



# RESPONSIBLE SOURCING POLICY WOOD-DERIVED MATERIALS

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## **SCOPE**

This policy applies to all man-made cellulosic fibres (MMCFs) used within all River Island products, as well as all paper-based packaging and paper products used across River Island operations.

## **PURPOSE AND COMMITMENT**

At River Island, we are committed to ensuring that all man-made cellulosic fibres (MMCFs), paper products, and paper-based packaging are sourced from transparent, traceable, and responsibly managed supply chains. As a partner of the CanopyStyle and Pack4Good initiatives, we are committed to eliminating sourcing from Ancient and Endangered Forests.<sup>1</sup> To support this, we will:

1. Work with Canopy and our suppliers to support collaborative and visionary solutions that protect remaining Ancient and Endangered Forests in the Coastal Temperate Rainforests on Vancouver Island and the Great Bear Rainforest, Canada's Boreal Forests, and Indonesia's Rainforests.
2. Assess our use of man-made cellulosic fibres, packaging and paper and eliminate sourcing from endangered species habitat and Ancient and Endangered Forests such as the Canadian and Russian Boreal Forests; Coastal Temperate Rainforests; tropical forests and peatlands of Indonesia, the Amazon and West Africa.
3. Eliminate sourcing from: companies logging forests illegally;<sup>2</sup> areas that have been deforested or natural forests converted after 1994;<sup>3</sup> or areas being logged in violation of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities rights to Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC), consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).
4. At any time, if we find that any of our products are sourced from Ancient and Endangered Forests, endangered species habitat or illegal logging, we will act immediately and engage our suppliers to change practices, eliminate these sources and/or re-evaluate our relationship with them.

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<sup>1</sup> Ancient and Endangered Forests are defined as intact forest landscape mosaics, naturally rare forest types, forest types that have been made rare due to human activity, and/or other forests that are ecologically critical for the protection of biological diversity. Ecological components of endangered forests are: Intact forest landscapes; Remnant forests and restoration cores; Landscape connectivity; Rare forest types; Forests of high species richness; Forests containing high concentrations of rare and endangered species; Forests of high endemism; Core habitat for focal species; Forests exhibiting rare ecological and evolutionary phenomena. Key endangered forests globally are the Canadian and Russian Boreal Forests; Coastal Temperate Rainforests of British Columbia, Alaska and Chile; Tropical forests and peat lands of Indonesia, the Amazon and West Africa.

<sup>2</sup> Legal forest management is management that complies with all applicable international, national, and local laws, including environmental, forestry, and civil rights laws and treaties.

<sup>3</sup> Deforestation is loss of natural forest as a result of: (i) conversion to agriculture or other non-forest land use; (ii) conversion to a tree plantation; or (iii) severe and sustained degradation. Conversion is loss of a natural ecosystem as a result of its replacement with agriculture or another land use, or due to a profound and sustained change in a natural ecosystem's species composition, structure, or function.

## **MAN-MADE CELLULOSIC FIBRES (MMCFs) COMMITMENTS – CANOPYSTYLE**

To reduce the environmental impacts associated with MMCFs, River Island is committed to increasing the use of preferred MMCF producers, improving supply chain transparency and supporting the transition towards lower-impact and Next Generation fibre solutions.

### **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

- All MMCFs (including viscose/rayon, lyocell, modal and acetate) must be sourced from a "Green Shirt" rated fibre producer from the latest [Canopy's Hot Button Report](#), demonstrating a low risk or no known high risk of sourcing wood pulp from Ancient and Endangered Forests.
- Suppliers must maintain transparency regarding the origin and sourcing route of all MMCFs used in River Island products.
- Suppliers must maintain valid certifications and ensure all relevant certification information is uploaded and kept up to date within River Island's designated testing and transparency platform, SGS – RI Interactive. Certification records must be provided to River Island upon request.
- As a signatory to the Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals (ZDHC) Foundation, River Island requires all manufacturers of MMCFs and associated wet processing facilities within its supply chain to comply with the latest ZDHC MMCF Guidelines to support responsible chemical management and reduce environmental impacts.

**Target:** 100% of MMCFs sourced from Canopy Green Shirt rated fibre producers by the end of 2026.

### **PREFERRED SOURCES**

River Island will continue to explore lower-impact and Next Generation MMCF feedstocks that reduce reliance on virgin wood pulp and help protect vital forest ecosystems. We will collaborate with [Canopy](#), suppliers and fibre producers to support the development, evaluation and adoption of innovative fibre solutions, including recycled textile and agricultural residue feedstocks, where commercially viable.

Our suppliers are key partners in delivering River Island's responsible materials strategy and 2030 commitments. Suppliers should refer to the Supplier Materials Toolkit for detailed guidance on approved standards and certification requirements.

River Island currently recognises the following MMCF sources as preferred:

- Lenzing™ EcoVero™ viscose
- Livaeco™ viscose by Birla Cellulose.

**Target:** 70% of total MMCFs sourced via our preferred fibre producers and standards by 2030.

## **PAPER AND PACKAGING COMMITMENTS- PACK4GOOD**

To reduce our packaging footprint, we follow a hierarchy of 'Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle' through our packaging sourcing strategy. We are committed to reducing overall packaging needs through design efficiency and the implementation of recycled packaging materials.

### **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

- Where virgin fibre is necessary, materials must be certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) to ensure responsible forest management across all packaging.
- To ensure visibility and reduce risk in our supply chain, all secondary paper packaging must be sourced from a River Island nominated supplier – this includes our swing tags, paper retail bags and any overrides or footwear boxes.
- As a partner of Canopy's 'Pack4Good' we will work with Canopy to review our supply chain annually and explore alternative fibre packaging solutions. Suppliers must be able to provide transparency on self-sourced packaging upon request.

### **PREFERRED SOURCES**

To support a circular economy, we regularly review opportunities to increase the use of certified recycled materials, prioritising post-consumer recycled fibre where commercially feasible. We use Canopy's [EcoPaper Database](#) and The Paper Steps to inform paper and packaging sourcing decisions.

Our suppliers are encouraged to use recycled paper sources where possible within paper packaging.

River Island currently recognises the following paper sources as preferred:

- Recycled paper certified to Global Recycled Standard (GRS), Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) recycled.

**Target:** 30% recycled materials within our swing tickets & paper retail bags by end 2027.