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Forest Certification and Chain-of-Custody

What you should know about International Paper Certified Products

- 100 percent of the wood fiber in our products was obtained through our Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) certified fiber procurement system, meets all requirements of the 2005-2009 SFI Standard and is produced in conformance with our ISO 14001 third-party certified environmental management system.
- International Paper's procurement system has been independently audited by a third-party (Bureau Veritas Certification) to ensure that it complies with the SFI certification and ISO 14001 standards.
- Certification of our procurement system to the SFI standard ensures that:
 - Air and water quality, soils, plants and wildlife are protected.
 - We encourage reforestation of any lands that are harvested for trees.
 - We use no wood from endangered forests in any of our products.
- Chain-of-custody certification from the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) standard for all 16 of its U.S. pulp and paper mills, which ensures the company has a reliable accounting system for tracking the source of the wood fiber.
- Chain-of-custody certification from the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) for all 16 of its U.S. pulp and paper mills.
- Wood fiber sourcing certification from the SFI standard for all 65 U.S. container plants, ensuring the wood fiber used to make corrugated packaging comes from a certified source.
- Many products qualify to carry an on-product SFI label right now. To find out more contact your account manager, customer service representative or sales representative.

What you should know about Certification – SFI and FSC

The Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) and the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) are both sustainable forest management certification programs. Both SFI and FSC:

- Are independently governed and subject to third-party certification
- Allow use of on-product labels with chain of custody certification
- Are supported by environmental and conservation groups
- Protect air and water, soils, wildlife and endangered forests
- Fight illegal logging while recognizing rights of indigenous peoples

In addition, the SFI program addresses the unique aspects of the North American fiber supply chain by providing landowner and professional tree harvester education, which promotes sustainable forest management, compliance with state best management practices and protection of endangered wildlife and forests on private lands.

Forest Certification Facts

- Less than 10 percent of the world's forests are certified, and 31 percent of these forests are in North America and 19 percent are in the United States.
- In 2005, U.S. forests were certified to only 3 systems, and of this acreage, 51 percent were certified to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative standard (SFI), 21 percent to the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), and 28 percent to the American Tree Farm System (ATFS).
- The United Nations Environmental Program and the International Chamber of Commerce awarded a 2002 World Summit Business Award for Sustainable Development Partnerships to the SFI program.

For more information or materials about sustainable forestry or forest certification systems:

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