

Sony Group Paper / Printed Material Purchasing Policy

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| Objectives | Sony recognizes that paper resources are limited and therefore promotes the efficient use of paper resources, the conservation of forests and the preservation of biodiversity in order to reduce its environmental footprint. |
| Scope | Paper and printed material used by Sony worldwide, covering office paper, packaging materials for Sony products, instruction manuals, catalogues, and printed matter for both internal and external use. |
| Basic Policy | <p>Sony shall purchase paper and printed material based on the following principles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Wood as raw material for paper shall be produced in compliance with the regulatory requirements of the country where the wood is logged.2. Priority for purchase shall be given to either paper made of recycled pulp or paper produced from wood under environmentally appropriate forest management, as certified by a third-party organization. In cases in which purchasing the above is difficult, environmentally preferable paper shall be selected from the paper available in each region.3. The bleaching of paper shall be chlorine free.4. Printed material shall be environmentally preferable, e.g., using VOC-free ink*1.5. Paper shall not be purchased if it is produced by companies that are accused of environmental destruction*2. |
| Implementation | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sony will implement the above Basic Policy through a step-by-step approach, taking into account regional differences on availabilities and markets of paper and printed material.- Sony will cooperate with stakeholders, e.g., with regard to information exchange, to achieve better paper and printed material purchasing.- Each Sony Group company or region is allowed to establish more stringent implementation rules. |

*1 VOC stands for Volatile Organic Compounds.

*2 "Policy for the Association of Organizations with FSC" by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is referred.