

# Specification for Recovered Beverage Cartons (RBC)

Material made up entirely from RBC stock, with the following tolerances allowed:

- No more than 2% may be 'acceptable contamination', i.e. liquid from product present.
- No more than 5% may be 'tolerated contamination', i.e. other paper products.
- Size: Material pieces must not be larger than carton sleeve size (i.e. A4)
- No 'prohibited materials' must be present (see list below).

## Prohibited Materials

- Loose un laminated aluminium foil
- Metals
- Glass
- Textiles
- Wood
- Sand and Building materials
- Polystyrene
- Rubber Bands
- Latex or similar non-water soluble adhesives
- Waxed or Bitumenised papers or boards
- Wet Strength or Carbon paper
- String
- Pins and staples
- Splicing tapes, box tapes
- Sticky labels
- Plastic items (other than opening devices on cartons which are acceptable)

## Samples / Trials:

If a supplier is wishing to supply new grades of material to the mill(s), the process of doing this can be discussed with Tetra Pak first.

## Delivery Format:

Sorted cartons must be pressed in compact, dry and stable bales in accordance with normal practice in the used paper trade. The bale weight should be between 400kg and 800kg. Steel wires (preferably not stainless steel as they spring back when cut) should be used (plastic strapping is not allowed) and bales must be tied sufficiently so that with unloading and general handling they do not disintegrate. Full loads delivered to the mill(s) must be over 26 tonnes, net weight. The use of pallets and shrink-wrap must not be permitted in the mill(s).

The LFCMA will agree with the mill(s) defined regional collection hubs for baled RBC. Material from processors and post-consumer will be stored at the 'hub' until a full load is available.

## Labelling:

Each bale must be labelled with the following information;

- Supplier name
- Source (where the material originated from)
- Material Grade (i.e. Beverage Cartons)
- Date

## Adherence:

All specifications listed in this document must be adhered to. The mill(s) reserves the right to reject any loads outright or in part if material does not conform to these guidelines.