

Forest certification policy for Ahlstrom-Munksjö Italia S.p.A. and Ahlstrom-Munksjö La Gère S.a.S. units

Ahlstrom-Munksjö's wood and pulp sourcing practices are designed to promote sustainable forest management.

Ahlstrom-Munksjö supports the existing credible forest certification systems such as FSC® and PEFC™ and supports mutual recognition between the different systems to help the customers and end users select products based on wood originating from responsible sources. Ahlstrom-Munksjö is also an active participant with the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC®).

Ahlstrom-Munksjö is associated with the Forest Stewardship Council A.C., Oaxaca, Mexico, or one of its subsidiaries or affiliates (hereinafter: FSC®) by being either a member of or having a contractual relationship with FSC. Hereby, Ahlstrom-Munksjö Italia S.p.A. and Ahlstrom-Munksjö La Gère S.a.S explicitly state that they have read and understood the "Policy for the Association of Organizations with FSC®" as published under www.fsc.org. This policy stipulates FSC's position with regards to unacceptable activities by organizations and individuals which already are or would like to be associated with FSC® as well as the mechanism for dissociation.

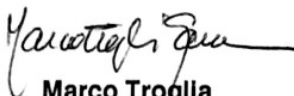
In light of the above, Ahlstrom-Munksjö Italia S.p.A. and Ahlstrom-Munksjö La Gère S.a.S explicitly agree, currently and in the future, as long as the relationships with FSC® exist, not to be directly or indirectly involved in the following unacceptable activities:

- a) Illegal logging or trade in illegal wood or forest products;
- b) Violation of traditional and human rights in forestry operations;
- c) Destruction of high conservation values in forestry operations;
- d) Significant conversion of forests to plantations or non-forest use;
- e) Introduction of genetically modified organisms in forestry operations;
- f) Violation of any of the ILO Core Conventions as defined in the ILO Declaration of Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work.


Similarly, following PEFC™, Ahlstrom-Munksjö Italia S.p.A. and Ahlstrom-Munksjö La Gère S.a.S commit to implement its best efforts not to source fiber from pulp suppliers whose forest management activities are:

- a) Not complying with applicable local, national or international legislation to the following areas:
 - Forestry operations and harvesting, including biodiversity conservation and conversion of forest to other use
 - Management of areas with designated high environmental and cultural values
 - Protected and endangered species, including requirements of CITES
 - Health and labor issues relating to forest workers
 - Indigenous peoples' property, tenure and use rights
 - Third parties' property, tenure and use rights
 - Payment of taxes and royalties
- b) Not complying with legislation of the country of harvest relating to trade and customs, in so far as the forest sector is concerned
- c) Utilizing GMO's
- d) Converting forest to other vegetation types, including conversion to primary forests to forest plantations.

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