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 Since I am moving to a newer place, there are a couple of things that I need for that place. A sofa set is something that is both essential and adds to the look and feel of your surrounding. But what effects it would have on economy, society and more importantly on the ecosystem.

 Let us start discussing the cost. For instance, a normal sofa set would cost about five hundred dollars. That is a lot of money for a single sofa set. But if the quality is topnotch, paying that amount of money would not hurt that much. At that price range, the product must be durable for long enough that it would not require maintenance for at least first couple of years. As money is changing hands, it is providing prospects. From the woodcutters to the sellers that display that furniture, there are ample opportunities every one involved to earn monetary gains. In today's globalized world, where everyone is at the distance of a call, it is not a difficult task to globalize your product. Numerous platforms are available for sellers to promote their product. So, a local vendor selling his products to international buyers would definitely be contributing to the local economy. Since a product and money is moving and flowing respectively within an economy, there must some effort put into it. The human cost for a product like a sofa is paid by contracting respiratory diseases, skin problems and loss of hearing abilities. Terrible working conditions and unsafe machine practices put employees at the mercy of the machines they are operating.The owners must ensure the safety of their workers and provide health care coverage. In this way, employee health would never get compromised. That is at least what could be asked of the employer for the provision of cheap labor by the employes. Wooden furniture needs, obviously, wood. But the global wood consumption has increased and subsequent deforestation. Deforestation alone has dealt a severe blow to the climate of the Earth-which stands at an all-time high. The imbalance between deforestation and afforestation must be rectified to reduce the carbon footprint.

 My purchase decision would be influenced by a product that is durable, cost-effective. Additionally, the labor that is put into it must be provided with healthcare facilities. Finally, the product must not be a contributor to an already horrible outlook of global climate.