

Paper Policy

This policy sets out the approach taken by Reed Elsevier and its divisions in the purchasing of paper for use in our magazines, journals and books. It was developed by our Global Procurement and Corporate Responsibility teams to support our Environmental Management System and the broader voluntary commitments we have signed up to as a company, including the United Nations Global Compact.

Reed Elsevier is committed to providing information in the best format available for our customers. Although this is now often online, we still use paper formats for many of our products. Paper is supplied to us directly by manufacturers, from paper merchants and through our printers.

We work with our suppliers to purchase paper from well managed forests and known and legal sources. We support credible independent certification and we reject illegal logging of old growth forests and the use of any species on the CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild fauna and flora) list or the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources) red list. To this end Reed Elsevier became a founding member of the Publishers Database for Responsible Environmental Paper Sourcing (PREPS), a sectoral approach to paper sustainability. PREPS reviews and stores technical specifications of pulps and forest sources for paper, and awards grades of 1-5 stars for each based on sustainability criteria (with 5 being the highest).

Reed Elsevier and its businesses are committed to:

- Only purchase PREPS grade 3 to 5 paper wherever possible
- Increasing the amount of certified paper and recycled content in our paper
- Comply with relevant legislation
- Require suppliers to sign the Reed Elsevier Supplier Code of Conduct and encourage improvement in our supply chain wherever possible
- Review the policies and performance of our suppliers through our Socially Responsible Suppliers (SRS) network
- Communicate progress against this policy to stakeholders and our board and report annually upon the impact of our paper purchases

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis and its implementation is the responsibility of the Global Environmental Manager (Mark Gough) and Senior Vice President of Direct Spend (Lee Pierce).

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