

Global Responsible Fiber Procurement and Deforestation Policy

International Paper (IP) is a global leader in sustainable packaging solutions serving customers around the world from operations in more than 30 countries. With a long legacy of forestland ownership, and as one of the world's largest users of wood fiber and recycled paper, our entire business model depends upon the sustainability of forests. Sustainably managed forest resources are essential not only for making products that people use every day, but for livelihoods, water quality, biodiversity, and critical cultural values.

IP is committed to producing sustainable packaging products our customers need while being responsible stewards of the world's natural resources.

International Paper's fiber purchasing activities, for virgin fiber and paper, will not contribute to global deforestation. IP commits to no-deforestation across our primary deforestation-linked commodity (wood fiber), aligned with our Science Based Target initiative (SBTi) validated climate goal.

In order to mitigate risk of contributing to deforestation through our sourcing practices, our North America and EMEA (operating as DS Smith, an International Paper company) business operations prohibit fiber from the following sources:

- Forest conversions from regions that are experiencing a net loss of forest area;
- Fiber-based materials sourced or traded illegally, according to regional, national, or federal regulations (e.g. EU Deforestation Regulation, US Lacey Act);
- Forest conversions defined as unacceptable by the Forest Stewardship Council's (FSC) Controlled Wood Standard, the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Fiber Sourcing Standard, and PEFC Controlled Sources;
- Forest being converted to agricultural use following EU Guidelines and definitions with a 2020 cut-off date;
- Forests in which high conservation values are present, through global or regional designation, including:
 - Old growth forests
 - Intact forest landscapes
 - Bottomland hardwood forests
 - Forest conversions from verified areas of ecological risk
- Fiber from sources that have known violations of human rights, including conflict timber

For fiber that we purchase, we commit to sourcing according to the following principles:

- We will secure traceability for all direct purchases to the Forest Management Unit (FMU) and for any secondary purchases to the jurisdictional area;
- We will implement third-party certified procurement systems (Chain of Custody) at our packaging mills;

- We will promote safe and healthy working conditions with our suppliers and within forest operations;
- We will engage with stakeholders, including providing technical assistance, to advance sustainable forest management practices throughout our supply chains;
- We will utilize geographic information system mapping (GIS) technology and/or associated risk-based due diligence procedures to ensure our procurement activities maintain or enhance the environmental, social, and economic values of the forests from which we source fiber.

Monitoring and reporting:

Monitoring and reporting against our policy using best practice guidelines will be published annually in our sustainability report and other public disclosures which may include CDP and the Task Force for Nature related Financial Disclosures (TNFD).

Grievance:

For any questions, complaints, or grievances about our fiber sourcing or practices? Please use the [contact us](#) form and choose “sustainability” as your inquiry field. All inquiries will be reviewed by International Paper staff and followed up on within a reasonable time following internal procedures.