



ALDI UK & Ireland

Wood Based Products and Packaging Policy

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Position Statement

ALDI UK is part of the ALDI SOUTH Group.

“The ALDI SOUTH Group of Companies conducts its business according to the principle of corporate responsibility. In all we do we assume responsibility towards our customers, business partners, employees, the community, and the environment.”

(Source: [Corporate Responsibility Principles of the ALDI SOUTH Group](#))

Background

A large number of our products, from books to chocolate to washing up liquid, use products that are derived from trees. Responsibly managing our forests is one of the most effective ways to curb global warming, as well as conserving wildlife and protecting indigenous communities.

By the end of 2020, all of the wood and paper in our products will be either sourced from forests certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) or the Programme for the Endorsement of Forestry Certification (PEFC), or made from 100% recycled sources. We are also converting all of the pulp-based packaging on our everyday products to sustainable sources during this timeframe.

Scope

This policy applies to all own label products and all own label primary core range packaging sold by Aldi within the UK and Ireland.

The following materials are excluded from this policy:

- Bamboo
- Cork
- Rattan
- Cellulose Fibres

Product packaging scope:

- All food and non-food products within our Core range with wood/paper/cardboard-based components made of monomaterial or composite (multi-material) cardboard-based packaging for liquids.
- Packaging which encloses the product and is usually taken home by the customer.

Examples: boxes for cereals or chocolate bars, paper sleeves on cans, paper hang tags, packaging inserts /instructions, composite cardboard-based packaging for stained tomatoes, beverages, shelf-stable soups & broths.

Excludes: sticker labels, adhesive labels and other (multi-material) packaging. Seasonal and SpecialBuys are not included in the current goal.



Policy

Wood Based Products

3.2.1 a	By the end of 2020, all non-food products containing timber, paper and pulp-based components must be sourced from forests which are FSC or PEFC certified or consist of 100% recycled material.	Requirement by end of 2020	Scope: All own-label non-food CGs
3.2.1 b	All food products containing timber, paper and pulp-based components must be sourced from forests which are FSC or PEFC certified or consist of 100% recycled material.	Aspirational	Scope: All own-label food CGs
3.2.1 c	To be classed as certified, all FSC and PEFC certified products must have the relevant Final Production Facility certificate to be held with the Technical Service Provider (TSP).	Requirement	Scope: All own-label non-food and food CGs
3.2.2	All products in Aldi Commodity Group (CG) 10 (paper products) must be FSC or PEFC certified or consist of 100% recycled material.	Requirement	Scope: CG10 (paper products)
3.2.3	All FSC or PEFC certified products should display the relevant logo.	Aspirational	Scope: All own-label non-food and food CGs

Wood Based Packaging

3.2.4	By the end of 2020, all pulp-based packaging material must be sourced from forests which are FSC or PEFC certified or consists of at least 70% recycled material.	Requirement by the end of 2020	Scope: All Pulp-Based Primary Packaging on Core Range Products.
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Implementation



As part of the Tender provided to ALDI, all Suppliers of paper products in CG10 are expected to confirm that the product they are supplying is either FSC or PEFC certified or made from 100% recycled material.

By 2020, at Tender all Suppliers of timber, paper and pulp-based products and packaging will need to confirm that they are FSC or PEFC certified or made from 100% recycled material (70% for packaging).

All timber, paper and pulp in ALDI products and packaging must be declared as part of the Product Specification provided to ALDI via the online eSpec system. Supporting documentation such as FSC and PEFC certificates must also be uploaded to the Specification.



Definitions

<p>Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)</p> 	<p>Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) independently certify forests that are managed sustainably in line with 10 Principles for Forest Stewardship. Products and packaging made from that timber can then display the FSC logo.</p> <p>https://www.fsc-uk.org/en-uk</p>
<p>Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)</p> 	<p>Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) works by endorsing national forest certification systems ensuring that they meet specific environmental, social and economic criteria. Again, products and packaging made from that timber can then display the PEFC logo.</p> <p>https://www.pefc.org/</p>
<p>Paper Products (CG10)</p>	<p>These include toilet paper, facial tissues, kitchen roll and napkins.</p>
<p>Aldi Commodity Group (CG)</p>	<p>This is a term used by Aldi to define a group of products.</p>