

Sustainable Paper Policy

Purpose

The Sustainable Paper Policy outlines RELX's commitment and approach to minimising the environmental impact of the paper used in its printed products.

This policy was developed by the Global Procurement and Corporate Responsibility teams to support the company's environmental management system and the broader voluntary commitments RELX has signed up to as a company, including the United Nations Global Compact.

RELX is committed to providing information in the best format available for its customers. Although this is now often online, the company still use paper formats for many of its products. Paper is supplied to RELX directly by manufacturers, from paper merchants and through printers.

RELX targets zero deforestation in its paper supply chain, going beyond regulatory compliance to ensure the sustainability of forest sources.

Scope

The policy applies to all RELX businesses.

Body of policy

The print and production of RELX physical products takes place in the supply chain. RELX works with its suppliers to purchase paper from well-managed forests and known and sustainable sources.

The company supports credible independent certification and rejects illegal logging of old growth forests and the use of any species on the CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild fauna and flora) list or the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources) red list. To this end, RELX became a founding member of the Publishers Database for Responsible Environmental Paper Sourcing (PREPS), a sectoral approach to paper sustainability as part of the Bookchain Project.

PREPS reviews and stores technical specifications of pulps and forest sources for paper, and awards grades of 1-5 stars for each based on sustainability criteria (with 5 being the highest).

RELX Group and its businesses are committed to:

- Only purchase PREPS grade 3 to 5 paper (part of the Bookchain Project), or paper certified to FSC or PEFC
 - RELX has a target for 100% of production paper to meet this standard by 2025
- Increasing the amount of certified paper and recycled content in our paper
- Comply with relevant legislation
- Require suppliers to sign our Supplier Code of Conduct and encourage improvement in our supply chain wherever possible
- Review the policies and performance of our suppliers through our Socially Responsible Suppliers (SRS) network
- Communicate progress against this policy to stakeholders and our Board and report annually on the impact of our paper purchases

Sustainable paper targets are set by the Environmental Checkpoint Committee, chaired by the Chief Financial Officer. Performance is reported within the business on a quarterly basis and, with RELX's commitment to transparency in paper reporting, performance metrics are disclosed annually in the company's Annual Report.

RELX seeks to advance the Sustainable Development Goals, including SDG 15 Life On Land. Through its products and services, the company supports the achievement of the SDGs and promotes zero deforestation more widely.

This policy will be reviewed annually and is authorised by the Chief Legal Officer, RELX.