



Ekman & Co Inc. recognizes the importance of the environment and sustainability in our core area of pulp and paper business. Ekman & Co Inc is committed to the maintenance of the Chain of Custody standards of the Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC), to the Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification systems (PEFC) and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI).

We continue to work with suppliers who offer us certification and assurances with regards to forestry practices.

We encourage our customers to work with end users who conform to recognized industry standards.

We implement our best efforts to avoid trading wood from the following categories:

- Illegally harvested wood
- Wood harvested in violation of traditional and civil rights
- Wood harvested in forests where high conservation values are threatened by management activities
- Wood harvested in forest being converted to plantations or non-forest use
- Wood from forests in which genetically modified trees are planted
- Violation of any of the ILO Core Conventions, as defined in the ILO Declaration of Fundamental Principles and Rights at work, 1998

In addition to the supply of virgin pulp for paper production, Ekman Group purchased a waste paper recycling company in 2005. We have grown this business from 300,000 to 1 million tonnes of recycled paper product, thus ensuring we offer our customers the option of certified virgin pulp and a full range of certified recycled fibers.

Our future plans include growing our recycled business to include plastics and general waste in order to maximize recycling opportunity.