

CPI Recovered Paper Sector Statement – It's all about Quality and Competitiveness



Following the publication of several articles in the trade press which expressed a direct link between the Confederation of Paper Industries (CPI) and criticism of “co-mingled” collection systems in the UK, CPI makes clear its position in the following statement:

The global paper and board recycling industry needs a high quality raw material to achieve the highest economic and carbon benefits throughout the paper and board recycling process. In this regard, CPI continues to advocate that poor quality recovered paper leads to problems in the papermaking process and will be the first to suffer in a buyer's market.

Recovered paper and board from “co-mingled” collection systems can and does meet the quality requirement for the global paper and board industry when run through Materials Recycling Facilities that have clear systems in place to manage the communication, inputs and sorting processes. As an organisation representing the paper recycling chain from collector to user, CPI believes the key is to ensure quality is maintained throughout the system to achieve the desired end product which can compete on the international market. This includes the process of making recovered paper available to the market as well as finished paper and board products.

CPI's position is clear: we support any method of collection and processing that meets these quality aims; “it is all about quality and competitiveness”.

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Notes to Editors

- For additional information on the UK paper industry, in the first instance, please contact Catherine Waterfield, External Affairs Coordinator, on 01793 889612 or email cwaterfield@paper.org.uk. Alternatively, please visit: <http://www.paper.org.uk>.
- CPI is the voice of the paper industry in the UK, representing papermakers, tissue manufacturers, corrugated packaging producers and recovered paper merchants.
- The Recovered Paper Sector integrated and independent Recovered Paper Merchant Members manage around 67% of UK collected recovered paper.
- The Recovered Paper Sector Mill Members utilise around 75% of UK used recovered paper.