



## **Sustainable Forestry Policy Statement**

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Smurfit Kappa Group (SKG) recognises its responsibility on Sustainability in terms of the sourcing of wood and fibre from third parties or timber harvested from its owned forest lands for the purposes of converting it into appropriate value added products in its core business of paper based packaging.

*For forests owned, leased or managed:*

- We will, as a minimum adhere to all relevant national laws and international treaties.
- We will seek to achieve accreditation of a recognised forest certification scheme as soon as possible.
- We will pursue the protection of natural forests and so ensure conservation and sustainable use of their biodiversity and as far as possible contribute to water flow and habitat protection.
- We will contribute to the development of a forestry culture by means of an open information exchange with interested individuals. We will also promote meaningful relationships with Government, local communities, NGO's and other relevant stakeholders.
- We will allocate resources to sustainable forest management including education and training in forest research and natural ecosystems.

*On timber and pulp purchases from third parties:*

- We will ensure that all wood suppliers are legally compliant and preferably certified to FSC or PEFC or a credible alternative standard. We will further require that, as a minimum all wood suppliers guarantee their wood does not come from controversial sources.
- We are committed that within a reasonable time frame all our mills that use wood will be accredited with Chain-of-Custody certification either through FSC or PEFC.
- We will purchase or produce bleached pulp that is either elemental chlorine free or total chlorine free.
- We will purchase pulp only from mills that have Chain-of-Custody certification from FSC or PEFC or a credible alternative certification scheme.

*On other forest based products purchased:*

- We will require that all our suppliers meet the commitments expressed above on wood or fibre.
- We further commit to implement appropriate communication, training and auditing procedures to ensure that all Smurfit Kappa operations meet the requirements outlined in this policy statement.

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