

Delve into the core criteria of the Responsible Sourcing Scheme, ensuring transparency and commitment to better practices across the board.

# RENEWABILITY



## What's Covered?

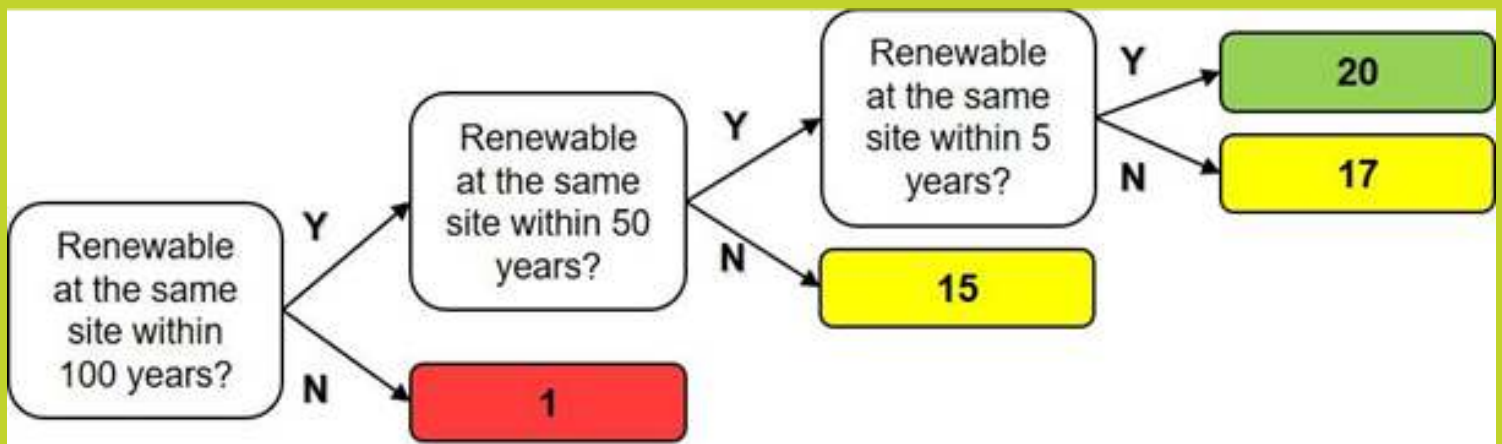
- The renewability decision tree focuses on the formation and growth of virgin materials and the replacement time of the material within living cycles at the same site.
- Recycled materials are considered in the context of the formation/growth of virgin material being generated at a site.
- The decision tree also serves as a proxy for the material's impact on atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> levels and carbon cycling over the period carbon dioxide is recaptured through regrowth at the same site.

## Evidence Needed:

- Documentation verifying the materials used and their proportions in the final product.
- For wood-based materials, evidence of the species used, distinguishing between hardwood and softwood.
- For peat considered potentially renewable within 100 years, evidence must include peat type, extraction plan, and site restoration plan with timelines.

## Ways to Improve:

- Improvement for most materials within this criterion is limited since a material's renewability is inherent.
- Enhancements can be made by substituting non-renewable or less renewable materials with those that are more renewable, such as replacing hardwood with softwood.



RSS DECISION TREE

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