

SNA Sustainable Forestry Policy

Sappi North America, Inc. (SNA) and Sappi Canada Enterprises Inc. (SCE), hereafter collectively referred to as Sappi, are committed to responsible manufacturing and achieving holistic sustainability across three pillars: People, Planet, Prosperity. Sappi understands that healthy, robust, well-managed forests provide a haven for wildlife, protect watersheds, and play a critical role in the carbon sequestration cycle. Therefore, Sappi sources woodfibre from well-managed forests, at low risk of any controversial sources, in a manner that complies with all applicable local, state/regional, and national laws and promotes forest health and supports community wellbeing. Sappi views responsible sourcing of fiber as a key way to create value in standing forests and avoid conversion of forests to other uses. Refer to the [Sappi Group Woodfibre Procurement Policy](#) or Sappi's [Why Forests Matter](#), [Forest Certification](#) or [Our Certifications](#) FAQs for more details.

Sappi utilizes third-party forestry certification programs to provide assurances to stakeholders that our wood and pulp suppliers adhere to responsible forestry practices. Sappi recognizes the following leading global chain-of-custody (CoC) certification systems: Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC), the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) program, the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC), the Canadian Standards Association™ and American Tree Farm System® (ATFS). Sappi is committed to promoting certification within our supply chains and implementing the SFI, PEFC and FSC Standards addressing CoC (FSC-STD-40-004 V3-1), controlled wood (FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1), and trademark use requirements (FSC-STD-50-001 V2-1) for fiber procurement and manufacturing operations.

- SNA's U.S.-based coated paper, packaging and pulp mills are triple certified to the FSC® (FSC-C014955), SFI® and PEFC (PEFC/29-31-10) Standards.
- SCE's Matane mill in Quebec is certified to the FSC (FSC-C151943) and PEFC (PEFC/26-31-135) CoC standards.
- *Note: Sappi Papier Holding is included in Sappi Europe's FSC and PEFC, as well as SNA's SFI CoC multi-site certificates.*

Mill/ Business unit		FSC™ CoC	PEFC CoC	SFI® Certified Sourcing	SFI® CoC
Sappi North America	Cloquet	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Matane	✓	✓		
	Somerset	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Westbrook	✓	✓		✓

✓ Certified ✓ Multi-site certificate

Sappi only procures woodfibre¹ that meets FSC's Controlled Wood² requirements and PEFC's and SFI's DDS procedures to avoid controversial sources. Specifically, all woodfibre sourced for Sappi's products must originate from forests where operations:

- Comply with all applicable legal and regulatory obligations in the countries from which it originates.
- Uphold customary, traditional &/or civil rights.
- Uphold health and safety legal requirements.
- Conserve, or avoid management activities that threaten, at-risk high conservation values³ and identified ecologically important forest areas⁴.
- Strictly adhere to forest certification standards regarding the avoidance of forest conversion.
- Avoid commercial use of genetically modified woodfibre (GMOs).
- Maintain the capability of forests to produce a range of wood and non-wood products and services on a sustainable basis with harvesting levels at a rate that can be sustained long term.
- Contribute to biodiversity on landscape, ecosystem, species or genetic levels.
- Identify, protect, conserve or set-aside ecologically important forest areas.
- Meet basic human rights including, but not limited to, employment and indigenous peoples' rights.
- Avoid conflict timber⁵ sources

¹ The term woodfibre is used to describe our forest-based raw materials including roundwood, chips, pulp and paper.

² FSC-controlled wood mitigates the risk of forest products originating from unacceptable sources (fsc.org/en/cw).

³ As defined in FSC Controlled Wood National Risk Assessments, vetted through balanced stakeholder input processes.

⁴ As defined in the PEFC ST 2002:2020 – Chain of Custody of Forest and Tree Based Products – Requirements.

⁵ Timber traded by armed groups or civilian administrations involved in armed conflict either to perpetuate conflict or take advantage of conflict situations for personal gain.

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SNA's U.S.-based paper and packaging mills are committed to maintaining SFI certification and complying with SFI Program Requirements for Fiber Sourcing (wood/chip procurement), CoC and trademark/label Use. Accordingly, SNA is committed to implementing and achieving the Principles of Sustainable Forest Management, outlined in SFI's Standard, including:

- **Sustainable Forestry:** Practicing sustainable forestry means meeting the needs of the present while promoting the ability of future generations to meet their own needs by practicing a land stewardship ethic that integrates reforestation and the managing, growing, nurturing and harvesting of trees for useful products, and for the provision of ecosystem services such as the conservation of soil, air and water quality and quantity, climate change adaptation and mitigation, biological diversity, wildlife and aquatic habitats, recreation and aesthetics.
- **Forest Productivity and Health:** Provide for regeneration after harvest, maintain the health and productive capacity of the forest land base, and protect and maintain long-term soil health and productivity. In addition, protect forests from economically, environmentally or socially undesirable impacts of wildfire, pests, diseases, invasive species and other damaging agents and thus maintain and improve long-term forest health and productivity.
- **Protection of Water Resources:** Protect and maintain the water quality and quantity of water bodies and riparian areas, and conform with forestry best management practices to protect water quality and to meet the needs of both human communities and ecological systems.
- **Protection of Biological Diversity:** Manage forests in ways that protect and promote biological diversity, including animal and plant species, wildlife habitats, ecologically and culturally important species, threatened and endangered species, Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value and native forest cover types at multiple scales.
- **Aesthetics & Recreation:** Manage the visual impacts of forest operations and provide recreational opportunities for the public.
- **Protection of Special Sites:** Manage lands that are geologically or culturally important in a manner that takes into account their unique qualities.
- **Responsible Fiber Sourcing:** Using and promoting sustainable forestry practices.
- **Legal Compliance:** Comply with applicable federal, provincial, state, and local forestry and related environmental laws, statutes, and regulations.
- **Research:** Support advances in sustainable forest management through research, science, and technology.
- **Training & Education:** Improve the practice of sustainable forestry through training and education programs.
- **Community Involvement & Social Responsibility, and Respect for Indigenous Rights:** Broaden the practice of sustainable forestry on all lands through community involvement, socially responsible practices, and through recognition and respect of Indigenous Peoples' rights and traditional forest-related knowledge.
- **Transparency:** Broaden the understanding of forest certification to the SFI Standard by documenting certification audits and making the findings publicly available.
- **Continual Improvement:** Continually improve the practice of forest management and monitor, measure and report performance in achieving the commitment to sustainable forestry.
- **Responsible Fiber Sourcing:** Use and promote sustainable forestry across a diversity of ownership and management types in the United States and Canada that is both scientifically credible and socially, environmentally, and economically responsible and avoid sourcing from controversial sources both domestically and internationally.

To help implement and achieve the above commitments, Sappi developed and adopted appropriate programs, plans and procedures to guide fiber procurement and marketing activities. Sappi annually reviews the effectiveness of this Policy and related programs to continually improve performance. Suppliers must, to the best of their knowledge, ensure there is no mixing of material from controversial sources and inform Sappi immediately of changes that may increase the risk of mixing controversial sources at the point of origin or within their supply chains.

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