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Environmental requirements for products: Graphic products, paper and printed matter

For each product group, a number of absolute requirements and a number of recommended requirements have been set up.

The absolute requirements must be met when purchasing products, and the supplier must sign a declaration (as part of the contract, if required) to the effect that such requirements have been met. Some of the absolute requirements are statutory EU requirements; however, they are specified in the contract as they are typically problem areas.

The recommended requirements are recommendations that are weighted positively in the choice between competing products.

Product group: Paper

Absolute requirements

- Paper must be labelled with the official eco-label EU Ecolabel
- Or
 - ISO 14001 certification for the papermill.
 - Chlorine gas shall not be used as a bleaching agent. (This requirement does not apply to chlorine gas related to the production and use of chlorine dioxide).
 - The fibre raw material in the paper may be recycled or virgin fibre.
 - Virgin fibres shall be covered by valid sustainable forest management and chain of custody certificates issued by an independent third party certification scheme such as FSC, PEFC or equivalent.

Recommended requirements

Products meeting the following requirements will be preferred:

- Paper labelled with the official eco-label the Nordic Ecolabel.

Product group: Printed matter

Absolute requirements

- In house printing job must be labelled with the official eco-label Nordic Ecolabel
- For external printing jobs:
 - ISO 14001 Certification
 - Chlorine gas shall not be used as a bleaching agent. (This requirement does not apply to chlorine gas related to the production and use of chlorine dioxide).
 - The fibre raw material in the paper may be recycled or virgin fibre.
 - Virgin fibres shall be covered by valid sustainable forest management and chain of custody certificates issued by an independent third party certification scheme such as FSC, PEFC or equivalent.
 - Printing ink must be vegetable-based.
 - Printing ink must not contain pigments containing heavy metals.
 - Lacquers for any covers must be water-based or vegetable-based.

Recommended requirements

For external printing jobs, following requirements will be preferred:

- That the printed matter is labelled with an official eco-label (EU Ecolabel or Nordic Ecolabel).

