

# HARPERCOLLINS GLOBAL BOOK PAPER PROCUREMENT POLICY

## 2017

HarperCollins is one of the largest purchasers of paper in the publishing industry. We take our environmental impact very seriously and have adapted our business practices in an effort to help minimize our environmental footprint.

The HarperCollins global paper procurement and usage policy supports the use of environmentally sustainable fiber use, reducing pollution and conserving natural resources through recycling and waste reduction. In order to produce materials responsibly we have adopted high standards for the procurement of paper. We actively work with our suppliers to maximize 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 independent auditing bodies to internationally recognized certification schemes such as Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC), Sustainable Forest Initiative (SFI) and Canadian Standards Association (CSA). 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.

In addition, we are committed to purchasing chain of custody certified paper where possible. Certifications accepted by HarperCollins are FSC, PEFC, SFI and CSA.

HarperCollins requires compliance with all government regulations in each community and country where our paper suppliers operate. We do not do business with companies who collude with or purchase wood products from illegal logging operations. We aim to use only acceptable fiber sources and work with suppliers to eliminate the use of non-certified Indonesian fiber from books produced for HarperCollins.

### **Forest Fiber**

Fiber and fiber sources for all forest based materials will be known and verified.

We strive to exclude fiber from the following book paper used by HarperCollins:

- Illegally harvested fiber
- Any contentious supplier or their affiliates
- Endangered and old growth forests
- Paper sourced from Indonesian tropical rainforests and other high risk areas
- Mixed tropical hardwood
- Acacia from non-FSC certified sources
- Ramin trees

## Chlorine

HarperCollins paper must be produced with pulp that has been bleached using either Totally Chlorine Free (TFC) or Elemental Chlorine Free (EFC) processes.

## Our Sustainability Efforts

Since 2006, HarperCollins has enacted a global control process to secure Chain of Custody (COC) certification for its paper. The company has increased the percentage of FSC certified paper used in the production of our books each year. Producing our books on FSC certified paper allows us to place FSC logos on our books which enables purchasers to identify and choose products that support responsible forest management.

As of 2017, we have reached our long-term goal of ensuring that 95% of paper tons used globally is COC-certified. In Asia and Europe, most of this paper is FSC-certified. In the US, we use both SFI- and FSC-certified paper. We use only acceptable fiber sources and work with suppliers to eliminate the use of controversial and high risk fiber from books produced for HarperCollins, taking steps to protect each country's endangered rainforest.

## Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

HarperCollins is committed to reducing its overall use of fiber where possible. We seek to reduce basis weights on titles where appropriate in order to reduce the use of fiber and raw materials consumed in the production of that paper. 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.



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