

# HARPERCOLLINS GLOBAL PAPER PROCUREMENT POLICY - 2017

At HarperCollins UK we take our environmental impact very seriously and have adapted our business practices in an effort to help minimize our environmental footprint. HarperCollins' global paper procurement and usage policy supports the general goals of environmentally sustainable fibre use, reducing pollution and conserving natural resources through recycling and waste reduction. As one of the major purchasers of paper in the publishing sector, we are committed to protecting and minimising our impact on the environment. In order to produce materials responsibly we have adopted high standards for the procurement of paper. We actively work with our suppliers to maximise the efficient use of paper and reduce consumption.

## **Forest Management Practices**

HarperCollins' book printing paper is sourced from mills whose forest management practices are certified by an independent, internationally recognized sustainable forestry certification body such as the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®), Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC), Sustainable Forest Initiative (SFI) and Canadian Standards Association (CSA) and we are committed to using FSC certified paper where available. Suppliers who source wood from third party suppliers must provide proof that wood supplied by their third party sources has been harvested in an environmentally sound manner.

HarperCollins requires compliance with all government regulations in each community and country where our paper suppliers operate and also the EU Timber regulations in Europe and the Lacey Act in the US. We do not do business with companies who collude with or purchase wood products from illegal logging operations. We aim to use only acceptable fibre sources for books produced for HarperCollins.

## **Paper Supply Chain Risk Assessment and Approval Process – Includes FSC certified papers**

The whole paper supply chain including fibres used in the paper manufacture will be known, verified and reviewed for approval. We require paper suppliers to provide fibre source details back to forest level and fibre test papers to verify these details. HarperCollins are active members of PREPS (Publishers' Database for Responsible Environmental Paper Sourcing) and use the data base's paper, fibre & supplier details to corroborate information but go further than using their grading system by carrying out our own assessment, fibre test programme and decision on paper approval.

This gives HarperCollins a good understanding of the source of all papers and fibres which enables a risk assessment to be made.

## **Forest Fibre**

Fibre and fibre sources for all forest based materials will be known and verified. Fibre from the following will be excluded from all book paper used by HarperCollins:

- Illegally harvested fibre
- endangered and old growth forests
- Indonesian tropical rainforests
- any contentious supplier or their affiliates
- mixed tropical hardwood including ramin
- high risk Acacia sources

## **Chlorine**

HarperCollins paper must be produced with pulp that has been bleached using either Totally Chlorine Free (TFC) or Elemental Chlorine Free (EFC) processes. Reduce, Reuse and Recycle HarperCollins is committed to reducing its overall use of fibre and raw materials consumed in the production of paper wherever possible. In addition, we have an extensive supply chain management process that allows us to better oversee print runs, and we are increasing the use of Print on Demand (POD) technologies to make for less waste in printing and shipping.