

Transcontinental Paper Purchasing Policy

Transcontinental promotes the use of environmentally preferable papers.

With respect to fibre sourcing, Transcontinental promotes the use of papers with maximized post-consumer and de-inked recycled fibre and also encourages the use of papers made with pre-consumer recovered fibre or alternative fibres in preference to virgin wood fibre.

Where virgin wood fibre is required, preference will be given to forest fibre from sustainable forests, certified by a recognized organization, avoiding fibre from high conservation value forests where those values are not protected.

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.

Transcontinental has developed a Classification of Environmental Papers and supporting documentation that will guide the implementation of this policy.

Definitions

High Conservation Value Forests

High Conservation Value Forests are those that possess one or more of the following attributes:

- a. forest areas containing globally, regionally or nationally significant concentrations of biodiversity values (e.g. endemism, endangered species, refugia); and/or large landscape level forests, contained within, or containing the management unit, where viable populations of most if not all naturally occurring species exist in natural patterns of distribution and abundance
- b. forest areas that are in or contain rare, threatened or endangered ecosystems
- c. forest areas that provide basic services of nature in critical situations (e.g. watershed protection, erosion control)
- d. forest areas fundamental to meeting basic needs of local communities (e.g. subsistence, health) and/or critical to local communities' traditional cultural identity (areas of cultural, ecological, economic or religious significance identified in cooperation with such local communities).

Transcontinental recognizes a number of organizations offering certification to sustainably managed forests but may require further confirmation of certain aspects, depending on the purpose. This is clearly outlined in a detailed procedure, available upon request.