

# ***FOREST STEWARDSHIP POLICY***

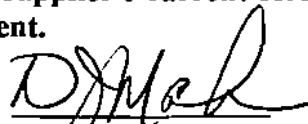
***SMART* Papers is a non-integrated specialty papers mill located in Hamilton, Ohio. We are committed to responsible stewardship of the environment and dedicated to sustainable forestry. Our company strives to minimize the environmental impact of our operations to our employees, our customers and our community.**

**All the virgin pulp we use must be purchased on the open market. However, 100% of our virgin fiber suppliers are registered to a recognized standard of sustainable forestry. These suppliers are certified to either ISO 14001 (Environmental Management System), Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), the Canadian Standards Association Sustainable Forest Management (CAN/CSA-Z809) or the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).**

**All virgin pulp and post-consumer fiber purchased by *SMART* Papers are produced by facilities which use Elemental Chlorine Free (ECF) bleaching methods. *SMART* Papers also does not use chlorine or chlorine containing bleaching components to brighten pulp fibers as part of the papermaking process.**

***SMART* Papers encourages sustainable forestry management practices by.....**

- **Purchasing from virgin fiber suppliers whom participate and are certified to recognized standards.**
- **Including suppliers who demonstrate a commitment to protect forest areas of significant ecological and cultural importance.**
- **Excluding suppliers that derive their wood sources from:
  1. **Forests illegally harvested.**
  2. **Forests harvested in violation of traditional and civil rights.**
  3. **Forests where high conservation values are threatened by management activities.**
  4. **Forests being converted to plantations or non-forest use.**
  5. **Forests in which genetically modified trees are planted.****
- **Establishing a supplier monitoring and tracking system to assure continued compliance to certification.**
- **Maintaining copies of each supplier's current certificate of registration as proof of supplier commitment.**

  
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