



## **BEVERAGE CARTON INDUSTRY VERIFIES CONTINUED COMMITMENT ON WOOD FIBRE TRACEABILITY**

ACE, the Alliance for Beverage Cartons and the Environment, and its members are proud to announce that they continue to make positive progress in reaching their commitment on wood fibre traceability.

In 2007 ACE's members made a certain set of commitments around Chain of Custody certification and traceability.<sup>1</sup> Since then, Proforest, an independent organisation working in the field of natural resource management, has monitored their progress towards their targets each year from 2007 to 2015. Proforest recently carried out a tenth year of progress reporting and monitoring to cover the period of 1 January to 31 December 2019. The results from this report include:

- All 46 of the manufacturing plants operated by three of ACE's members were Chain of Custody-certified.
- All of the mills and traders which supply LPB (liquid packaging board) to the ACE members were Chain of Custody-certified.
- ACE members were all sourcing 100% wood fibre from legal and acceptable sources.

"The results from this report underscore the beverage carton industry's continued commitment of ensuring sustainable sourcing of its raw materials and incorporating this commitment into their business strategies," said Annick Carpentier, Director General of ACE. "ACE continues to actively work with its stakeholders at EU and national levels to promote sustainable forest management and the wider use of certification systems. We thank Proforest and our members for contributing to this report."

For its report, Proforest asked ACE's members Elopak, Tetra Pak and SIG Combibloc to submit data and supporting documentation for the verification and calculation of the results. The Proforest reporting template can be found within the annex of the report.

To view the report in full, please visit ACE's website: <https://www.beveragecarton.eu/>

[1] ACE: A commitment to wood traceability

### **ABOUT ACE**

[ACE – The Alliance for Beverage Cartons and the Environment](#) – provides a European platform for beverage carton manufacturers and their paperboard suppliers to benchmark and profile beverage cartons as a safe, circular, and sustainable packaging solution with low carbon benefits.

ACE members include beverage carton producers [Tetra Pak](#), [SIG Combibloc](#), and [Elopak](#). They develop, manufacture, and market safe, circular, and sustainable systems for the packaging and distribution of food and beverages, and produce packaging material at 20 plants in Europe.



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Around 98% of the paperboard used by ACE members to produce beverage cartons in Europe is produced by [Stora Enso](#) in Skoghall (Sweden) and Imatra (Finland), and [BillerudKorsnäs](#) in Gävle and Frövi (Sweden), who are also members of ACE.

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### **About Proforest**

Proforest is a dynamic not-for-profit organisation with global presence that has established itself as a leader in the development and implementation of sustainable production and sourcing of agricultural and forestry commodities, including soy, sugar, palm oil, cocoa, beef and timber. We support the transition to commodity production and sourcing that delivers positive social and environmental outcomes for people and the planet through supporting companies, effective collaboration and developing knowledge and capacity building.

Within and beyond supply chains, we work with companies, government departments, non-governmental and civil society organizations, to have positive social and environmental outcomes in the places where commodities are produced. These positive outcomes provide the compass for all our work, including protecting and restoring forests and natural ecosystems, conserving biodiversity, advancing gender equality and respecting human rights.

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