

# CLASSIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PAPERS



Class	Criteria	Comments
Gold Paper	Paper from 100% recycled fibre.	Contains no virgin wood fibre.
	Paper from recycled fibre mixed with fibre from agricultural residues or other alternative residual fibres (100%).	Preference will be given to paper with more than 85% post consumer recycled content. Preference will be given to fibre that is processed chlorine free (PCF). Preference will be given to regionally produced paper.
Gold	Paper from recycled fibre mixed with virgin fibre from forests that are certified under a recognized SFM system, avoiding fibre from high conservation value forests. The combination of recycled fibre and certified fibre is 100%.	The combination of recycled fibre and fibre certified under a recognized SFM is 100%. Preference will be given to papers with higher post-consumer recycled content. Preference will be given to fibre that is processed without chlorine (PCF or equivalent). Virgin fibre must be processed without elemental chlorine (ECF or equivalent) Preference will be given to regionally produced paper.
	Paper from recycled fibre mixed with virgin fibre from forests that are not certified under a recognized SFM system, avoiding fibre from high conservation value forests where those values are not protected.	The combination of recycled fibre and fibre certified under a recognized SFM is <b>at least 70%</b> . Preference will be given to papers with higher post-consumer recycled content.
Silver plus	Paper from 100% virgin wood fibre with a mix of fibre from forests that are certified under a recognized SFM system and virgin wood fibre that is not certified, avoiding fibre from high conservation value forests where those values are not protected.	Preference will be given to fibre that is processed without chlorine (PCF or equivalent). Virgin fibre must be processed without elemental chlorine (ECF or equivalent) Preference will be given to regionally produced paper.
	Paper from recycled fibre, virgin wood fibre from forests that are certified under a recognized SFM system and forest fibre that is not certified, avoiding fibre from high conservation value forests unless those values are protected.	
Silver	Paper from recycled fibre mixed with virgin fibre from forests that are not certified under a recognized SFM system, avoiding fibre from high conservation value forests where those values are not protected.	The combination of recycled fibre and fibre certified under a recognized SFM is <b>at least 30%</b> . Preference will be given to papers with higher post-consumer recycled content.
	Paper from 100% virgin wood fibre with a mix of fibre from forests that are certified under a recognized SFM system and virgin wood fibre that is not certified, avoiding fibre from high conservation value forests where those values are not protected.	Preference will be given to fibre that is processed without chlorine (PCF or equivalent). Virgin fibre must be processed without elemental chlorine (ECF or equivalent) Preference will be given to regionally produced paper.
	Paper from recycled fibre, virgin wood fibre from forests that are certified under a recognized SFM system and forest fibre that is not certified, avoiding fibre from high conservation value forests unless those values are protected.	
Bronze	All other papers that are shown not to come from high conservation value forests unless those values are protected.	Preference will be given to fibre that is processed chlorine free (PCF). Must be elemental chlorine free (ECF). Preference will be given to locally produced paper.
Other	All other papers that are shown not to have come from illegal harvest.	When purchasing outside (Canada / US/ Europe), preference will be given to fibre certified under a recognized SFM system.

SFM: Sustainable Forest Management

## Recognized SFM systems:

Transcontinental recognizes FSC®, CSA® and SFI® certification systems in regard to forest management, protection of high conservation value forests and illegal harvesting, as well as PEFC™ at the chain of custody level.

Other papers may also be promoted where it can be shown that there is an overall environmental advantage, in keeping with the principles of sustainable development. This will be addressed more systematically as better information becomes available about the environmental aspects of each paper.

## Recycled content:

As defined in ISO14021 standard: which includes pre-consumer and post-consumer fibres and excludes wood chips produced as co-products at sawmills.