Responsible sourcing of *natural stone*

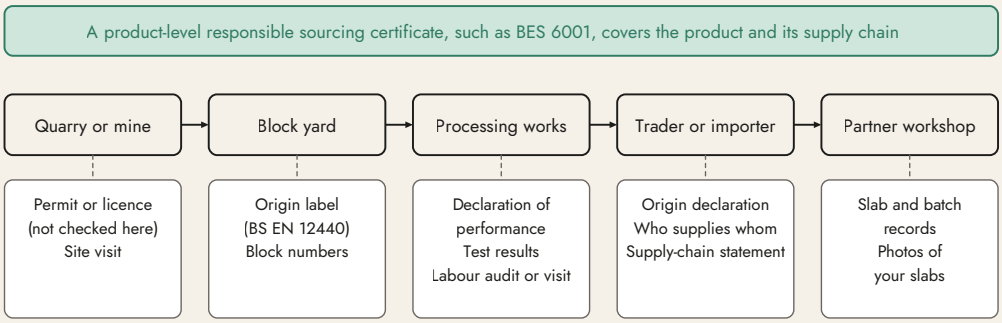
No single document shows a stone was quarried and processed responsibly. Each answers one narrow question: where is it from, how does it perform, how is the supplier managed, what are conditions like. Ask the partner to evidence each for each stone, and record what it cannot.

Compliance guidance. This is guidance on what documents show, not legal advice and not an assurance about any stone, quarry or supplier. Statements about what a certificate covers are the issuer's own description of its scope. Check the current text of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and its regulations, and the current BES 6001 issue, with your procurement or legal adviser. The studio coordinates through partner workshops and does not claim to own or operate quarries.

AT A GLANCE

Document	What it tells you	What it does not	Who issues it	How to check
Origin label (BS EN 12440 naming)	Traditional name, quarry location, country of origin and rock family, with a sample reference	How the quarry is run	Supplier	Match it to the sample, slab and test report
Declaration of performance (CE or UKCA mark)	Declared performance of the stone to its product standard	Labour or environmental management	Producer or supplier	Named standard and edition; values for your stone
BES 6001 certificate	A product assessed against a responsible sourcing framework: organisational, supply chain and sustainable development management	That your slabs came from the certified source, unless the scope says so	A certification body, listed by BRE	Register listing, scope, rating, validity
Environmental management certificate (ISO 14001 or EMAS)	A management system for the extraction process	Working conditions	Certification body	Scope names the quarry or works
Social or labour audit	Conditions on a site, on the day and at the tier audited	Lower tiers not visited; informal labour	Auditor or buyer	Date, scope, which tier, worker interviews
Slavery and trafficking statement (Modern Slavery Act s54)	Steps an organisation says it took, or that it took none	Anything about your quarry	The organisation, on its website	Read it; ask what changed for this supply
Site visit	First-hand view of the quarry, yard and works	Conditions in other months, or at lower tiers	You, or an independent consultant	Agree questions and visit the works as well

Descriptions are the issuers' and the trade bodies' own: BRE (BES 6001 page), the Ethical Trading Initiative (2014-era guide to Rajasthan sandstone), Stone Federation Great Britain (2010 and 2011 guides) and legislation.gov.uk. Read 7 Nov 2026.



Where evidence can attach along a stone's route. A generic chain; the order and the number of steps vary by stone and country. Original drawing by Make Bespoke Studio.

SPECIFICATION WORDING

ORIGIN AND IDENTIFICATION

Each natural stone on the schedule to be supplied with a written origin declaration giving the traditional name, quarry or mine, country, rock family (BS EN 12440), the processing works and the trader if any, and the block or slab numbers delivered. The stone delivered shall be the stone of the approved sample and the origin declaration. Any change of quarry or works to be notified before order for approval.

RESPONSIBLE SOURCING EVIDENCE

The partner shall provide, for each stone and source, the responsible sourcing evidence it holds [BES 6001 certificate number, scope, rating and expiry / ISO 14001 certificate / social or labour audit, date, scope and tier / slavery and human trafficking statement of the supplier], and shall state in writing any item it cannot provide. A minimum of [ ] is required for [project]. No claim about responsible sourcing shall be made in project documents beyond what this evidence shows.

ACCESS

The partner shall arrange, on reasonable notice, a visit by [designer / independent consultant] to the quarry and the processing works before order [and before the final batch].

TERMS USED

BES 6001
A responsible-sourcing certification scheme for construction products, used in a stone supplier's clause to evidence ethical and environmental sourcing.

Declaration of Performance (DoP)
The manufacturer's document stating the declared performance of a construction product against a harmonised standard, which supports its CE or UKCA marking.

STANDARDS AND SOURCES

- BRE, BES 6001 issue 4.0 (September 2022); Ethical Trading Initiative, guide to ethical sourcing of natural stone from Rajasthan; Stone Federation Great Britain, SS 01 and Choosing and Using Natural Stone: pages and guides read 7 Nov 2026; the BES 6001 standard and register were not.
- Modern Slavery Act 2015 s54 (legislation.gov.uk); BS EN 12440 and BS EN 12058:2015: s54 read 7 Nov 2026; the standards are named, not read.

Full guide: https://makebespoke.com/trade/technical/responsible-sourcing-of-natural-stone. Make Bespoke Studio coordinates manufacture through its partner workshops. Figures are guidance only and your specification governs; some may be superseded, so contact the studio to verify.