Paper Sourcing Strategy Statement

Oxford University Press (OUP) places high importance on respect for the environment and on the responsible sourcing of sustainable forestry products. In our own operations we require adherence to local applicable laws and the highest ethical standards, and we expect our suppliers to adhere to the same high standards.

Our approach

- As a member of PREPS (The Publishers Database for Responsible Environmental Paper Sourcing), OUP is committed to responsible paper sourcing
- OUP expects its suppliers to comply with applicable laws and regulations, including the EU Timber Regulation, in their countries of operation, and where practical prefers to work with suppliers who have recognized environmental management systems. OUP works with its suppliers to continue to improve the environmental quality of its supply of paper and other products and services.
- It is OUP’s preference, if practicable, to source paper which carries certification by FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) or PEFC (Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification). Additionally, OUP is committed to sourcing paper which meets PREPS3 standards or higher
  - During its 2017/18 financial year, all paper used by OUP’s core printers and direct paper supplier met a minimum PREPS3 standard. Additionally, 59 per cent of this paper carried FSC or PEFC certification
  - OUP will continue to work with its suppliers to increase the use of papers with recycled content and which come from certified, well managed forests. Where appropriate, OUP will seek to use papers certified by the Forest Stewardship Council, or Programme for Endorsement of Forest Standards.
- OUP works to increase the efficiency of how we use paper, including seeking to minimize the weight of paper used in our products, and works with suppliers to review new paper technologies and developments in order to improve our environmental impact
- OUP’s subsidiary printing company, OxUniPrint Limited, utilizes 100 per cent FSC certified paper and packaging in its activities and has achieved the FSC Chain of Custody standard.

Reporting

- OUP’s core print and paper suppliers provide bi-annual declarations to OUP detailing the weight of FSC/PEFC paper and non FSC/PEFC paper utilized in the manufacture of OUP’s products. OUP’s Group Procurement team are accountable for collating this data for our core print and paper suppliers. Divisional teams are responsible for collating this data for non-core print and paper suppliers.

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