

TRANCONTINENTAL'S CLASSIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PAPERS

Class	Criteria	Comments
Gold plus	Paper from 100% recycled fibre.	<p>Contains no virgin wood fibre.</p> <p>Preference will be given to paper with more than 85% post consumer recycled content.</p> <p>Preference will be given to fibre that is processed chlorine free (PCF or equivalent).</p> <p>Preference will be given to regionally produced paper.</p>
	Paper from recycled fibre mixed with fibre from agricultural residues or other alternative residual fibres (100%).	
Gold	<p>Paper from recycled fibre mixed with virgin fibre from forests that are certified under a recognized SFM* system, avoiding fibre from high conservation value forests.</p> <p>The combination of recycled fibre and certified fibre is 100%.</p>	<p>The combination of recycled fibre and fibre certified under a recognized SFM is 100%.</p> <p>Preference will be given to papers with higher post-consumer recycled content.</p> <p>Preference will be given to fibre that is processed without chlorine (PCF or equivalent). Virgin fibre must be processed without elemental chlorine (ECF or equivalent)</p> <p>Preference will be given to regionally produced paper.</p>
Silver plus	Paper from recycled fibre mixed with virgin fibre from forests that are not certified under a recognized SFM system, avoiding fibre from high conservation value forests where those values are not protected.	<p>The combination of recycled fibre and fibre certified under a recognized SFM is <u>at least 70%</u>.</p> <p>Preference will be given to papers with higher post-consumer recycled content.</p> <p>Preference will be given to fibre that is processed without chlorine (PCF or equivalent). Virgin fibre must be processed without elemental chlorine (ECF or equivalent)</p> <p>Preference will be given to regionally produced paper.</p>
	Paper from 100% virgin wood fibre with a mix of fibre from forests that are certified under a recognized SFM system and virgin wood fibre that is not certified, avoiding fibre from high conservation value forests where those values are not protected	
	Paper from recycled fibre, virgin wood fibre from forests that are certified under a recognized SFM system and forest fibre that is not certified, avoiding fibre from high conservation value forests unless those values are protected.	

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Silver	Paper from recycled fibre mixed with virgin fibre from forests that are not certified under a recognized SFM system, avoiding fibre from high conservation value forests where those values are not protected.	The combination of recycled fibre and fibre certified under a recognized SFM is <u>at least 30%</u> . Preference will be given to papers with higher post-consumer recycled content.
	Paper from 100% virgin wood fibre with a mix of fibre from forests that are certified under a recognized SFM system and virgin wood fibre that is not certified, avoiding fibre from high conservation value forests where those values are not protected	Preference will be given to fibre that is processed without chlorine (PCF or equivalent). Virgin fibre must be processed without elemental chlorine (ECF or equivalent) Preference will be given to regionally produced paper.
	Paper from recycled fibre, virgin wood fibre from forests that are certified under a recognized SFM system and forest fibre that is not certified, avoiding fibre from high conservation value forests unless those values are protected.	
Bronze	All other papers that are shown not to come from high conservation value forests unless those values are protected.	Preference will be given to fibre that is processed chlorine free (PCF). Must be elemental chlorine free (ECF). Preference will be given to locally produced paper.
Other	All other papers that are shown not to have come from illegal harvest	When purchasing outside (Canada / US/ Europe), preference will be given to fibre certified under a recognized SFM system.

*SFM: Sustainable Forest Management

Recognized SFM systems:

Sustainable Forest Management Practices

To ensure that the forest is sustainably managed, Transcontinental recognizes the FSC certification system. A CSA certified forest or an SFI certified forest, certified against the 2005 version of the SFI Standard, may also be recognized if the specific forest management plan and its implementation is rigorous. This must be confirmed by the supplier.

Protection of High Conservation Value Forests

To ensure that high conservation value forests are protected, Transcontinental recognizes the FSC certification system. A CSA certified forest, or an SFI certified forest, certified against the 2005 version of the SFI Standard, may also be recognized if the specific forest management plan is rigorous in this regard. This must be confirmed by the supplier.

Illegal Harvest

To ensure that illegally harvested fibre is avoided, Transcontinental recognizes the FSC, CSA, SFI forest certification systems, as well as the PEFC labeling scheme. Other systems will be assessed as required.

Other papers may also be promoted where it can be shown that there is an overall environmental advantage, in keeping with the principles of sustainable development. This will be addressed more systematically as better information becomes available about the environmental aspects of each paper.