



## **Legality and Sustainability Certification Policy**

*In Support of Green Purchasing Law Implementation*

Japan's Green Purchasing Law (GPL) was revised on April the 1<sup>st</sup> 2006. The new regulations were drawn up by the Japanese government to certify the legality and sustainability aspects of pulpwood, as the raw material of virgin pulp.

APP recognizes that in business dealings with customers it is often required to conform to different norms and standards. Certain standards, however, as set out in GPL Standard Procedure, are universally applicable. As one of the larger suppliers of finished paper products to Japan, APP recognizes the importance of implementing these Standard Procedures according to GPL guidelines. These guidelines conform to the Green Purchasing Method established by Ministry of the Environment of Japan, which has been adapted to meet the expectations of the market in Japan.

In January 2007, APP's mills began implementing internal procedures to comply with GPL. Mill management and staffs understand that the purpose of GPL legality and sustainable source certification is to demonstrate that APP has an unbroken chain-of-custody from the source of the raw material through the mill to the sale to a customer. There are three methods by which a supplier can certify its production. To begin with, APP will use the self-certification method as proscribed under the terms of the GPL.

APP will review this Policy on a regular basis and will introduce revisions when and where necessary. This Policy will also be subjected to scrutiny and will be revised according to relevant multi-stakeholders' input. All stakeholders are invited to contribute to the further development of this Policy.

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