

## Sonoco's Sustainability Policy

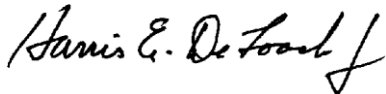
Sonoco is committed to the goals of sustainable development, recycling of wood and paper fiber, and promoting responsible resource management and use. To achieve these goals, the Company implements the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) program requirements for forest management, fiber sourcing, chain of custody and product labeling as well as standards set forth by the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) and the Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC). Sonoco has developed and adopted appropriate programs to guide its land management activities as outlined in the SFI Indicators and Evidence Manual and other SFI Program documents.

Sonoco is also committed to implementing the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Standards addressing chain of custody, controlled wood and on-product labeling for its recycled fiber procurement and specific manufacturing operations. The company implements best efforts to avoid trading in wood or wood fiber that is: a) illegally harvested; b) harvested in violation of traditional and civil rights; c) harvested where global conservation priorities are threatened; d) harvested in natural forests being converted to plantations or non-forest uses; and e) from forests in which genetically modified trees are planted. Sonoco conducted a risk assessment finding all controlled wood used was low risk. The results of this assessment are available upon request.

Sonoco employs scientifically, environmentally, socially and economically sustainable forest and fiber management practices to meet the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations. This is accomplished by practicing and promoting a resource, land and conservation stewardship ethic that integrates fiber recycling, reforestation, growing and harvesting of trees for useful products with the conservation of soil, air and water quality, biological diversity, wildlife and aquatic habitat, recreation and aesthetics.

Sonoco's policy is to promote the principles of sustainable development, recycling and biodegradability. Sonoco uses recycled fibers in its packaging and container products along with certified wood and is working to increase its overall use of post-consumer recycled content. The Company has instituted aggressive neighborhood and commercial recycling programs to further reduce the amount of wood fiber entering the waste stream. The company also strives to increase the degradability of its packaging and container products to ensure that non-recycled products are bio-degradable and compostable.

To help implement and achieve the above sustainability, recycling and biodegradable goals, Sonoco has developed and adopted appropriate programs, plans and procedures to guide its fiber procurement and product claims. The Company is also committed to annually review the effectiveness of its policy and programs to continually improve its management systems and environmental performance.



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