

# Global Paper Sourcing Policy

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- This Policy sets out News Corp's goals and policy to source paper in a way that helps to protect and minimize the Company's impact on the environment.

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## Introduction and Purpose

News Corp (the **Company**) strives to protect, and minimize our impact on, the environment. We recognize that forests and their soils play a critical role in mitigating climate change and in the health of the planet, and we seek to deliver the products our customers want while promoting the responsible stewardship of the world's natural resources. This policy includes principles and practices designed to align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals for Responsible Consumption and Production (#12), Climate Action (#13) and Life on Land (#15).

We seek to work with paper suppliers that share our commitment to responsibly managing natural resources, supporting local communities, and producing sustainable products. We strive to ensure that these paper products contain wood fibers that have been responsibly managed and harvested. Our goals include:

- Purchasing 100% of the paper used in our printed publications from mills whose forest management practices are certified by an independent, internationally recognized sustainable forestry certification body such as Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC), Sustainable Forest Initiative (SFI), Canadian Standards Association (CSA), or equivalent.
- By 2025, purchasing 100% of all direct purchases of News Corp publication paper in the U.S., U.K., Europe and Australia from FSC-, PEFC-, SFI- or CSA-certified material.
- Continuing to participate in the [CDP](#) annual reporting program.
- Not doing business with companies who collude with or purchase wood products from illegal logging operations.
- Supporting sustainable forest management practices within our sourcing regions through the adoption of landscape approaches and in partnership with our suppliers and local jurisdictions and communities.
- Identifying and addressing potential modern slavery risks in our paper supply chains, based on geographic assessments.

## Scope and Responsibility

This Policy applies globally, to every director, officer, employee or representative of the Company and its majority-owned subsidiaries and divisions (**Business Units**). All stakeholders should understand, respect, implement and promote this Policy.

The Global Environmental Initiative team, on behalf of News Corp more widely, is responsible for implementing this Policy and communicating the progress of such implementation with customers, employees, suppliers and partners. Please contact [gei@newscorp.com](mailto:gei@newscorp.com) if you have any questions or comments on this Policy.

## Requirements

### PAPER SUPPLIER CODE OF CONDUCT

Paper suppliers are expected to comply with all applicable environmental laws and regulations, including but not limited to the US Lacey Act, the EU Timber Regulation, the Australian Illegal Logging Prohibition Act and the European Union Deforestation Regulation.

Paper suppliers are expected to confirm that the paper procured by News Corp for its printed publications contains only fiber that is:

- Legally harvested.
- Not harvested from tropical forests, mixed tropical hardwood, Acacia (from non-FSC certified sources) or Ramin trees.
- Not harvested in forests where biodiversity or High Conservation Values (HCVs) are threatened (e.g. areas of old growth and/or endangered forests).
- Harvested where the impact on the local ecosystem from the infrastructure during harvesting is minimized.
- Not contributing to deforestation, including not harvested from areas being converted to plantations or non-forest use, which is one of the leading causes of deforestation according to the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and other organizations.
- Obtained in a manner that respects the rights and job opportunities of local workers, traditional and civil rights of indigenous peoples and rural communities.
- Produced with pulp that has been bleached using either Totally Chlorine Free (TCF) or Elemental Chlorine Free (ECF) processes.
- Verified and documented as coming from a traceable source, down to the origin forest.

Paper suppliers must provide documentation to show compliance with this policy when requested by News Corp. Paper suppliers or contract printers who source paper from third party suppliers for our products must provide proof that the paper complies with this policy.

### RESPONSIBLE PAPER USE & WASTE REDUCTION

We seek to increase efficiency in the publication process by optimizing basis weights on products where appropriate and feasible in order to help reduce the use of virgin fiber and raw materials consumed in the production of that paper.

News Corp encourages efficient paper usage by our customers, suppliers, and employees through reducing, reusing and recycling waste paper and fiber-based packaging at the end of its use. News Corp strives to enable all employees to minimize their impact on the environment by supporting programs that minimize waste and enhance recycling in everyday operations.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION & REPORTING**

This policy will be reviewed periodically.

We will continue to actively engage with external stakeholders to help achieve our goals and initiatives.