

Sustainable Forestry Policy Graphic Packaging International

Graphic Packaging International is committed to the goals of sustainable forestry and promoting responsible resource management and use. To achieve these goals, the Company seeks to continually achieve certification to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) Chain of Custody and Certified Fiber Sourcing requirements, the Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) Chain of Custody Standard and Logo Usage Rules and the Forest Stewardship Council® Chain of Custody and Trademark Use Standards.

Graphic Packaging International is committed to sourcing paperboard material from certified chain of custody and non-controversial sources. Company's Sustainable Forestry Policy is to promote the principles of sustainable forestry and development. Graphic Packaging International strives to source forest-based raw material from sustainably managed, certified chain of custody and non-controversial sources.

This includes a commitment to avoid the following unacceptable sources, as defined by FSC, and controversial sources, as defined by PEFC and SFI.

Unacceptable sources, as defined by FSC:

- Illegal logging or the trade in illegal wood or forest products.
- Violation of traditional and human rights in forestry operations.
- Destruction of high conservation values in forestry operations.
- Significant conversion of forests to plantations or non-forest use.
- Introduction of genetically modified organisms in forestry operations.

Controversial sources, as defined by SFI and PEFC:

- Forest activities which are not in compliance with applicable state, provincial, federal, or international laws.
- Forest activities which are contributing to regional declines in habitat conservation and species protection (including biodiversity and special sites, Alliance for Zero Extinction sites and key Biodiversity Areas, threatened and endangered species).
- Conversion sources originating from regions experiencing forest area decline.
- Forest activities where the spirit of the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at work (1998) are not met.
- Forest activities where the spirit of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2007) are not met.
- Fiber sourced from areas without effective social laws
- Illegal Logging including trade in CITES (The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) listed species.
- Conflict Timber.
- Genetically modified trees via forest tree biotechnology.



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Graphic Packaging International is committed to comply with applicable federal, state and local environmental, social, and health and safety laws and regulations, including the core labor requirements of the standards. The company will strive to implement the FSC core labor requirements, giving due consideration to the rights and obligations established by national law, while seeking to meet the objectives of these requirements. The FSC core labor requirements are:

- The organization shall not use child labor
- The organization shall avoid all forms of forced and compulsory labor
- The organization shall ensure that there is no discrimination in employment and occupation, and
- The organization shall respect freedom of association and the effective right to collective bargaining.

Graphic Packaging International is committed to the following SFI principles:

1. Sustainable Forestry
2. Forest Productivity and Health
3. Protection of Water Resources
4. Protection of Biological Diversity
5. Aesthetics and Recreation
6. Protection of Special Sites
7. Legal Compliance
8. Research in sustainable forest management
9. Training and Education
10. Community Involvement and Social Responsibility, and Respect for Indigenous Rights
11. Transparency
12. Continual Improvement and
13. Responsible Fiber Sourcing

Graphic Packaging International employs environmentally, socially and economically sustainable practices to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. This is accomplished by practicing and promoting a resource and conservation stewardship ethic.

Graphic Packaging International's sustainability approach promotes the principles of sustainable development, recycling and biodegradability. Graphic Packaging International has set an overall goal to increase the amount of recycled content in its printed packaging and reclaiming all waste material from its production processes to further reduce the amount of wastepaper entering the waste stream.

Graphic Packaging International strives to increase the degradability of its printed packaging products to ensure that non-recycled components are recoverable, bio-degradable and/or compostable.

To help implement and achieve the above sustainability, recycling and biodegradable objectives, Graphic Packaging International has developed and adopted appropriate programs and documented procedures to guide its paperboard procurement, production of printed packaging products and associated sustainable forestry claims and labels.

Graphic Packaging International is also committed to annually review the effectiveness of its forest sustainability policy, chain of custody and responsible fiber sourcing programs to continually improve its management systems and environmental performance.