

Wood Pulp Sourcing Policy

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The main raw material for the production of viscose fibres is wood pulp. As a company with an exceptional focus on sustainability within the viscose industry, Kelheim Fibres takes a leading role in contributing to the protection of forests, wildlife and ecosystems. Therefore, in addition to fulfilling the requirements of the European Timber Regulation (No 995/2010), Kelheim Fibres sources exclusively wood pulp with preferably FSC® or else PEFC™ certification and strives to identify and eliminate all wood pulp from controversial sources.

Controversial sources are:

- Illegally harvested wood
- Wood from plantations established after 1994 through the conversion or simplification of natural forests
- Wood from forests or plantations of genetically modified trees
- Wood harvested in violation of traditional, human and civil rights.
- Wood harvested without free, prior and informed consent by indigenous peoples and traditional communities
- Wood from ancient and endangered forests¹

To reach this goal we maintain a system to identify and trace the origin of wood used in our supply chain. If we discover wood from controversial sources in our supply chain, we will engage our suppliers to change practices or re-evaluate our business relationship with them.

We also commit to cooperate closely with organizations such as Canopy and welcome independent third party audits to verify compliance with this policy and the opportunity to discuss innovative solutions for more sustainability such as raw materials other than wood.

We look to create a positive impact together with our suppliers, partners and customers. As implementation progresses, we will work to support the protection of ancient and endangered forests globally and forward large-scale conservation solutions in key forest landscapes.

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Craig Barker
Managing Director

Johann Röckl
Managing Director

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¹ Ancient and Endangered Forests are forests of high conservation value and habitat of endangered species. These forests include: the Canadian and Russian Boreal Forests; Coastal Temperate Rainforests; Tropical Rainforests and Peatlands of Indonesia, the Amazon and West Africa. Ancient and Endangered Forests are defined and mapped at: <https://canopyplanet.org/tools/forestmapper/>