

# Supplier Commitment to Sustainable Forestry

## KapStone Kraft Paper Corporation

KapStone Kraft Paper Corporation is committed to the practice of sustainable forestry to ensure the long term success of our company and the natural resources we rely on to manufacture quality paper products. KapStone's commitment to this principle is communicated through the [KapStone Sustainable Forestry Policy](#) found in the Sustainability section of the KapStone website, [www.kapstonepaper.com/sustainability](http://www.kapstonepaper.com/sustainability). A similar commitment is anticipated from suppliers providing fiber to our manufacturing facilities. The following topics address some of the expectations for suppliers delivering fiber to KapStone facilities.

### **Forestry Best Management Practices (BMPs)**

KapStone requires suppliers to implement the recommendations for forestry best management practices by harvesting professionals and landowners as appropriate to the harvest location and weather conditions. KapStone manages mill inventories to support sustainable forestry principles. Visit the National Association of State Foresters website for information on [BMPs in your state](#).

### **Qualified or Certified Logging Professionals**

KapStone requires suppliers to utilize the services of qualified logging professionals or certified logging professionals where available. These wood producers must complete a logger training program that includes continuing education requirements approved by a state SFI implementation committee. Refer to the SFI website for various state [SFI Implementation Committees \(SIC\)](#). Information on logger training programs and qualified logging professionals in your area may be found on the respective [State SIC websites](#).

### **Compliance with Laws, Rules and Regulations**

KapStone requires suppliers to comply with all applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations pertaining to the purchase, harvest, and delivery of wood products. Some laws pertaining to sustainable forestry include, but are not limited to, the Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, and Lacey Act.

### **Sustainable Forestry Information for Landowners**

KapStone encourages suppliers to educate Forest Landowners about the principles of Sustainable Forestry to successfully manage their land. Healthy forests provide wildlife habitat, clean air, clean water and a host of recreation activities. They also provide timber for the wood and paper products our society needs, and can be a profitable investment for the landowner. Educational material is available at the [State SIC websites](#). [A Landowner's Guide to Forestry](#) is one example of information available for forest landowners.

## **Chain of Custody Provisions**

KapStone has implemented and maintains conformance to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®), Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC™) and Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) Chain of Custody and Controlled Wood Standards. To maintain conformance with the applicable Standards, KapStone relies on reliable information provided by the Supplier.

When Suppliers deliver fiber from SFI, FSC, or American Tree Farm System (ATFS) certified sources or non-certified sources, they agree to the following provisions:

- Supplier commits to operate according to, and in compliance with the established chain of custody procedures;
- Supplier agrees to supply transport documents or equivalent information as evidence of a current and valid Purchase Order;
- Supplier agrees to not mix or substitute non-certified fiber with certified shipments that are considered and identified as "100% certified." If mixed material is allowed, the Supplier will appropriately report to KapStone the amount of certified deliveries;
- Supplier agrees to provide information on the source of the delivered loads;
- Supplier agrees to maintain appropriate copies of the transport documents to identify the SFI , FSC, or ATFS certified lands or Chain of Custody certificate for the certified organization;
- Supplier agrees to be part of KapStone's monitoring procedures to trace certified or non-certified fiber from the forest to KapStone manufacturing sites; and
- Supplier agrees to participate in internal and independent audits as necessary to demonstrate conformance with the above Standards.

When Suppliers deliver fiber from non-certified sources, we understand KapStone's intent to avoid procuring wood from any of the five (5) "controversial" or "uncontrolled" sources of wood, including:

- 1) illegally harvested wood;
- 2) wood harvested in violation of traditional and civil rights;
- 3) wood harvested from forests where high conservation values are threatened by management activities;
- 4) wood harvested from forests being converted to plantations or non-forest use that would result in unacceptable levels of deforestation on an eco-region scale.
- 5) wood from forests in which genetically modified trees are planted.

## **More Information**

Contact your KapStone representative for more information on our commitment to Sustainable Forestry or if you need assistance finding resources in your area.