

European Recovered Paper IDentification

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More than a year after its introduction, the European Recovered Paper Identification System has gained the confidence of papermakers and suppliers. But further promotion among the industry is still needed to advance the level of awareness of the system.

More than
600
suppliers registered

A SUCCESSFUL BEGINNING

The recovered paper chain introduced the Recovered Paper Identification System to demonstrate and improve the traceability of recovered paper throughout the supply chain. Today, more than 600 suppliers of recovered paper worldwide have registered on the European Recovered Paper Identification

Source: Smurfit Kappa



whereby commercial confidentiality is guaranteed. The most visible sign of the identification are the new codes, which can be seen on recovered paper bales everywhere in Europe in various forms, colours and sizes.



Source: Mayr-Melnhof

website to get a unique identification code for their companies and their recovered paper depots. This unique supplier code identifies recovered paper with its supplier, who in turn knows his supplier and so forth. Full traceability is therefore ensured from the sources of recovered paper to the pulpers of the paper mills,



Source: Mayr-Melnhof

Examples of labels in paper mills across Europe.

PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION

In most cases, attached labels have been chosen by the companies promoting and supporting the system. But other forms of identification such as painting or spraying are not excluded. To facilitate the transition to the Recovered Paper Identification System, national associations have designed standard labels in their own languages, which

30% of recovered paper bales are marked already

can be simply reproduced by recovered paper suppliers. But the identification system is not only intended for recovered paper delivered in bales. Also for loose material, the supplier number can be identified in the delivery documents. Estimates by CEPI indicate that 30% of

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recovered paper bales are marked today, of which half comply with the European system. But also established national or company systems for Recovered Paper Identification continue being used, such as in Germany, the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic.



Loose material can also be identified in the delivery document through the unique supplier code.

Source: CEPI

PROMOTING THE SYSTEM IN THE FUTURE

The European code is already on every fifth recovered paper bale in Portugal, on every fourth recovered paper bale in Austria and on every second bale in the Netherlands.

"We need to continue promoting the identification system in a voluntary way

today, to be ready for the future, when European legislation will not consider recovered paper as waste any longer. At that moment, recovered paper will no longer be subject to the shipments of waste regulation, which requires traceability for cross-border shipments via Annex VII. The

European recovered paper identification system will be the answer to ensure visibility to the authorities and the entire sector needs to be prepared for this" explains Hans Wortman, Managing Director of SCA Recycling.

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