

Environmental Requirements Graphical Products – Paper and Printed Matter

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

The absolute requirements are mandatory and are part of the contract terms and conditions. The supplier must be able to provide documentation to demonstrate compliance to these requirements upon request. These requirements apply to contracted suppliers as well as any sub-contractors. Danske Bank may conduct reviews on suppliers to ensure requirements are continuously met

Some of the absolute requirements are statutory EU requirements; however, they are specified in this requirement as they are areas where issues with compliance are often identified. Note that certifications and labels are continuously updated and made more ambitious, therefore it is important to ensure the products are continuously aligned with the latest version of the certificate standards

Meeting the recommended requirements shall have a positive weighting when comparing competing products

Product group – Paper

Absolute requirements

- Paper must be labelled with the official EU Eco-label or the Nordic Eco-label
- Only completely chlorine-free bleaching methods are permitted
- A description of recycling processes must be provided

Recommended requirements

Products meeting the following requirements will be preferred

- Paper and cardboard packaging, labels made of paper and other materials made of paper or cardboard must be manufactured using >70% wood fibers from recycled raw materials
- New raw material used must be certified by Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) or Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)

- Paper labeled with the environmental Product Declaration paper profile

Product group – Printed matter

Absolute requirements

- All printed matter produced in-house or by a third party supplier must be created using paper labelled with the EU Eco-label or the Nordic Eco-label
- A description of recycling processes must be provided
- For third party suppliers of printed matter, the following additional requirements apply
 - Be ISO 14001 Certified
 - Only use completely chlorine-free bleaching methods
 - A full description of recycling processes must be provided
 - Virgin fibers shall be covered by sustainable forest management and chain of custody certificates, issued by an independent third-party certification scheme such as FSC, PEFC or similar
 - All printing ink must be biodegradable
 - Printing ink must not contain pigments with hazardous chemicals
 - Lacquers for any covers must be water-based

Recommended requirements

Products meeting the following requirements will be preferred

- Paper and packaging contain >70% recycled material
- New raw material used must be certified by FSC or PEFC

Product group – Standard envelope

Absolute requirements

- Envelope with and without plastic window must be labelled the official EU Eco-label or the Nordic Eco-label
- A description of recycling processes must be provided

Recommended requirements

Products meeting the following requirements will be preferred

- New raw material used must be certified by FSC or PEFC
- The glue in envelope that are water based or made from natural, biodegradable materials
- Glue may not contain alkylphenolates or other alkylphenolderivate, phthalates, halogenated volatile organic compounds or ethylene glycols
- Envelopes contain >70% recycled material
- Follow the description of the recycling processes, envelopes with the Nordic Eco-label are recyclable