibly sourced quarry products and in particular products free from the use of underage labour.

Background

It is our aim is to ensure that everyone involved in our supply chains benefits from trading with us and that their rights are protected. To achieve this aim we have a core set of principles and accompanying compliance programme which sets minimum standards in our supply chain. In respect of quarried stone products additional considerations apply.

Rules

We will:

- Work with our suppliers to identify which, if any, products are sourced in countries associated with underage labour or poor health and safety and/or labour standards in general.
- Identified suppliers will join the TFT Responsible Stone Programme in order to improve the conditions in their supplying quarries;
- B&Q's corporate responsibility team will manage this data;
- Put in place exit strategies for the product and/or supplier where progress to our aim, over a defined period, is not achieved; and
- Ensure that our suppliers meet the requirements of the B&Q Code of Conduct for Supply Chains.

Reporting Requirements and Key Performance Indicators

Data reported through to the buying teams as part of the Range Sustainability Rating process

Linked Policies

2013 Kingfisher Code of Conduct for Factory Working Conditions.

Further Reading

<http://www.tft-earth.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/About-the-TFT-Responsible-Stone-Programme.pdf>