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Our Commitment to Zero Net Deforestation

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Pactiv Evergreen's Commitment to Zero Net Deforestation

Forests provide social and economic value to the communities in which we live and work. They offer sources of income for landowners, jobs for local residents and spaces for recreation and habitats for many species. They also help to mitigate the effects of climate change by providing long-term capture and sequestration of carbon dioxide, the primary greenhouse gas. For Pactiv Evergreen, a sustainable supply of fiber is essential in order to manufacture fiber-based products.

Pactiv Evergreen is committed to Zero Net Deforestation across our wood basin through our fiber procurement practices. To us, this means sustainable sourcing for our mill operations, increasing forest cover across our wood basin and keeping ourselves and our suppliers accountable.

We source wood fiber to manufacture paper and paperboard in our mill operations. This material is used internally at our converting plants, as well as sold to external customers. In addition, we supplement our own paper and paperboard with materials from non-company owned paper mills. All outside paperboard that we purchase comes with a forest certification claim.

We are committed to the principles of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®), including the SFI Program Requirements for Fiber Sourcing, Chain of Custody and Product Labels, along with the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC™) Chain of Custody Standard. The principles of sustainable forest management by which they operate lie at the heart of our paper operations and include:

- practicing sustainable forestry;
- employing responsible practices;
- regenerating the forest and maintaining productive capacity;
- protecting and maintaining long-term forest and soil productivity;
- protecting water resources;
- protecting special sites and biological diversity;
- complying with legal requirements; and
- continually improving forest practices.

We are also committed to implementing the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) Standards addressing certified chain of custody, controlled wood and on-product labeling for our fiber procurement and manufacturing operations. We implement best efforts to avoid trading in wood or wood fiber that violates the five unacceptable sources listed in the FSC® Controlled Wood Standard, i.e., avoiding:

- illegally harvested wood or wood fiber;
- wood or wood fiber that is harvested in violation of traditional and civil rights;



- wood from forests in which High Conservation Values are threatened by management activities;
- wood harvested in natural forests being converted to plantations or non-forest uses; and
- wood from forests in which genetically modified trees are planted.

To demonstrate our commitment to Zero Net Deforestation and responsible forest management, Pactiv Evergreen has developed and adopted documented procedures to guide our fiber procurement practices and track fiber to meet the objectives of sustainable forest management and Zero Net Deforestation. We continually monitor and review the effectiveness of our programs and conduct annual independent third-party forest certification audits. Annual third-party audits are conducted for our SFI, PEFC and FSC processes and procedures.

We also require a signed Self Declaration Statement by any fiber supplier to our mill operations. The Self Declaration requires the supplier to utilize state-trained loggers where available, to comply with state Best Management Practices (BMPs) and to avoid trading and sourcing wood from the five unacceptable sources listed in the FSC® Controlled Wood Standard. Audits include field visits to confirm that the commitments outlined in the Self Declaration Statement are being followed and meet the standards.

Helping protect forests is central to our purpose of Packaging a Better Future, and essential to our business. As the demand for sustainably manufactured paper products grows, it is essential that we play our part in strengthening a sustainable supply of fiber for our customers today and tomorrow. We are committed to the principles of sustainable forestry, responsible forest management and Zero Net Deforestation.



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