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# Sustainable Sourcing Policy Statement

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## Global Sustainable Sourcing Policy Statement

Smurfit Kappa (SK) is committed to managing its suppliers in accordance with its sustainability objectives. This policy statement briefly summarises the Group's commitments with regard to its suppliers' environmental compliance, social responsibility, sustainable development and governance.

This policy statement applies to all suppliers and subcontractors. It will be implemented first with its strategic suppliers, and priority will be given to the suppliers of key materials which are used in the manufacture of SK's products.

SK is committed to ensuring that its suppliers will comply (as a minimum) with relevant national and international environmental legislation concerning sustainability issues and SK will seek to achieve best practice from suppliers through the promotion of continuous improvement programmes.

SK will audit its strategic suppliers on a regular basis to monitor and ensure compliance with this policy statement. Primary focus will be on suppliers of SK's key materials and services.

SK ensures, where wood and primary fibre based material is used as raw materials, that no wood from controversial origins is used in the supply chain. SK requests its suppliers to be Chain of Custody certified for pulp and paper we purchase in line with internationally recognized schemes such as FSC®, PEFC™, or SFI™ in the Americas.

SK will ensure that suppliers are aware of its policy on corporate social responsibility, and will encourage suppliers to develop strong relationships with the communities within which its businesses have the privilege to operate. Suppliers (strategic) will be encouraged to join the UN Global Compact initiative and encouraged to commit, in their Code of Business Conduct, to its principles in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.

SK will not work with suppliers who do not share its declared values in good social citizenship in particular in areas such as the compliance to regulation, providing healthy and safe working environments, respecting human rights such as child labour (ILO conventions 138 & 182), forced labour, freedom of association and collective bargaining (ILO conventions 87 & 98). SK will ask suppliers to disclose relevant data in that regard directly or via a recognized organization.

SK is committed to setting clear targets and objectives about sustainability for suppliers and will measure suppliers' performance against these. Strategic suppliers will be encouraged to disclose their sustainability data in accordance with Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), an independent institution whose mission is to provide a trusted and credible framework for sustainability reporting.

SK will support suppliers with their own sustainability development projects, by seeking solutions which make a positive contribution to sustainability by efficiently using resources, minimising material and product wastage, promoting more recycling, and optimizing transportation requirements.

SK will communicate transparently and educate employees liaising with suppliers to ensure that its sustainability goals are achieved. SK will evaluate its overall sourcing policy from time to time in light of new developments in the area of sustainability.

Any exception from this policy statement which could be justified for business purposes will be properly documented, approved by SK management and communicated to relevant stakeholders.

**The long-term objectives of Sustainable Sourcing are listed in a separate document.**

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