

CLASSIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PAPERS



Class	Criteria	Comments
Gold Plus 100% Recycled with/without alternative fibres	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 100% (FSC®, SFI®, CSA®, PEFC or mixed certification) CoC with/without Recycled	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 chlorine free (PCF or equivalent). Virgin fibre must be processed without elemental chlorine (ECF or equivalent) Preference will be given to regionally produced paper.
Silver Plus ≥ 70% (FSC®, SFI®, CSA®, PEFC or mixed certification) CoC with/without Recycled	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 <u>at least 70%</u> . 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 chlorine free (PCF or equivalent). Virgin fibre must be processed without elemental chlorine (ECF or equivalent).
	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.	Preference will be given to regionally produced paper.
Silver ≥ 30% (FSC®, SFI®, CSA®, PEFC or mixed certification) CoC with/without Recycled	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 <u>at least 30%</u> . 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 chlorine free (PCF or equivalent). Virgin fibre must be processed without elemental chlorine (ECF or equivalent)
	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.	Preference will be given to regionally produced paper.
Bronze < 30% (FSC®, SFI®, CSA®, PEFC or mixed certification) CoC FSC CW, SFI CS with/without Recycled	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 or equivalent). 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 / CoC: Chain of Custody / FSC CW: FSC Controlled Wood / SFI CS: SFI Certified Sourcing

Recognized SFM systems: TC Transcontinental recognizes FSC®, CSA® and SFI® certification systems in regard to forest management, protection of high conservation value forests and illegal harvesting. It also recognizes PEFC Chain of Custody certification.

Other papers may be used where it can be shown that there is an overall environmental, social and economic advantage. [Data on the suppliers' production process must be supplied for review].

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