Q&A Livonia Recycled

by Lessebo Paper

1. What grammages and sheet sizes are available for Livonia Recycled by Lessebo Paper?

Livonia Recycled by Lessebo Paper is initially available in 115gsm and 130gsm in sizes 64x90 and 72x102. Other grammages and sizes are available upon request.

2. Is it certified in accordance with FSC°?

Yes, the paper is FSC[®] Mix certified.

3. Is the paper certified in accordance with the EU Ecolabel?

Yes, the paper is EU Ecolabel certified.

4. Is paper waste from book production already recycled?

Yes, it is. Previously, unprinted paper waste from Livonia Print was used to produce paper tissues. Now, the waste is also used to produce high-quality book paper. We have thus created an additional opportunity to reuse the fibers for paper production, thereby producing new books.

5. What difference does it make whether it becomes paper tissues or new book paper?

A circular economy is about finding opportunities for materials to be recycled. This concept involves allowing the fibers to be recycled one more time and become paper for books.

6. The term "downgrading" often comes up in connection with recycling. What is it?

"Downgrading" in recycling refers to the process of recycling fibers and using them to produce new products but of lower quality, for instance, graphical paper to toilet paper. Downgrading is not necessarily negative, but to achieve a more circular economy, we must collectively strive to reuse as much material at the same quality level before it is used for lower quality products.

Wood fibers that undergo downgrading at each reuse cycle have a shorter life cycle. However, it is worth noting that wood fibers have a limited lifespan, and at each reuse, the fibers wear out, making downgrading unavoidable.

7. How is the traceability of the fibers, especially related to EUDR?

Since Livonia Recycled by Lessebo Paper is produced from waste at Livonia Print, there is a certain traceability of the fibers used.

How EUDR will be implemented in each country is still unclear, and the progress varies greatly from country to country. In Sweden, our government has not yet decided how EUDR will be implemented in Swedish law, nor how EUDR will be enforced. This is, of course, an issue that both Livonia Print and Lessebo Paper are closely monitoring.

8. How much CO, does this paper emit?

There is currently no clearly defined standard for how product-specific CO2 emission calculations should be conducted. There are some initiatives, but they are based on a paper mill purchasing recycled pulp from a deinking facility.

The fact that there is no accepted standard has been brought up with major industry organizations, with a request for clearer guidelines and a standardized environmental reporting system.

