

# SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

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## Our Long-Standing Commitment to Forest Certification Continues

International Paper has a long-standing commitment to making high-quality paper and packaging products from sustainable sources. Independent, third-party certification is an important step in demonstrating our commitment to being a leader in sustainable forestry and conservation. Certification also reinforces our commitment to meeting the needs of our customers and providing environmental, social and economic balance.

The following is a list of the certifications our company has achieved from top independent national and international certification bodies:

- **A majority of International Paper's U.S. paper mills** are Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) and Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) chain-of-custody certified. These multiple certifications ensure that our company has reliable systems for tracking the sources of our wood fiber.
- **Our U.S. and Mexican container, sheet and bag plants** are SFI wood fiber sourcing certified to ensure the wood fiber used to make corrugated packaging has been responsibly sourced.
- **Our U.S. wood procurement systems** are SFI and ISO 14001 certified to ensure 100 percent of our company's wood fiber comes from trees that have been responsibly harvested.
- **Our distribution business**, which is the largest distributor of printing papers in North America, is SFI, FSC and PEFC chain-of-custody certified.
- **Globally, all International Paper mills** are PEFC and/or FSC chain-of-custody certified and/or ISO 14001 procurement certified. Our Saillat, France, mill is PEFC chain-of-custody certified and our Kwidzyn, Poland, mill is FSC chain-of-custody certified.
- **Our Svetogorsk, Russia, mill and our forest operations in Russia** are FSC chain-of-custody and ISO 14001 certified. We were the country's first paper and forest products company to receive ISO 14001 certification.
- **Our IP Brazilian mills (Luiz Antonio, Mogi Guacu, Tres Lagoas)** are certified to FSC and PEFC/CERFLOR chain of custody and our forestlands are certified to the FSC and PEFC/CERFLOR forest management standard.

In support of our commitment, we have developed a Global Policy for Forest Certification that defines both the scope and importance of forest certification and chain-of-custody.

## Our Global Policy on Forest Certification

As a global company, International Paper uses third-party certification, chain-of-custody and internationally recognized forest certification standards in all of our operations.

International Paper recognizes the following certification standards for use in our global operations:

- **Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)** is a global umbrella organization that certifies national certification standards and supports the promotion of sustainable forest management and chain-of-custody.
- **Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)** is a globally recognized system that uses regionally developed forest management standards and includes chain-of-custody.
- **Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI)** is a North American standard which includes provisions for forest management, fiber procurement and chain-of-custody, and is internationally recognized by PEFC.
- **Cerflor, the Brazilian Program of Forest Certification**, is a Brazilian national standard that includes forest management and chain-of-custody and is recognized by PEFC.

In countries or regions of the world that do not have established certification standards, International Paper will implement **ISO 14001 environmental management systems** on the wood or fiber purchasing systems for our facilities.

## Our Forest Certification Next Steps

In the coming months, we will continue to expand our sustainable product offerings and provide our customers with more certification options. Next steps in our certification efforts include:

- Maintaining certifications to the SFI, FSC, PEFC, Cerflor and ISO standards.
- Expanding chain-of-custody certification within our U.S. paper mill system.
- Continuing our efforts to strengthen certification in the marketplace by providing SFI and FSC-labeled products in North America and PEFC and FSC-labeled products globally.

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