

Essity Position on Fiber

Essity works to create customer and consumer value by providing products that are made with respect for people and nature. Many of our products, for example tissue products, contain renewable fiber, such as wood-based fresh fiber, recycled and/or alternative fiber. In personal care products we use exclusively wood-based fresh fiber. We evaluate and use fiber based on customer and consumer needs relating to performance, quality and cost, balanced with the environmental impact.

We are committed to sourcing wood-based fresh fiber from responsibly managed forests and use a significant percentage of recycled fiber in our tissue products. We continue to evaluate and invest in the use of alternative fibers.

All our suppliers are required to comply with our Global Supplier Standard, which refers to international standards and defines our requirements on responsible business operations, quality and sustainable development.

Essity collaborates with different stakeholders to promote the use of sustainable fiber, for example we support the development of certification systems such as the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC®), and to contribute to the development of a circular society.

Three sustainable ways to use fiber

Wood-based fresh fiber

Essity has an ambitious target that all raw materials derived from wood-based fresh fiber used in the production of our products is certified either in accordance with the FSC® or the Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC™). In addition, all wood-based fresh fiber shall fulfill the FSC® Controlled Wood standard, including third party verification. The Essity Fiber Sourcing Policy describes this in more detail and can be found on www.Essity.com.

Recycled fiber

Essity is committed to use recycled fiber as a significant source of the fiber we use. We invest in technologies extending the types of recycled materials that can be used in our products, whilst meeting high-quality and sustainability requirements. We also work to increase the availability of recycled fiber, for example through Tork PaperCircle®, where we collect and recycle used paper hand towels.

Alternative fiber

In a resource constrained world, alternative fibers offer a potential source of renewable fiber for Essity. We are therefore, for example, pioneering the use of wheat straw in tissue production and will continue to deliver environmentally sound products in line with the quality expectations of our consumers.