



# Position Statement

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## Sustainable Fiber Supply for Pulp and Paper Production

As a supplier of products and services to the pulp and paper industry, we are committed to working with customers who follow the practices, laws and guidelines of the forestry industry in the countries they operate. We are committed to working with partners who source fiber raw material from environmentally and socially responsible sources. We understand that environmental demands are increasing and that we and our partners need to meet new standards as well as minimize any negative environmental and social impact.

We recognize that supply chains for fiber are complex. We are committed to working with partners who apply the following principles as a part of any agreement regarding investment by AkzoNobel in a pulp production unit:

- The mill shall know the primary source(s) of the wood that they purchase
- The mill shall make sure that all wood in the supply chain comes from legal sources.
- We are committed to working with partners who do not use wood sourced from High Conservation Value Forests unless strict conservation safeguards are in place.
- We encourage the implementation of internationally recognized certification schemes that assure natural virgin wood fiber is sourced from well-managed forests or plantations that apply the principles and criteria of sustainable forestry from other sustainable cultivation and/or recycled fiber.
- We pay particular attention to those countries and regions in the world that have a poor record of forest management issues and, although not following all the criteria of the Forestry Stewardship Council, are working towards improving their forestry management practices by applying the principles and criteria of sustainable forestry to improve their environmental and social impact.