



UNILEVER SUSTAINABLE PAPER AND BOARD PACKAGING SOURCING POLICY

As part of its corporate vision and sustainability strategy, Unilever is committed to environmental sustainability particularly in the areas of water, waste, greenhouse gas emissions, and sustainable sourcing of renewable materials (including paper and board).

Unilever is a leading consumer goods company buying considerable quantities of wood fibre based materials that are mainly used for paper packaging. We acknowledge we have a role to play, through our procurement practices, in promoting sustainable forest management practices and in helping to put an end to deforestation.

Our Principles

- Our aim is to ensure that our paper packaging is either from recycled material or comes from well managed forests and we will buy whichever material is best in order to ensure product quality.
- To achieve this, we will work with our suppliers and other stakeholders to:
 - Progressively increase sourcing virgin paper and board from certified sources with full chain of custody.
 - Promote the expansion of forest certification through our purchasing practices.

Our Ambition

- Unilever requires all suppliers to have mechanisms in place to ensure that the paper packaging is made from either recycled fibre or from 'known and legal' virgin fibre sources.
- In addition, suppliers will need to have mechanisms in place to ensure that virgin fibre paper packaging comes from forests that are not being converted to plantations or non-forest use, where traditional and civil rights are respected, and high conservation values are protected.
- As a further step, we will give preference to virgin paper packaging delivered through acceptable Forest Management Certification Schemes with full Chain of Custody certificates.
- We will work with all of our suppliers to progressively increase the proportion of certified material as larger quantities become available.
- Currently the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification scheme is the most comprehensive Forest Management Certification Scheme globally. Wherever it is available and viable to do so, we will give preference to sourcing FSC certified virgin paper or board.
- We will, however, also accept paper based packaging from national certification schemes that are brought under the framework of international Forest Management Certification standards (e.g. PEFC) when they are compatible with the "Non-controversial sources" requirements detailed in the Implementation Guidelines.
- To increase transparency to our consumers and customers we will use certification logos on product packaging in line with the acceptable Forest Management Certification Schemes.

Our Milestones

- By 2015 at least 75% of our paper packaging will be composed of paper and board from acceptable certified virgin sources or recycled material.
- By 2020, 100% of our paper packaging will be composed of paper and board from acceptable certified virgin sources or recycled material.

Implementation and Reporting

- Our ambition and milestones are supported by Implementation Guidelines and time-bound action plans.
- We will work with our suppliers to achieve progressive improvement meeting our milestones. Unilever will measure and report progress annually, using a supplier self assessment method verified through regular, independent audits.
- We will continue to actively engage with external stakeholders to achieve our goals.